

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 January is self-reflection. The following shares some reflection on what has been happening:

K-3 Bobcat Store

As you know, part of our school-wide behavior support plan has been to celebrate our students' successes. A component of that was to have K-3 students earning a Bobcat Buck each day that they fulfilled their duties as a student.



Students could then use their Bobcat Bucks at the K-3 Bobcat Store to purchase items as often as once every two months. Our celebration team and others have worked hard to prepare for our store. People, such as Liz Crandall, Laurie Myer, Kellie Braaten, Kris



Sawyer, and our Bobcat Ambassadors, have worked hard to help us to a successful first store opening on December 12.



Students had many fun and interesting items to choose from, ranging from such things as one Bobcat Buck cars and trucks to La Center Bobcats bags costing twenty-five Bobcat Bucks. Students appeared to enjoy perusing the store, checking out the items, budgeting, and using their hard earned Bobcat Bucks to purchase items of interest. We have learned a lot about running a student store and look forward to continuing ideas, as well as making adjustments to help improve the experience. Our next K-3 Bobcat

Store will open later in February. Thank you for your support with the 2014 Bobcat Walk/Run. Funding for the items in our Bobcat Stores was provided by our learning community through the Bobcat Walk/Run.

Bobcat Behavior Fair

We are currently in the midst of our second Bobcat Behavior Fair this school year. The first took place in September. As part of our school-wide behavior support plan, each class participates in two Bobcat Behavior Fairs where they rotate through five sessions to discuss behavior expectations in the campus areas of recess/playshed, bathrooms, waiting/entering area near the office, hallways/resolution room, and the cafeteria. Students learn and discuss how we are expected to be respectful to ourselves, others, and things in each area. The fairs have gone very well. Our learning community efforts with our school-wide behavior support plan, including our Bobcat Behavior Fairs, seem to be having a positive impact. Our data has shown a significant decline in discipline referrals for the 2014-2015 school year. Thank you for your support.

Elementary Showcase

As you know, the elementary showcase will be shared at next week's Board meeting. We thought you might want to learn more about our efforts with the school-wide behavior support plan. Similar to last year, we would like to share with groups (made up of Board members and audience) that rotate about every four and a half minutes. Our four "stations" will each have two people from the elementary discussing one of the following:

-Monthly Assemblies and Bobcat Stores

-MindUp

-School Posters, Behavior Fairs, & Bobcat Coins -Resolution Room & Behavior Protocol
We look forward to talking with you Tuesday.

Community Member(s) of Mystery

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?

Our November Community Member of Mystery is in her ninth year of teaching. This is her first year working at La Center Elementary with a continuing contract, though she has worked with us in various roles previously. She and her husband just celebrated their twelfth anniversary two weeks ago. They live in La Center with their three children. They have a daughter in third grade, a son in second grade, and another son in kindergarten here at La Center Elementary. Our Community Member of Mystery enjoys spending time with her family, reading fiction, and jogging. They are into sports as a family, which currently includes a busy soccer schedule. For fun, they enjoy jogging on the elementary track together. This cannot happen at certain times on Saturdays during the fall. She is one of the world's biggest cougar fans and dresses up with her family for Washington State football games. Who do you think our November Community Member of Mystery is?

If you guessed Megan Bright, A.C.E. teacher, you were correct.

