Elementary Board Report

A Paws-itive Learning Community Striving to Meet the Individual Needs of Each Student as a Whole Child

Our theme for the month of March is perseverance. The following shares some of our community's efforts to persevere:

Recent Tragic Event Updates

We have good news to share regarding Clayton and his mother. Both are now home and progressing well. Staff have had opportunities to visit them and we have been working on a plan to support Clayton in his learning at home while he recovers.

As you may also know, there was a celebration of Henry's life held at Living Hope Church this past Sunday, March 16. All in our community were invited to the service and many staff were able to attend and lend support to the family.

Celebrating Student Wins in our Region

We are happy to share that some of our great students have been participating in regional competitions recently.

Math is Cool! Our 5th grade Math is Cool! team, led by Mr. Poppert and Mr. Holland, competed in the regional Math is Cool! competition at Skyview High School this past Friday. In just our second year competing our team was able to take 1st place in our division. Furthermore, Dominic D'Emilio took 1st place in the individual overall competition and Eli Johnson took 4th place. What an awesome performance by all involved. We are proud of their efforts.

We also had students participating in a recent regional YMCA chess tournament. We are happy to share that Tyler Griffith took 2nd place in the K-3 division. Way to go! We are so lucky to have such hard working students.

Our Recent A.C.E. (A Cookie Expedition)

We had over 130 participants attend our second annual A.C.E. (A Cookie Expedition) event on Wednesday, February 26. As you know, we are required by Title 1 to get together with families of students served using Title 1 funds to share about the program and gain parent feedback. For a second year, our A.C.E. (Accelerated Club for Education) team put in impressive efforts to create and lead a fun evening of learning about our program, participating in math and reading activities as a family, and gaining stamps on each student's passports. Families received stamps on their passports as they participated in activities in different "countries" around the cafeteria. After visiting countries and gaining stamps, each was able to go to our Cookie Café to use stamps to order cookies and different toppings (like chocolate or vanilla frosting, sprinkles, gummy worms, etc.). One of our "countries" included families using iPads to scan a code and participate in a survey which helps us gain needed parent feedback and learn ways to improve our programs. This A.C.E. event was even better than last year's. I look forward to our event next year.

Community Member(s) of Mystery

Our March Community Member of Mystery has worked hard to support our learning community outside the standard classroom for the past seven years. She has been married for 17 years and has two children, a son in middle school who loves fishing, and a daughter in high school who is on the dance team going to state. This Community Member of Mystery went to school in Woodland growing up. She enjoys gardening and is a scary movie enthusiast. This includes watching movies every Friday. She loves reading Mary Higgins Clark books and can easily read one in two days. They are great. Over the summer, she enjoys spending a lot of time at the river with her family and two dogs. She was a secretary for 11 years prior to coming to La Center Elementary.

Who do you think the March Community Member of Mystery is?

Our February Community Member of Mystery has worked hard to support our learning community through our PTO and as a volunteer. It helps that she loves to make people feel welcome and tries to get people to laugh. She grew up in New York and enjoyed competing as a gymnast. This person even took first in all-around at state. Interestingly, her father placed first in state on the pommel horse in high school. Our Community Member of Mystery moved on to become a physical education teacher in Utica, NY before moving to Washington. She does not only focus on p.e., having also written a novel that she hopes to have published some day. She has happily been married to "Superman" for 12 years. He is also a Watch D.O.G. at our school (Does he come as Superman or Clark Kent?). They are the parents of four children, a third grade boy (who also happens to be a third generation gymnast), a second grade boy, and twin girls in kindergarten. This Community Member of Mystery has done a great deal in many different ways to support our learning community. She can be heard sharing that to her, it does not matter how smart a person is. She focuses on how a person is smart.

Who do you think the February Community Member of Mystery is?

If you guessed Holly Cole, PTO president, you are correct.

What's Coming Up in the Next Elementary Board Report?

-What would you like to learn more about? As you know, we have many great things going on in our learning community. I strive to include topics I believe you would like to read about. I would love to hear from you what you would like to know more about. Please feel free to share and I will do my best to include what you like in upcoming elementary Board reports.