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Site Council Minutes
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EA
Recess with construction started. All is well so far.

Library
K, 1 Author studies focusing on Non Fiction and Fiction
2
Poetry, true stories of animal friendship, Author studies, book review videos linked to QR codes in books.
3
Poetry with presentations, Author study Creech,
4th
Kamishibai performances, poetry, Almanacs
5th,
Animoto book trailers/book reviews

All grades
Summer reading program

ELL
We are getting ready to wrap up for the year! The last day of ELL groups is June 12. The scores for the annual WELPA test just came in and will be send home with students this week.

One level 1 group and some kindergarten groups read several nonfiction books about birds and wings. They created an Inquiry chart that they added to and made revisions to throughout our reading. Students then wrote about their new knowledge of birds using vocabulary from the text.

Two other level 1 groups have been working on initial sounds of words and being able to describe pictures they see. They have also been reading nonfiction science books from the book room and other nonfiction books I ordered using PTA money (Thank you PTA!).

Most first graders have been reading books from the Poppleton series. Some first grade classrooms were reading book in a series and looking at the similarities and differences between the text so ELL students were reviewing this skill in their groups. First graders were also working on identifying story elements and sequencing.

Second graders have been reading a lot of nonfiction texts. We have been using OKAPI books from the bookroom.

Third graders have been doing some reading to supplement their pioneer unit and working on problem solving.

Fourth graders have also been using OKAPI books from the book room along with reviewing reading strategies and texts from the 4th grade Making Meaning curriculum.

Fifth graders have been using the Time for Kids nonfiction reading that was purchased by the ELL department at the beginning of the school year. The text focusing on vocabulary building and one specific reading strategy per passage.

PE

In P.E. we have been working on Volleyball. Students learned the underhand serve, bump pass hitting, and setting. We sure enjoyed summing it all up with 4 square volleyball where they could practice their skills they learned. We then moved on to out soccer unit. Student learned the five different parts of our foots that we use when dribbling a soccer ball, passing, and shooting. Field day is coming up June 12th! The theme is Hawaiian Luau! The weather should be great we are so happy to have water balloons that day! We feel very blessed with all the support of everyone staff and parents who are volunteering and donating equipment to make this event possible. Thanks just isn't enough!

SAGE

PEP Guests in 1st and 2nd grade have finished their visitation in the program. We had lots of fun working on challenges in problem solving and STEM. The qualified students continue to attend and we are able to work on some even more challenging things in the next two weeks.

The 4th grade SAGEs have been working on topology and have been stumped by a few problems. They've enjoyed collaborating to find solutions and have been very successful as a group. The 5th grade SAGEs will be celebrating the culmination of the robotics unit tonight (6/4) with a Robot Rodeo. Their parents will join us tonight to watch the robots maneuver through the obstacle courses created by each team.

Challenge Math classes will continue until June 12th.

The qualification process was completed for incoming third grade Sage students. We will have 5 new SAGEs in third grade next year.

OL Music

Kindergarten and 1st grade have been getting ready for their concerts and did a great job performing. Kindergarten was May 28th(they performed songs about Mother Goose Nursery rhymes), 1st grade was June 2nd(performing songs about outer space), and 2nd grade is tonight at 5:00pm

Nurse

Working on emailing out the final Tdap letter for 5th grade. Working on end of the year pick up med letters and Health care plans for fall. Calling on incoming students for fall with health concerns. Finished up camp.

Kindergarten:

We've just had our Animals Life Sciences Lab where we had the opportunity to explore all different types of animals.

We're finishing up our Opinion/Persuasive Writing Unit- successfully completing 4 Units of Writing: Launching, Narrative, How-To, and Opinion

We performed for all of our Parents on the 28th at the Kindergarten Concert- **"Getting Down with Mamma Goose"**

We are so thankful for the PTA who sponsored a wonderful Sing-a-long Concert with Nancy Stewart and are looking forward to the Marionettes who will visit on Monday the 1st

The PTA also sponsored our glass art project where each child made a necklace, magnet, and keychain for their family.

First Grade:
In first grade we are currently learning about habitats and classifying plants and animals. We went on a field trip to Alki on May 18th which was a very enriching experience for students. Students also created a ceramic wave to go along with the habitats unit. We're finishing up our Realistic Fiction Writing Unit—which will be the last of 4 units completed this year. We are also finishing up all math units and will focus on problem solving for the remainder of the year. Students recently had their first grade concert on June 2nd which they performed for parents!

Second Grade:
Second grade is busily wrapping up the year by reviewing math concepts for our end of year assessment, practicing for our fairy tale puppet shows, starting our memory books, and even dabbling in some poetry.

3rd Grade

- Math- End of the year review groups, assessments, wrapping up unit 10 on measurement
- Reading- Revisiting CAFÉ strategies and Making Meaning concepts like Main Idea, assessing our struggling readers using F&P, reflecting on reading goals and progress
- Writing- Wrapping up our Fairy Tale unit, publishing, and writing celebrations/ writing pioneer journal entries from the point of view of a westward traveler
- Social Studies- Pioneer unit: students "traveled" the Oregon trail and arrived at our simulated pioneer school house- Apple Valley where they meet their strict pioneer teachers ☐ We travel to Pioneer Farms tomorrow
- Science- Launching our study of weather and the water cycle
- We also started Handwriting without Tears cursive this week

4th Grade
The 4th Grade team is excited for all of the different events going on as we finish up the year. Once again we have Jerry Sweeney, JA volunteer, teach the 4th graders about the economy and being an business owner. We also have Carrie Phillips teaching the students the history of the Japanese style of Sumi-e art, this goes along with our Pacific Rim Unit. She is also teaching the students drawing techniques with still life drawings. We are wrapping up our last writing unit, literary essays. The students produce amazing works of writing as they analyze texts and write claims. Finally, we look forward to our last field trip to the International District. Here the students make connections to our Pacific Rim studies.

5th Grade
5th Grade just finished up their Business/Economics unit and took a field trip to BizTown in Auburn. Students filled out job applications, resumes, and participated in job interviews. At BizTown, they took out business loans, calculated interest, wrote checks, and even paid bills as they put everything they learned about business and economics into play. We are just finishing up our readers workshop with mystery novels in reading. In writing, students just submitted their memoirs and we will finish off the year with a small poetry unit. In math we are working on rates and algebraic expressions. They will take the end of the year math assessment here in a few days. We are also finishing our motion and design unit in science and talking about the revolutionary war in Social Studies. We are also in the midst of getting ready for the 5th Grade Promotion and Party on the 16th.

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Walk-a-Thon

- Walk-a-Thon donations = over $48,000
- Walk-a-Thon concessions = ~ $2,000 profit
- Silent Auction = over $9,000 profit
- Shoe Drive - 211 pairs of shoes collected
- 10 chairs; 115+ volunteers; HUNDREDS of hours

Art

- Working on a new PTA art program
- Still utilize parent volunteers, but lessons run by professionals (vs. art docent volunteers)

Next Year

- Jaime Menold, president
- Lindsey Hatch, vice president
- Stephanie Shipley, secretary
- Ayana Meissner, treasurer
- Transitioning new Board of Directors in - they've already started planning next year
- Setting calendar of events this week
- Preliminary budget approved on 6/5 by Membership

Site Council – Principal Report - 6/9/15

Construction

- Updates will come out via eNews
- Playshed is down and construction fence is up.
- Trees will be removed after school gets out.
- We will be here all summer

Staffing

- Updates will come out via eNews
- We will have:

- 4 sections of 5th, 4th and 3rd
- 5 sections of 2nd, 1st, and Kindergarten

SBA

- Any student who received a score of Below Basic on the 3rd grade ELA was invited to participate in a summer reading program.

Matt Glover

- Matt Glover will train SH staff in December.

Ralph Fletcher

- Thanks to PTA, author Ralph Fletcher will present to our students on Monday, September 14, 2015.

EVP

- EVP is open August 5-12
- Taking care of business day is August 17th but families can return their forms between that date and August 28th
- Families who have not turned in their forms by August 28th may lose access to Family Access which impacts all of their children.