

RSU #16 Elementary Principals' Report

November 2022

RSU #16 Elementary School News:

Individual School News:

Elm Street School	Minot Consolidated School	Poland Community School
<p><u>Data point of the month:</u></p> <p>As of November 1, Elm Street School has 248 students enrolled in grades PK-6.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>-Our average daily attendance rate for this year is 93.71%.</p> <p>As of the end of October, we had 45 students who were considered chronically absent having missed 10% or more of the school year. At this point of the year, this represents any student who has missed 4.1 days of school or more. This represents 18% of our population.</p> <p><u>Behavior:</u></p> <p>-Average of 3.00 ODRs per day (National Average is 1.03) for the month of October</p> <p>-57 total referrals in October (32 majors/25 minors)</p> <p>-89.51% of students received no ODRs for the month of October, with a goal of at least 80%.</p> <p><u>Highlights of the past Month:</u></p> <p>*September's Hootie Award Winner, Robin Arris selected our new Kindergarten teacher, Rebecca Albert to receive the Hootie Award for the month of October. Rebecca was nominated by Robin because of her constant smile, words of encouragement, and for creating a warm and welcoming classroom environment for her students and staff.</p> <p>*Our Kindergarten students participated in their "We are Readers" parade through the halls of our school. The students and staff lined the hallways to welcome our newest readers to the Wildcat Family.</p> 	<p><u>Data point of the month:</u></p> <p>Minot Consolidated School currently has 219 students enrolled in grades PK-6.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u></p> <p>-As of the end of October, we had 35 students who were considered chronically absent having missed 10% or more of the school year. At this point of the year, this represents any student who has missed 4.1 days of school or more. This represents 16% of our populations.</p> <p><u>Behavior</u></p> <p>-Average of 4.21 ODRs per day (National Average is 1.03) for the month of October</p> <p>-80 total referrals in October (30 majors/50 minors)</p> <p>-86% of students received no ODRs for the month of October, with a goal of at least 80%.</p> <p><u>Highlights of the past Month:</u></p> <p>-Since our last board report, we have had both our September and October Mustang Pride Assembly. (We are back in person this year!) Two Students from each class received a Mustang Pride Certificate from their teacher. We had 3 students receive Books-A-Million cards for their work on PBIS.</p>  <p>-We have had two staff members receive the Horace Mann Hootie Award for their dedication to our students. Septembers recipient was Ms. Jenkins our new Music Teacher. October's recipient was our custodian, Gerry Pray. We are so grateful for all they do for our community!</p> 	<p><u>Data point of the month:</u></p> <p>As of November 1, Poland Community School has 444 students currently enrolled, this number includes our Functional Life Skills students.</p> <p><u>Attendance:</u></p> <p>As of October 31, 2022, 20% of our students are chronically absent. At this time, we have 7 truant students. We have begun working on improving attendance and holding truancy meetings.</p> <p><u>Behavior:</u></p> <p>We decreased the number of ODRs from 184 to 142 this month, an average of 7 a day. Our school counselors have been focusing on working with teachers on developing relationships with students and addressing student behavior issues collaboratively. We are fortunate to have two counselors to help us address the needs of our student population. More often than not, the resources we have are still not enough to address the needs we have. We often find ourselves looking for help from any available teacher to support students with movement breaks, de-escalation strategies, and facilitating restorative conversations and work when the school counselors, administration and the restorative room educational technician is working with students.</p>  <p><u>Highlights of the past Month:</u></p>

*Our fourth grade students welcomed students and staff into their classroom for a writing celebration. Our fourth graders did a great job sharing their stories!

*We hosted the Mechanic Falls Fire Department for Fire Safety Day. We had a whole school assembly with lots of fun challenges for our students, staff, and firefighters. The highlight of the assembly was the tug of war competition between the fire department and members of our local Mechanic Falls Police Department. With a little help from the ESS staff, the Mechanic Falls PD came out with the win! After the

assembly, students were given an



opportunity to see the Fire Trucks and the firefighters presented to grade levels about fire safety and the importance of having a plan!

*We completed our Bullying Prevention Month during October. We had dress-up days with different themes that aligned with our Second Step Bullying Prevention curriculum. In addition to our dress up days, Mrs. Jenkins, our Dean of Students visited students in grades 3-6 to begin teaching our Second Step Bullying Prevention Curriculum. She will begin her lessons with students in grades K-2 during November.

*Our Wildcat Family Connection helped host a high-energy performer, Jason Tardy, to present his important message on being an



upstander and doing our part to make our school and our classrooms a safe place for all students. Thank-you to the Tri-town Optimist club for their donation to this event. We also held a parent night with Jason on the 28th and lots of our families were able to attend!

*During the last week of October, we also welcomed our families into our school for

-In September students earned their first school-wide reward for their positive behavior! They enjoyed their annual Pancake Day! Thank you to the staff who made it happen and most of all the students for earning it by being safe, respectful, and responsible!

- MCS Wellness Committee sponsors a walking club for students. Students who choose to participate are able to walk laps at recess. Students are recognized when they reach milestones such as walking 20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 miles. This month, 5th grader Bryce Simpson was recognized for walking 100 miles! His name will be added to the Walking Club banner that is displayed at MCS!



-Each year the Minot Wellness Committee also hosts a Staff Pumpkin Decorating Contest as a fundraiser. Students bring in spare change to vote for their favorite pumpkin. The funds go to support the Wellness Committee in sponsoring their wellness activities, such as the walking club mentioned above! Pictured is the first place winner!



-Thank you to the Minot Community Club for providing a safe and fun Halloween experience for the children in our community! We had so many RSU 16 students participate in this year's Trunk or Treat and even had some former students handing out candy! Thank you to the Tri-Town Optimist Club for your donation!

-Once again MCS had their annual visit from the Candy Corn Fairy to celebrate National Candy Corn Day, followed by a visit from the Tooth Fairy who teaches our students about the importance of good oral hygiene. Thank you to both Wendy Simard and Katie Toothaker for making MCS a magical place for students!



-This past month, we also welcomed students and their families into our school for Student Led Conferences. We are so grateful for the partnership we have with our families!

Staff Professional Development:

This past month staff participated in professional development on Social Emotional Learning, Math, NWEA testing, i-Ready data use for planning instruction, and literacy. Our staff also started a

The end of the month ended with a lot of positive energy! With a generous donation from the Optimist Club and the hard work of our PTA, the Trunk or Treat was a HUGE success! Many PCS staff helped with creating trunks, assisting with traffic and parking, distributing candy and other tasks.

We had many families in our school for student-led conferences. Students and teachers discussed their Social Emotional Progress report and created goals for the year. On the mandatory late night staff were treated to beverages and snacks to help keep them fueled.

Students were able to see the new Panther Pride Prize Cart (say that three times fast)! At our most recent assembly Amy Eastman was able to explain the new items that have been added based on the student survey. We want to thank the PTA for the funds donated to purchase these items.



Staff Professional Development:

Our staff had our second session with a trainer from i-Ready. Teachers learned how to use the data from the first diagnostic assessment. They learned how to access different types of reports, navigate the tools within the program to begin to help their students. This training was important for our staff because it afforded them an opportunity to have a guided practice using the program.

This month, staff also had time with our Literacy Specialist, Kelly LaBonte. Kelly has been meeting with each grade level weekly to discuss how to improve Tier I instruction. The three elementary schools also worked together to plan for the upcoming unit this month on one of our extended days.



student led conferences with our teachers. This fall, teachers reported out to families using our newly created SEL progress report created by our SEL Dean based on the CASEL framework.

*Our students earned their second whole school reward for being safe, respectful, and responsible. Our PBIS team hosted a costume day and students were invited to wear their favorite costume to school!



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*Our committees continue to meet to develop our student celebrations, staff wellness, our Trauma-Informed Practices professional development and text, and PBIS Tier 1.

We could really use...

*Substitute teachers! In order to cover classrooms when teachers are absent, we often rely on using our Title Intervention Team which impacts our ability to provide our students with the necessary academic intervention and support they need.

*Substitute bus drivers! We've had to cancel bus routes due to the driver shortage. Guardians have been very understanding and flexible, however, we have had students unable to attend school due to the lack of transportation.

You're Invited:

*Our next whole school assembly will take place on November 22 at 2:15.

school-wide book study on the text Onward: Cultivation Emotional Resilience in Educators.

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-Substitute Teachers: Many of our former substitute teachers have moved into permanent roles within our building leaving a big need for additional new subs that we can utilize.

-We continue to work to repair the damage to the building that was caused by both of the floods.

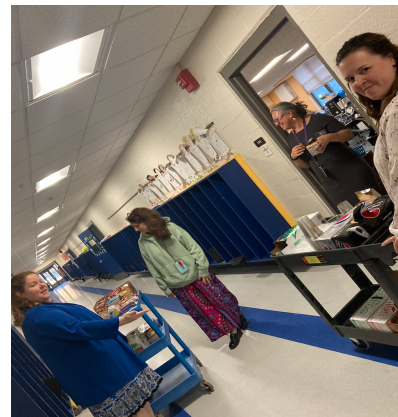
You're Invited:

-You are invited to attend our Mustang Pride Assembly on November 22nd. K-3 at 9:00am and 4-6 at 2:30pm

-Our annual Book Fair the week of November 16. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gina Moulton.
-Minot Community Club meeting on December 6th at 7:00pm.

We could really use...

Substitute teachers! As the cold and flu season is upon us, we know that staff and students are going to get sick, which means we will need substitute teachers! It is a great way to see the many amazing things that happen in our school, and open minds at budget time! We will be asking for our second School Counselor to be funded through the local budget. The pandemic has been difficult for our students. We have seen an increase in need for Social Emotional Support. We have been able to have regular Second Step lessons for all classes K-6 and the two school counselors have been able to provide small groups based on specific issues of our students.



You're Invited:

You are invited to our "Friendsgiving" Celebration on November 22nd. We will have a story-telling performance, snacks, desserts and time with our friends before leaving for the Thanksgiving break. Our next Panther Pride Assembly is December 1st at 9:30.