

**School Board Report  
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**Recognition:**

Our school staff recognizes a colleague every month for Employee of the Month. Mrs. Ledger was recognized this month for the contributions she makes to our school and students.

I would like to recognize our PBIS team. They are Katie Banks, Paula Spruill, Donna Skilling, Martha Bartlett, Lynn Bancroft, Susan Paris, Jenn Leask and Andy Higgins. This team is working on establishing our school as a PBIS school promoting positive language and recognition of students doing the right thing. We have developed an acknowledge system that will be introduced to students immediately following Feb. vacation.

I would like to recognize Tara Hannan. Mrs. Hannan is our technology integration ed tech. She is an enormous help to us. Classes have joined her for lessons and she has communicated well with parents through her Technology Newsletter. She connects with teachers frequently and supports their understanding and use of technology.

I would like to thank the Patriot Parents for their continued support of events at Memorial School. With their help we are able to expose our students to a wide range of performing arts. Our next presenter will be a children's book author and illustrator from New Hampshire named Marty Kelley. I predict the children will love this one.

I would like to recognize and thank our nurses for their work organizing the Booster injections for the H1N1. Our students had their boosters on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. It went very smoothly. We're pros at this now.

**Topics of Interest/Successes:**

Bruce Beasley, Dan Joseph and I have met several times recently to coordinate efforts in planning for the next school year.

I have been meeting with the support staff shortly after each of our faculty meetings to review the agenda from the faculty meeting. This has been effective since it helps keep the support staff informed of decisions being made as well as keeping them informed of issues we are addressing school wide.

We sent three staff members to the RISC symposium in Portland this month for three days. They came back energized and excited to have been exposed to the RISC model. These teachers are Jenn Leask, Martha Gill and Lynn Bancroft.

The remainder of our staff members attended a one-day training on RISC at the High School. This was their first formal introduction although our staff members are reading the book and discussing it during our faculty meetings.

Teachers have now completed the Aimsweb assessments for the mid year benchmark. Teachers are working in grade levels to identify students in need of additional support. They are also using the data to determine grouping students and planning for instruction.

The following teachers have requested to become Beacon Teachers for our school, Paula Spruill, Jane McKinney, Lynn Bancroft, Cindy Wallace, Martha Gill and Jennifer Leask. They will attend the March Beacon Teacher training in Lewiston.

### **Challenges:**

Having enough time to meet with all the committees we now have.

### **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 have picked up students from last year who already are in the RTI process.

Continue to utilize the new Technology Ed Tech to work with students and staff to connect curriculum and technology.

### **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.