

**M.S.A.D. #53
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REPORT
Pre K - 4**

To: M.S.A.D. # 53 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
From: Faye Anderson
Re: Board Report for January 2011
Date: December 28, 2010

CIPS UPDATE

We did not meet during the month of December. During our last November meeting we reviewed the survey data on Student Led Portfolios. It was clear that the parents found it both interesting and informative. What was discovered through the Data Driven Dialogue process was that teachers find it beneficial, but that it takes a great deal of time to prepare students to share. We also discovered that different grade levels had students sharing in a different format. The outcome of our meeting will be to ensure that at each grade level the same type of format will be used and a collection that shows student growth would be exhibited. Both CIPS teams will meet in January to continue our work in both Literacy and Math.

SES (Supplemental Educational Services)

The winter sign up for outside tutorial services will be held the week of January 10th. Parents who did not sign up in the fall will be able to access this service through the CIPS process. We had 28 students receive tutoring through 4 different agencies this fall. This winter we will add a new agency that has shown interest in providing tutoring for our students who are economically disadvantaged.

HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS

There were several different holiday activities that brought parents into the school. Several classes had a brunch for students in which parents helped prepare the food. A rendition of the holiday classic, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, was performed for parents in Mrs. Vigue's grade 2 classroom. Several classes had a special lunch prepared by parents. PK and Grade 1 had Pajama Day and listened to the story *The Polar Express*. We had a wonderful time getting ready for the holidays.

WINTER ASSESSMENTS

In January, we will be giving our Universal Screenings to students in Grades K-4. We are anxious to see the progress our students have made since September. We will administer assessments in both literacy and math. During the second quarter, staff has been progressing monitoring in reading, writing and math. After all tests have been completed, we will evaluate our progress on our second quarter goals and create new grade level and student level goals for the third quarter.

COMMON CORE STANDARDS

Anne Miller and I attended a workshop on the Common Core Standards. These academic standards will eventually replace Maine's Parameters of Essential Learning (Learning Results). They will be adopted throughout the United States thereby giving

a common expectation from state to state. They certainly bump up the expectations at each grade level. We will begin to look at the documents now so we are prepared when they are implemented and assessed.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 17 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 21 - Second Quarter Ends

Jan 31 - Report cards go home