# 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 May is diversity. The following shares some of our community's diverse efforts:

**La Center Math is Cool! Teammates Go to State**

Last Saturday, six of our students, led by Mr. Poppert, traveled to Moses Lake for the Math is Cool! Masters state competition. Two of our fourth graders, Meagan Stabell and Thomas Boyle, competed in the individual competition. Our fifth grade team, made up of Dominic D'Emilio, Eli Johnson, Samantha Coyle, and Conner Sudmier also competed. All six of our students enjoyed themselves and gave their best. Our fifth grade team took fourth place in the team competition. Dominic D'Emilio took 1st place and Eli Johnson took eighth place in the individual competition. We are proud of all their efforts and how each represented our Bobcats.

**Kindy Cub Nights**

We recently completed our third of three Kindy Cub Nights. Each was well attended, reaching up to 168 in attendance. All three evenings started with a dinner of sub sandwiches or pizza. Our future kindergarteners and kindergarten teachers then moved into learning stations to learn and experience more about what it will be like to be a learner, a friend, and a classmate. It was great to experience the learning and developing relationships. We certainly do appreciate the caring and efforts of all involved.

**Father/Daughter Dance**

We had our second annual Father/Daughter Dance on the evening of Saturday, April 26. Lisa D'Emilio led the impressive efforts with many of our hard working and creative community members to create the special event with the theme of Candyland. Megan and Greg Cooper were the official photographers capturing moments to remember. The decorations, treats, and energetic DJ added to the fun of the evening. We certainly did appreciate the memorable experience. Now we need to seek a fun experience

for our mothers and sons.

**New Playground Equipment**

Our new playground equipment has arrived. This past fall our student and families worked hard with our Bobcat Walk/Run to raise money for our students. Students then voted to purchase and install the equipment that arrived last week. With some recent improvement in weather, Colf Construction had worked on our field, next to our track and other equipment, to install the new structure. Students have been enjoying our new equipment since last Friday. It has been covered with students ever since, including long lines of students waiting for their chances to enjoy themselves. If you have the opportunity, you might want to come check it out.

**Community Member(s) of Mystery**

**Our May Community Member of Mystery** has worked hard to support our learning community these past three years. He has been married for 17 years and has two boys, a fifth grader and a seventh grader. All in the family are avid sports fans and involved as the boys spend the year playing soccer, basketball, and baseball. This Community Member of Mystery helps out with his sons' sports wherever he can, which can often involve coaching. It makes sense that the sports section tends to be the first portion accessed by family members each day. They also love traveling and the outdoors. One favorite is visiting Banff in Alberta, Canada. He stayed there on his honeymoon and they have visited at least three times as a family since. It seems that Banff also has great hiking trails. There is one last hint. This person does love math. Who do you think the May Community Member of Mystery is?

**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 three 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 being 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?
**You may have guessed. It is Courtney Larkin, our 3-5 special education teacher.**