

Norwood Public Schools Board of Education
Principals Report
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Respectfully Submitted by Perri Gipner and Sara Rasmussen

Behavior
<p>The Middle School 3RS Event is scheduled for April 24th at the Montrose Center for students who had excellent attendance, grades, and behavior. Fifteen middle schoolers received an invitation. Perri and Sara will chaperone.</p> <p>A total of 46 middle and high school students enjoyed breakfast (high school) and afternoon snacks (middle school) for awesome attendance and behavior during 3rd quarter. The administration provided biscuits and gravy for breakfast and hot snacks for the afternoon.</p>
Communication
<p>Lunch Break Radio Show: Over spring break three of our students, Ayden Ingram, Eve Carter and Alexis Busch, took time out of their break and did a live Lunch Break show at the KOTO studio in Telluride. Cara Pallone, news director of KOTO, said they did a great job. They fielded calls and played requests - a listener from Minnesota even called in. Thanks to Gwen for providing transportation. We're going to try to do one more live show before the end of the school year.</p> <p>State Testing: So many dedicated teachers, paras and students have been working hard on state testing this week and last week! The first week went very smooth due to everyone coming together to create a schedule, proctor tests and motivate students. We had a CDE representative visit two classrooms during testing and she had very positive things to say about our kids. We have had nine opt outs so far.</p>
Personnel Development
<p>Safety Symposium: Perri and Sara will be attending the Western Slope Safety Symposium on May 9th in Montrose along with Rick Williams, Shannon Dean, and Kathryn Westcott. This will include workshops on trauma for educators, self care, Sexting, threat assessment, suicide prevention, emergency planning and more.</p>
Time
<p>Early Literacy Grant: Amy V .will be back May 9th and 10th work with teachers. Teachers will be meeting with the grade above and below them to discuss kids and plans for the start of next year. A sustainability grant for \$45,000 was also submitted last week to continue work in our literacy program. The grant will help to pay for additional training and coaching next year.</p>

Master Schedule: A master schedule will be provided to the staff at SSaCC Friday on the 12th. A copy will be given to the board the night of the board meeting after teachers have had a chance to look it over and provide feedback. Rick Williams is also in the process of entering student schedules as a verification of no conflicts.

The **MLT (Mutli-Tiered Systems of Support Leadership Team)** reviewed recent data from staff defining what collaboration means to them. Through this data, the MLT developed a definition of collaboration at Norwood Schools. Eileen Cahalene (Kindergarten teacher) will be presenting the MLT's work to the teachers on Friday. This also allows the administration to better understand the needs of the staff and ensure that we are all using the same language.

Following is the definition, a collaborative effort of the entire staff, streamlined by MLT Team, tightened up by Sara R. and Eileen C. and expertly edited by Ellen M.

Collaboration at Norwood School District...involves pertinent stakeholders meeting frequently to discuss common goals surrounding academic or behavioral needs which support student and staff development, building relationships throughout the school community.

Four-Day School Week

Friday Intervention: Elementary and secondary student Friday intervention will continue throughout the remainder of the year. Both programs are maintaining consistent enrollment. These interventions would not be possible without the dedication of Kelly Sutherlin and Ashley Sutherlin who manage the elementary students, Dave Crews who spearheads the secondary student intervention, Andrya Brantingham and Gwen Lane who have made transportation possible, and Leslie Stropko and crew for providing breakfast and lunch to the elementary students.

Other Important Information

5th Grade Energy Project: The 5th grade class is studying energy and SMPA brought in an energy bike last week. The kids were given the opportunity to ride the bike, which spins a turbine to generate power, differing amounts, that light up a variety of light bulbs. It was a great way to learn about energy and the kids had a blast. Thank you SMPA!

The **5th Grade Recycling Club** has sold out of the water bottles and ordered more because there are orders still coming in. According to Jenn Dinsmore, the dessert/candle fundraiser yielded \$1027.60, so we are a little short for our drinking refillable station. (About \$650) We are continuing to take paper and commingled recycling to the transfer station twice a month and are hoping to purchase, or requisition, recycling containers for paper, cans and plastics to put next to every common- area trash can (hallway, gym, APR.)

The **Norwood FFA Chapter** hosted their 1st annual banquet on Sunday, April 7 for 65 people. Officers were installed and the Greenhand FFA degree was conferred. Three students Jacob Gordon, Ayden Ingram, and Cassidy Peterson were awarded the Star Greenhand award and Brett Trosper received the Collaborator award.

