

**School Board Report
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Recognition:

I would like to recognize Katie Banks, our new K-2 guidance counselor. Ms. Banks has jumped right on board with us. She runs classroom lessons, works with small groups during lunch and also communicates frequently with parents and teachers. She is a big support in our RTI meetings as well. I appreciate her diligence, commitment to our students and her positive personality.

I would also like to recognize Lynn Bancroft. Mrs. Bancroft was hired late in September. She has done a terrific job bonding with her class and also creating a welcoming school environment where students are progressing well academically and socially. It's a pleasure to have her on staff.

I would like to recognize our Ed Tech's for all the work they do at Memorial. Any time I ask for additional support they respond positively. I am fortunate to work with this dedicated group. They are Lorena Dexter, Donna Skilling, Mary Blenk, Arenda Chamberlain, Linda Doughty, Pauline Flagg, Karen Severance and Keith Larson.

Thank you to the many volunteers who spend time each week volunteering at Memorial. You are a huge help to all of us. It is greatly appreciated.

Topics of Interest/Successes:

The Patriot Parents and our librarian, Mr. Larson held a successful Book Fair and Children's Craft Fair the first Saturday in December. Thank you to our parent volunteers, to Mrs. Eslinger and Mr. Larson for this enjoyable and successful event. Thank you as well to all our parents who bought books to support our school library.

We had an excellent program on December 3rd. We had Slim Goodbody here. This was a program on healthy living and understanding how the body works. Funding for this event was provided by the Patriot Parents. Thank you so much. It was a fabulous show.

We held our winter concert at the Middle School on Dec. 14th. We had an excellent turnout from families with standing room only. The children did a great job.

Teachers are discussing the idea of creating a service learning experience for our students. This will be a joint effort with the Russell and Dunn Schools. The topic is health.

Our K-2 staff attended a technology workshop on the Early Release day. We thoroughly enjoyed the various options offered to learn more about everything from websites to wikiis. Thank you to the staff members who provided the training sessions.

Challenges:

We are interested in finding some additional possible alternatives to put in to place in the area of instructional strategies/programs for students in the RTI process.

Short-Term Goals:

Our work will continue with the RTI process. We will continue to use Aimsweb to inform us and to progress monitor students. We will conduct the next assessment in January.

The Memorial teachers will read DeLorenzo's book, "Delivering on the Promise" to have a greater understanding about the concepts of the RISC model and we will attend the one day session on January 22 with the RISC facilitators.

Continue to utilize our Technology Ed Tech, Tara Hannan to work with students and staff to connect curriculum and technology. Students have been using the laptops and computers in the library with her help.

Emerging Long-Term Goals:

Continue our work with students in the Day Treatment program; make adjustments as needed throughout the year.

Continue our work with staff and community about the concepts of a standards based program.

Meet the needs of all students and ensure that all students are on grade level in literacy and math by the end of grade 2.