

**School Board Report**  
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**Recognition:**

I am happy to recognize Katie Banks and Susan Paris for their presentation at a state conference on PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support). Over three hundred people attended the conference. Ms. Banks and Ms. Paris did an awesome job representing the work done this year at Memorial to create a PBIS school. We are very proud of the whole team and the significant changes this program has brought to our school. We plan to continue this work next year, connecting PBIS to the behavior side of the RTI process.

I would like to recognize Leigh Croteau for planning an excellent field day experience for our students on May 21<sup>st</sup>. There were lots of activities and lots of parent involvement. This, plus a fantastic weather day and great food from our cafe staff made the whole day just awesome.

We held our Art Fair on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Many families took the time to view the work their children had produced. It is incredible to see so many students demonstrate their talents in the arts areas. Thank you Mr. Grannell and Mrs. Eslinger.

We held an information night for the parents of the incoming Kindergarten class on May 25<sup>th</sup>. In spite of the heat that evening, we did have a group of parents join us for some general information about our school and our Kindergarten classes. Thank you to Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Leask and Ms. Sipplak for presenting.

**Topics of Interest/Successes:**

During early release this month, Russell and Memorial schools met together at Memorial. Teachers looked at the NECAP results from the third grade to see what impact this may have on our instruction at the second grade level in Reading and Math. Following this, we reported out from each school what the work of our PBIS teams has been this year and a discussion was held regarding our next steps for next year.

Our Science Fair was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> with fifty students participating. Projects were left in place until the next day so that all our students could see them. Our children did a terrific job. All participants were rated by volunteers. This included a few high school students. All children were recognized with medals.

Our Spring Concert was held on May 20<sup>th</sup> for our first and second graders. We had a wonderful turnout and this was the first time our students in second grade were able to sing a song in Spanish. Once again we had a huge turnout from families.

We were very pleased to learn that our school made Adequate Yearly Progress in both Reading and Math. We are happy to know that we are doing a great job teaching but we also are aware that there are students who still need our support and that there are areas that need reinforcing.

The Memorial staff is in the process of creating our own vision statement. We reviewed what we had already written, viewed the district vision and created a revised vision. We are in the process of evaluating that statement and will also create a code of conduct to reflect how we will implement our vision.

We held a thank you breakfast for our volunteers. Our students performed a variety of thank you songs, poems and prepared pictures for our parent volunteers. Teachers brought in the baked goods and we had a great turn out. Our volunteers give us over 1300 hours of help every year.

### **Short-Term Goals:**

Complete our incoming Kindergarten screening and place students.

Work with Dunn School to transition our second graders to Dunn. Teachers will meet with counselors to share information. We will also begin the process of planning for our Kindergarten and First Grade students for next year.

Create our own vision statement and school code of conduct ready to go for the fall.

Continue to utilize our Technology Ed Tech, Tara Hannan to work with students and staff to connect curriculum and technology.

Continue our work with staff and community about the concepts of a standards based program. Beacon teachers will work with classrooms to complete shared visioning with students. They will also create a code of conduct for their classrooms.

Create a schedule for Memorial School for the 10-11 school year.

Complete all end of the year documentation.

### **Emerging Long-Term Goals:**

Work with staff to unpack standards in preparation for our continued effort to develop a standards based system. Continue to understand how to implement a RISC program at the K-2 level and train staff.

Reflect and review other standards based report cards at this level and develop our own standards based reporting system as we implement RISC.