

Dunn School Principal Report

February 2010

Grade 3	170
Grade 4	171
TOTAL	341

Recognition

The multi-age team has been offering monthly trips to the Pineland Farm for their students. This activity usually involves some sort of curriculum connection that the students find fun and enjoyable. For example I have heard about the children collecting eggs and doing a series of math problems that relate to division, a dozen/gross, and 1 to 1 counting. This opportunity is well received by the students and staff. Thanks to Annette Beebe for organizing this series of visits.

Marsha Gavett, the PTSA representative to Dunn School has been doing a terrific job. I can count on her to organize opportunities for students and staff. She is a hard worker that goes above and beyond the call of duty. Marsha is a DI coach, she volunteers in the classroom on a regular basis, and she is often seen after hours preparing things for staff mailboxes. It is nice to have supporters like Marsha!

Topics of Interest

The Treasures training that took place on February 4th was well received. Karen Munson from the Treasures distributor met with four separate groups of staff members in about 75 minute blocks. Teachers had a chance to ask questions about the program and discuss their strategies to date. Karen was great at reassuring them that they were on track and that their questions are common.

The Dunn School Winter Carnival is scheduled for March 12. Unfortunately it does not appear we will be doing much x-country skiing this year. I am meeting with staff to examine other options. With a little creativity we should be able to come up with a few activities that will interest the third and fourth graders.

The Art Show and Music Concert schedule is out. There are two separate events one on March 23rd and the other on April 13th. On the 23rd students from the classrooms of Beriau, Booth, Murray, Staples, Burns, Driscoll and Gardner will perform. While on the 13th it will be the children from Beebe's, Gamage's, Petersen's, Skilling's, Stoner's and Haskell's. Each

year there are fabulous pieces of artwork for everyone to enjoy!

Goal review conferences are now being planned. These conferences are used to reflect on goals established at the fall meeting. The two week window for conferences is from March 29 thru April 8. Report cards are handed out at these conferences. Students that do not attend a conference will get their report card in the April 8th tote.

Destination Imagination is in the final stretch prior to competition. The competition this year is at Oxford Hills High School on March 13. I am very pleased with the attitude of the participants and coaches this year. I think our kids are going to have a great time.

The Dunn School Science Fair is currently in preliminary stages. I would like to thank Amy Edwards for volunteering her time to organize this fun-filled event. I look forward to working with her over the next few weeks pulling the details together.

Success

The RISC work continues to be a success for our school. I have 5 staff members that are planning to attend the Beacon Teacher training in March. These staff members along with the 3 three that are already trained will give us a good nucleus of staff moving forward.

The Standards Based Class is going well also. It took a little time off over the vacations but now appears to be picking up steam again. The people involved are having terrific discussions on each of the topics provided.

Challenges

The recent staff meeting provided teachers an opportunity to really dig into the NECAP test and examine the Dunn School results. Staff members will continue to use this information as a tool to improvement. One of the SIT goals for Dunn School is to build the capacity to meet state proficiency expectations each year.