

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 February is goal setting. The following shares some information on efforts towards one of our goals:

Student Council

We strive to ensure that everything we do is in support of our students. One of our focal points/efforts/goals has been to find further ways to empower our students. Much has been done in this area. As you may know, one example has been our Bobcat Ambassadors working to support our students these past few years. We are nearing our next step in giving our students further voice in our learning community and school. You could soon start hearing about our Student Council. Our kindergarten through third grade students will be choosing a student to represent each classroom at our monthly Student Council meetings. Our current Bobcat Ambassadors will be our fourth and fifth grade representatives and will support our younger representatives in learning how to lead and participate in our Student Council. While our Bobcat Ambassadors have been helping with numerous efforts and events this school year, such as our Fall Carnival, Holiday Shop, and more, they have also been meeting and working with Mrs. Bodell to develop their leadership skills. Now they will have the opportunity to help our younger leaders develop their skills. In short, our student representatives will meet once a month to discuss monthly topics, such as our school-wide behavior support plan and supporting our learning community, and make decisions on how we would like to proceed given feedback from their grade level constituents. We believe this is a great opportunity for such ideas as better understanding what our students want and need, developing our leadership skills, and better supporting our students and learning community as a whole. This is an exciting endeavor. I look forward to all we will learn and experience.

Community Member(s) of Mystery

Our February Community Member of Mystery is in her first official school year working at La Center Elementary. She was born in Romania and lived there until moving to the United States at the age of seven. Romanian is still a language she speaks (though her English would not give hints she originally spoke Romanian). She spent time in various U.S. cities growing up, spending more time in Portland and Chicago. Salmon Creek is now the place she calls home. Prior to working at the elementary, she graduated from Concordia University. She has three children, ages 13, 14, and 20. When home, she enjoys watching her children in soccer and swimming. She has also been known to enjoy raising boxers. There are currently two living at her home as pets. Who do you think our Community Member of Mystery for February is?

Our January Community Member of Mystery is originally from Tuscon, Arizona. She has been married for 12 years and has two sons, a first grader and a third grader. Before coming our way, she worked hard and graduated from the University of Arizona. She is currently working on a degree at Portland State University in the area of speech-language communications. In her free time, she loves gardening. This includes growing her family's own berries and vegetables for the summer. She also enjoys spending time with her family at lakes and rivers jetskiing. Other than having two children in our school, you might wonder how else she is tied to our learning community. She further supports our students as a substitute teacher and works with

our PTO as treasurer and co-chair of our fall carnival and Holiday Shop. Who do you think our January Community Member of Mystery is?

If you guessed Renee Sanders, parent and PTO treasurer, you are correct.

