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 April is respecting the environment. The following shares some of our community's efforts to improve upon on behavioral environment:

School-Wide Behavior Support Plan Work

As you know, our behavior and the behavior of those around us impact our learning. We want to continue in our efforts to grow in the area of supporting positive behavior and have been working weekly these past weeks (and next few weeks) to develop our school-wide behavior support plan. We will have our proposal ready to share with Mark, the Board, and our learning community by June 1. Our main goal has been to create a school-wide proactive behavior support system where we all work together to effectively support our students in positive behavior.

Our first phase has focused on the proactive support portion of the system. Our work in this area has centered on supporting our students and learning community school-wide in knowing our expectations, students learning positive behavior skills, and celebrating success.

Efforts in the area of our community knowing our expectations has included work to develop one core behavior expectation/rule for our school, posters sharing simple visuals and text of "looks like" and "sounds like" for given areas in our school, a plan for new students to receive a school expectations orientation prior to starting school, monthly school assemblies to celebrate positive behaviors and experience positive behavior skits, and a student/parent/teacher contract understood, signed, and followed by those involved.

Our efforts in the area of learning positive behavior skills has included researching and piloting the "Mind Up" brain researched program to help students and staff learn positive behavior skills, researching another program to help our learning community become more aware of how our body feels during certain experiences and how to adjust when needed, planning how to give students regular practice using our problem-solving wheel, planning for locations for students to go when they feel they need time to process prior to problems occurring, and creating known resources for all community members to access more information on our expectations and positive behavior skills when wanted.

Efforts to develop how we will celebrate students' behavior successes has included work to develop personalized monthly certificates, participating in the already mentioned monthly assemblies, reformatting our Bobcat slips to better tie into our behavior support system, and potentially utilizing our Bobcat slips to work more towards purchasing power with special experiences at school.

Our upcoming work starting next week will involve developing our school-wide behavior response portion of the system. I look forward to experiencing how our school-wide behavior support plan will better support our students and learning community starting next school year.

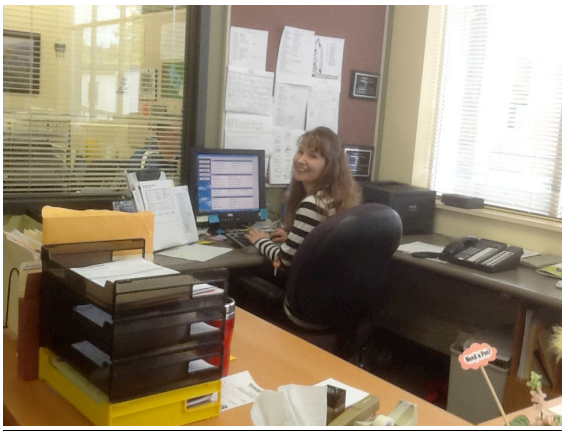
Community Member(s) of Mystery

Our April Community Member of Mystery has worked hard to support our learning community since the beginning of this school year. She has been married for twenty years and two weeks. Her husband is a volunteer baseball coach at the high school level. They have three boys, a seventh grader, a junior in high school, and a freshman in college. La Center has been their home for seven years, though she had taught outside our district for two of those years. Two other family members of the canine persuasion join them at home. Bella and Lucy are Chihuahuas. This Community Member of Mystery enjoys reading when at home. This is when she is not working to remodel their kitchen, which has been ongoing for six months since an unexpected flood. They also enjoy away from home through traveling and camping in their new twenty-eight foot travel trailer.

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

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? **You may have guessed it. Tammy Lichliter is our head secretary.**



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.