

RSU #16 Elementary Principals' Report

January 2023

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> As of January 3, Elm Street School has 245 students enrolled in grades PK-6.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u> -Our average daily attendance rate for this year is 91.7%. As of the end of December, we had 65 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 6.1 days of school or more. This represents 25% of our population.</p> <p><u>Behavior:</u> -Average of 2.75 ODRs per day (National Average is 1.03) for the month of December -44 total referrals in December (11 majors/33 minors) -88.31% of students have received 0-1 ODR this year, with a goal of being greater than 80% of our students falling within this range. -In the month of December, 90.6% of our students at ESS did not receive an ODR with the goal being higher than 80%.</p> <p><u>Highlights of the past Month:</u> Cindy Cormier and Amber Bissonnette (our kindergarten teachers) were chosen to receive the Horace Mann Hootie Award by last month's winner, Rebecca Albert. Rebecca shared that she nominated them both as a way to show her appreciation for all the support, guidance, humor, and kind words they have given her. She also shared they are encouraging to her in many ways and she is happy to be a part of the kindergarten team here at #TeamESS! They make a wonderful team and we are lucky to have them all! 🐾</p> 	<p><u>Data point of the month:</u> Minot Consolidated School currently has 222 students enrolled in grades PK-6.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u> -As of the end of December, we had 60 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 7.4 days of school or more. This represents 27% of our populations.</p> <p><u>Behavior</u> -Average of 2.19 ODRs per day (National Average is 1.03) for the month of December -35 total referrals in December (9 majors/26 minors) -90% of students received no ODRs for the month of December, with a goal of at least 80%.</p> <p><u>Highlights of the past Month:</u> -Since our last board report, we have had our December Mustang Pride Assembly. 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 a staff member receive the Horace Mann Hootie Award for their dedication to our students. December's recipient was Cherie Downing. We are so grateful for all she does for our community!</p> 	<p><u>Data point of the month:</u> Poland Community School currently has 442 students enrolled as of January 3, 2023. This includes Pre-6 and our FLS program.</p> <p><u>Attendance</u> -We have 128 students who are considered chronically absent. This means that those students have missed at least 7 days of school. This makes up 29% of our school population.</p> <p><u>Behavior</u> -This month we had a total of 41 Office Discipline Referrals. This is an average of 2.56 ODRs a day. The national average is 1.03 a day. Of the 41 referrals, 23 were major and 18 were minor. Twenty-five students had at least one referral this month, this makes up 5% of our student population.</p>  <p>-Fourth Graders working on a STEM activity.</p> <p><u>Highlights of the past month:</u> -This month was a month of celebrating! We spent the last few weeks of December celebrating who we are as a school community. The staff participated in a number of holiday activities and we had many different characters visit our school. If you heard about The Elf on Shelf, The Grinch, Buddy the Elf or Jovie, those were not lies! In order to welcome our families in the morning, these "characters" took over</p>

*We held our holiday whole school assembly in December. Students were recognized for demonstrating the CASEL SEL skill of social awareness, which is the



ability to understand the perspectives of and empathize with others, including those from diverse

backgrounds, cultures, and contexts. We had 16 students honored with awards and a photo opportunity with the Wildcat!

*Many of our grade levels participated in reading and writing celebrations throughout the month of December. Our second grade students participated in an author's tea and our fourth grade students shared their



non-fiction "expert" writing with their peers, staff, and students from other grade levels, too!

*We had a fun and festive month in December leading up to our holiday break. We participated in a variety of dress-up days, honored our staff with special treats to show appreciation for all they do for our students, and held an ugly sweater contest! It was a fun way to celebrate this time of year and we ended with a whole-school sing along led by our new music teacher, Ms. Jenkins and a few of our Wildcats! Our students also earned their next whole school reward as part of our PBIS program and Mrs. Jenkins and I delivered hot cocoa and special treats on our treat cart for students!



Elm Street School 6th grader, Madisyn York, was recognized as our ESS Optimist Student of the Month for December. Madisyn was described by her teacher, Autumn Theriault, as a student who

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 Calvin Buker was recognized for walking 100 miles! His name will be added to the Walking Club banner that is displayed at MCS!



-Staff and students participated in Jingle Jam Day! All were invited to dress in festive clothing and the school came together for a sing along lead by our music teacher, Ms. Jenkins.



- Our PreK students had a visit from some exciting guests! We would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Clause as well as Sparkles the elf for their special visit.



-Thank you to our Minot Community Club for hosting their annual Giving Fair! It has been a couple of years since we have had the traditional Giving Fair, and it was so nice to have it back and as strong as ever!



-There were lots of fun activities that were planned before the start of break. Pictured below you will see our 5th grade students decorating cookies with their 2nd grade buddies!



the driveline during the last week before vacation. On the last day of school before vacation, a disheveled Mrs. Comeau and Mrs. Gendron were in the driveline reminding parents that teacher naps began at noon and not to be late. People were confused why they were wearing their Pjs and bathrobes, but they have had a busy first year in their new positions. :)

-Staff participated in holiday games! Staff found hidden elves around the building for prizes and we played "Are you the Elf?" The game was so popular that by the end of the day students were trying to figure it out and I'm pretty sure that the two elves were hiding so that they would win the prizes.

-Our students celebrated another school-wide PBIS reward. They enjoyed a Pj day, hot chocolate cart with cookies and candy canes delivered by Buddy the Elf and Jovi. Students worked together to fill the container. They were very excited and enjoyed having a treat on the second to the last day of school before the winter break.



Mrs. Lavoie scored a picture of Mrs. Comeau and Mrs. Gendron during the Holiday gift swap.



exemplifies the Optimist creed, and one who comes to school with a smile and genuine



enthusiasm for learning every day. She is a welcoming friend to all who finds the bright side of every situation and spreads cheer to everyone around her. Madisyn finds motivation in challenges and is a confident, positive role model.

Staff Professional Development:

In December the elementary school staff participated in Social Emotional Learning training around CASEL competency areas. Teachers also met with Literacy Coach, Kelly LaBonte for professional development around the next units to be taught for literacy.

*Elm Street School staff continued to work on our professional development text, Fostering Resilient Learners. Staff were given time to read a section of the text, discuss the section together, and complete an activity on our jamboard.

We could really use...

- *Bus drivers and monitors
- *Substitute teachers
- *Educational Technicians

You're Invited:

*Our Wildcat Family Connection is hosting a Family Movie Night at ESS on January 13th from 6:00-8:00.

*Our next Wildcat Assembly will take place on January 27th at 9:15.

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-Additional volunteers for lunch duties. Two of our regular volunteers are no longer available. We are specifically looking for help on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

-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 the floods.

-Donations of tissues would be greatly appreciated.

You're Invited:

-You are invited to attend our Mustang Pride Assembly on January 27th. K-3 at 9:00am and 4-6 at 2:30.

-Minot Community Club meeting on February 7th at 7:00pm

-Mad Science, sponsored by the Poland Recreation Department, visited our school during the last week before vacation as well. The students were able to observe chemical and physical changes as Molecular Molly did exciting experiments with the help of some of our students.



-Mrs. Eastman was recognized for Mugs and Kisses for her PBIS work.



-We recognized students who were Respectful, Responsible and Safe throughout the month during our Panther Pride Assembly. We also heard from two of our students who are leading a collection of gently used clothing for the Pink Feather Foundation, which is a resource we use at PCS.



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The teachers met with Kelly LaBonte to work on preparing for their next units in Reading and Writing.

		<p>-Our staff is going to have the opportunity to work with the Behavior Dean and SEL Dean this month on how to prevent and respond to problem behaviors. This is going to be such a benefit to both our teachers and students, especially because we currently only have one school counselor available to address the needs of about 445 students. Teachers will have more strategies to handle low-level situations on their own, which helps build relationships and keeps students in class.</p> <p><u>We could really use...</u></p> <p>-We could use substitutes, still! If teachers are out due to illness or appointments, we are short staffed. We try to use staff in our building, but it impacts other programming. The shortage of FLS Ed. Techs has a huge impact on our school. Due to the needs and safety of our students, it is imperative that we have enough people to provide coverage, which is the priority. We proactively schedule a substitute daily and still struggle to find replacements for those who are out.</p> <p><u>You're Invited:</u></p> <p>-Our next Panther Pride Assembly will be on February 2nd. Please join us as we celebrate our students who have followed our school rules. We will also have an update on what we have collected for the Pink Feather Foundation.</p> <p>-You are always welcome to visit our school. If you would like to read with students, do lunch duty, or even walk through the school stop by! We are so excited that JOY is back at PCS! You can see it on our staff members' and students' faces.</p>
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