

NRHEG Public School

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Elementary Principal's Report

NRHEG Elementary School

December 13, 2016

NRHEG Mission Statement:

Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.

Vision Statement:

To be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts and activities.

1. Enrollment at the Elementary (2016-2017 School Year)

	Enrollment	# of Sections	Students/Sect.
ECSE	18	3	
Bridges	9	1	9
K	66	4	17
1	64	4	16
2	49	3	17
3	73	3	24
4	75	3	25
5	71	3	24
Total	422		12/13/2016

Enrollment
History
August 2015
427
September 2015
432
October 2015
428
November 2015
424
December 2015
424
January 2016
426
May 2016
423
August 2016
411
September 2016
423
October 2016
424
November 2016
419

- The NRHEG Elementary PTO held a very successful fundraiser this fall with Cherrydale School Fundraising. The PTO received a profit check of over \$16,000.00 for our students' efforts. A special thank you to Fundraiser Coordinator, Katie Knudson.
- On Wednesday, December 14, approximately 53 students from the Bridges Program-Grade 5 will enjoy a limo ride during their grade levels' scheduled noontime. Pizza will be provided to them. These students are recipients of this reward based on the number of items sold during our fundraiser.

Dale N. Carlson, Superintendent

David A. Bunn, High School Principal

Douglas A. Anderson, Elementary Principal

4. On Monday, November 28, our Bridges through Grade 2 students presented their Holiday concert to a packed gym. The *November Elementary Students of the Month* are listed below:
 - Grade 1: Olivia Wilkenson
Remington Johnson
 - Grade 2: Kylie Olson
Joshua Houle
 - Grade 3: Emma Yokiell
Hudson Chrz
 - Grade 4: Laine Krohn
Brady Koopal
 - Grade 5: Erin Peterson
Carter Johnson

5. Staff members at both sites are completing their book study club meetings focused on the book, *Mindset~The New Psychology of Success. How We Can Learn to Fulfill Our Potential*. Staff has been meeting in small groups during the months of November and December. A second book club opportunity, using the same book, will be presented to staff in the spring. Over twenty staff members and administration participated in this first opportunity.

6. Our Title 1 Family Night was held on Tuesday, December 13, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. following the Power Hour program. Shared story time followed by cookie decorating were the activities presented to students and families.

7. Our Title 1 staff, classroom teachers, curriculum director and administration continue to meet monthly for the purpose of reviewing our progress monitoring data on our Title 1 students. Student progress and adjustments to interventions are discussed.

8. On Thursday, December 15, Mr. Bunn and I will be hosting our first *Flexible Learning Advisory Committee* meeting in New Richland beginning at 6:30 p.m. The agenda for that meeting is listed below:
 - Define Flexible Learning Year Committee
 - Calendar Committee Shares Their Involvement In the Process
 - Define Role of the Flexible Learning Advisory Committee
 - Other
 - Homework~Discussion with Farmington, St. Peter, Windom regarding Flexible Learning Year (Administrator, Parent and Teacher Perspectives Sought)
 Members of the *Flexible Learning Advisory Committee* Include:
 - Four Elementary Staff Members: Jennie Bunn and Kari Buendorf (Calendar Committee Members), Sara Ihrke and Jessica Williams
 - Four Secondary Staff Members: Mark Domeier (Calendar Committee Member), Megan White, Nancy Rudau, and Jacob Bender
 - K-2 Parent Melissa Williams
 - 3-5 Parent Dave Sandry

- 6-8 Parent Brandon Wayne
- 9-12 Parent Melanie Crabtree
- 6-8 Student Daniel Nydegger
- 9-12 Student Emily Prigge
- Angie Aaseth, Technology Coordinator
- Terri Engel, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Doug Anderson and Dave Bunn, Principals

9. I will be applying for a grant to continue our Grades K-3 Minnesota Reading Corps program at the elementary.
10. On Wednesday, December 21, the NRHEG Secondary School's Reader's Theater will be at the elementary to present *The Night Before Christmas*.
11. On Thursday, December 22, at 2:30 p.m. all students and staff will gather in the gym for the singing of Christmas Carols before heading off for our winter break.
12. Looking ahead: Initial indicators predict a strong enrollment in the Bridges program for next year. Already we are looking at 15 students for this program.