

**School Board Report**  
**Donna Beeley**  
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**Recognition:**

I would like to recognize the Memorial School staff for an outstanding start to the school year. Our students made a very smooth transition back to school as a result of their hard work.

I would like to recognize Margaret Litrocapes, Steve Zimmerman and Pauline Bowie for the great job they did making our school ready for opening. Memorial was ready to open ahead of opening day due to their hard work.

I would like to recognize Andy Higgins, Arenda Chamberlain, Linda Doughty, Dr. Pam Powers and Lauri Traina for their work preparing for the new Day Treatment program. We have had a great start because of your time and effort in developing the guidelines and plans for this program. A huge thanks for your time and effort getting this program up and running.

Thanks to Jane McKinney for volunteering to be our rep to the Council of Continuous Improvement.

I would like to thank one of our parents who is also a sub, Mrs. Michelle Heyman. Mrs. Heyman filled in for us for a few weeks while we searched for a replacement for Mrs. Allen. The children love Mrs. Heyman and she does an excellent job.

I would like to thank Mrs. Lisa Berard for joining us as the parent rep on the interview committee. It was a huge help to have a parent voice represented.

**Topics of Interest/Successes:**

We were notified that Memorial along with Dunn is on AYP status in Math and Reading. This is great news for the efforts of all our teachers.

We had a terrific showing of families for our Ice Cream Social. We also had a great turn out of families for our Kindergarten Orientation. All our students are off to a great start this month, adjusting to the time schedule and getting back into the routine of school.

All our parents had the opportunity to respond to the three questions being asked as a result of the RISC work done this summer. We appreciated all the comments parents provided.

Memorial teachers had their first meeting of the school year with Pat Red. Mrs. Red will work with us over the course of the year to become a Positive Behavioral Support School. This will be our planning year, although Mrs. Red worked with some of our teachers last year.

We are recommending that Mrs. Lynn Bancroft be hired for this school year to replace Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Bancroft held a "Meet and Greet the Teacher" breakfast on Friday Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Parents and relatives had a chance to visit with the new teacher. Parents have been very pleased with the transition and I have appreciated their support as we have worked to find a new teacher.

Our classroom teachers completed administering the Aimsweb assessments during September. Teachers now feel quite comfortable in the administration of these tests. The results are currently being used to plan for instruction for the next several months.

**Challenges:**

Getting all our assessments done in the month of Sept.

**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 pick up students from last year who already are in the RTI process.

Utilize the Instructional Support Ed Tech to support students in need of academic help as determined by the RTI process.

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

Identify strengths and weaknesses in all students and create goals to focus on for the school year.

Our teachers will gain confidence as they learn the new reading program. Students will be grouped to meet their needs.

**Emerging Long-Term Goals:**

Develop the groundwork for the Day Treatment program, make adjustments as needed throughout the year.

Introduce staff and community to the concept of a performance based system. Develop a shared vision and make that vision clear and visible.

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.