

Sandy Creek Elementary/Preschool Board Report
November 2018

Preschool had Parent-Teacher conferences November 9th and 16th. They also had dental screenings November 15th.

The Lion's Club Health Screenings were October 26th; Nurse Brenda takes the information from these screenings and follows up with students and their families. It is a quick way to get all of our students vision, hearing, and blood pressure checked.

School pictures were taken by Weber Studio and all elementary staff have received an ID badge to wear during the school day. This is one of the recommendations from our school safety audit.

2nd and 3rd Grade Family Fun Night theme was about Greek Mythology, and the 4th and 5th Grade Family Fun Night theme was "Breakout Room" where students and their families solved math problems to "break out" of the room they were in. The Family Fun Nights are well attended and they help build relationships between parents and staff and also give parents ideas for literacy activities at home. We have also noticed that the parents of our students enjoy visiting with each other and meeting parents from other communities. We have been hosting Family Movie Nights as well, giving parents an additional tie into our school. Mrs. Calderon generated the idea and picks movies of interest and appropriate topics for young families to enjoy. She is assisted by Mrs. Schmoltdt and Mrs. Wisinger.

5th Grade Leadership Group traveled to Doane College and participated in a day long seminar on how to include everyone in your school. They received a \$350 grant to provide some assistance with activities they want to do with the elementary students. The Theme "We are leaders, and we do hard things." This group collected over 100 pairs of socks to be donated to local organizations.

We hosted a Flag Retirement Ceremony along with the observance of Veteran's Day. Brad Beick showed our kids the appropriate way to fold a flag. Songs and coloring activities were also incorporated into the time of reflection.

Our Grandparents/Special Guest program is on Tuesday, November 20 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Our elementary students have received over 5000 Cougar with Character cards. The cards are given to students when teachers and staff see them following the school's expectations. Since they are being so good, they put Mrs. Studnicka on the roof of the school on November 15th.

Our students will be going to the Stuhr Museum in the next few weeks for their presentations on Winter and Christmas in the late 1800's. I know the students and teachers really enjoy these educational experiences.