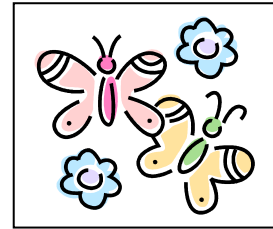


**M.S.A.D. #53
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REPORT
Pre K - 4**



To: M.S.A.D. # 53 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 From: Faye Anderson
 Re: Board Report for November 2009
 Date: October 28, 2009

CIPS UPDATE

The CIPS team met on October 6th. At this meeting we continued to review what we felt were the areas that are working in our district and those areas that we need to focus on in both reading and math. Below is the chart that came from our discussion in the area of math.

WHAT'S WORKING	WHAT NEEDS WORK	WHAT'S NOT WORKING
Manipulatives K-report cards Math night Essential reporting systems	Title I Math Block Math Vocabulary Workshops/courses Year long practice for NECAPS ----- <i>Math Lit collections</i>	Investigations Staff Discussions about Math ----- <i>Essential Learning not calibrated to Nat'l norms</i>

For our NEXT MEETING we will

- Complete the literacy charts
- Compare the two lists showing what's working, what needs work and what's not working
- Prioritize and consider what will be short term goals and long term goals
- Begin to fill in the planning template at the next meeting.

I will be attending three workshops for administrators of CIPS1 schools beginning in November. The consultants for CIPS schools will sponsor these workshops. The first meeting will be November 12th in Lewiston.

Anne and I will also be attending a workshop to help Maine educators understand accountability standards and their relationship to the Maine Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Learning. The goal of the workshop will be to help plan classroom instruction to support student learning. The ELA and math sessions will focus on instruction related to the standards and anticipate use of NECAP data in January when the results are available. We had hoped to send staff to this workshop but it is held during Parent/Teacher conferences. Our goal will be to send teachers to other workshops similar to this one.

AOMORI VISIT

On October 16th, the Vickery School welcomed the Aomori Students into our classroom. The Aomori students shared with students some Japanese Traditional Games and several Japanese Fairy Tales. The children are always excited to meet with the students and learn more about their culture.

FOOD DRIVE

Mrs. Nile organized our 10th Annual Food Drive. Students from the three elementary schools gathered over 800 items. Students from Manson Park and Vickery Schools walked to the Pittsfield Food Bank to deliver the items. Mrs. Nile organized this event again this year.

INSERVICE

On October 29th, staff will have the opportunity to review how to utilize running records to inform instruction and utilize that information in the RTI process. In the afternoon, they will work at completing paperwork that was designed this past summer through the SAT and PAC team. The goal is to look at data to inform instruction.

FIRST QUARTER ENDS

The first quarter ended on October 28th. Report cards will go home on November 9th with Parent/Teacher conferences going on the week of November 9th.

PK ACCREDITATION

We have completed two portions of the required paperwork towards re-accreditation. The next step will be to create classroom and program portfolios. This is a great deal of work as the classroom teachers document how they implement the ten standards in their classroom. The first five standards focus on the child: Standard 1: Relationships, Standards 2: Curriculum, Standard 3: Teaching, Standard 4, Assessment of Child Progress, Standard 5: Health. Standard 6 focuses on the qualifications of teachers. Standard 7 focuses on Families and Standard 8 on Community Relationships. The final two standards focus on the program's physical environment and leadership and management. We will expect a visit for re-accreditation sometime between January 31st and the end of the school year. At that time the documentation will be reviewed and teachers and administrators will be interviewed.

EXXON MOBIL EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE GRANT

I am pleased to announce that Manson Park School was awarded the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grant through Frost Mobil in Pittsfield. They will use the \$750.00 grant for an enrichment trip for the first grade students. We want to thank Mr. Frost for giving us the opportunity to apply for this grant.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 5-19 – Manson Park Book Fair
Nov. 9 – report cards go home
Nov. 9 – no staff meeting due to Parent/teacher conferences
Nov. 9-13 – Parent Teacher conferences
Nov. 11 – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 12 – CIPS1 administrator meeting in Lewiston
Nov. 13 - NECAP training in Brewer
Nov. 13 – Early dismissal - Parent/Teacher conferences
Nov. 17 – Family Lit/Math Night @ Manson Park
Nov. 17 – PAC meeting
Nov. 24 – CIPS meeting