

## **Principals' BOE Report for February 2019**

January 31 & February 1 - 8th-11th grade Elective Presentation in auditorium

February 4 - 11th grade to Higley Flow

February 5 - 10 grade to Higley Flow

February 5 - Interested juniors to SWT - Allied Health

February 5 - Grades 4-6 to OCP in Ogdensburg

February 11 - 7th grade to Higley Flow

February 12 - 8th grade to Higley Flow

February 15 - PK-3 Dental Visits

February 25-March 1 - Read Across America Week

February 28 - Character Ed Assembly

### High School Elective Presentation

All 8th-11th grade students listened to presentations from the staff regarding all the elective classes we offer for our 9th-12th grade students. The slideshow was shared over a two-day period during our universal 5th period study hall. A brochure that is created by the Guidance Office then given to each of the students with their meeting time was disseminated at the conclusion of the presentations.

### High School Guidance Meetings

Following the Elective Presentations, Ms. Alford began the yearly scheduling meetings with all 9th - 11th grade students. Parents are invited to attend these career counseling meetings with their child to discuss coursework for the next school year and to plan for the future. The 8th grade students will have an evening assembly at the Spring Conference night along with their parents before they meet with Ms. Alford for schedule and career conversations.

### 7th, 8th, 10th and 11th Grade Higley Flow XC Ski Trip

In February, all grade levels in the high school, with the exception of the 9th and 12th grade (this group will be downhill skiing on March 4), were invited to participate in separate days of cross-country skiing. After a few reschedules, due to our wonderful winter season, we made it to Higley Flow State Park for a full day of groomed track set classic cross-country skiing. Our well-stocked bag lunches from the cafeteria provided needed nourishment after some almost Olympic quality runs around the park complex. Students appreciate the opportunity to spend the day outside; and for a majority of our 7th graders, this is their first experience. One student was so excited he convinced his family to go on the weekend so they could experience it also! You are always welcome to join us!

### Ogdensburg Command Performance

On February 5, grades 4-6 attended an Ogdensburg Command Performance in Ogdensburg. Grade 4 made a day of it, going to a local restaurant for lunch, while grades 5 and 6 returned to school late, with Mr. Impey providing lunch accommodations for the students. The performance was 'Patch Quilt,' a story of Laura Ingalls Wilder, and it received excellent reviews by students and staff alike, further supporting that these events are continued positive outings with great benefits to our students.

### Dental Visits to Grades PK-3

On February 15, Dr. Day's office presented brief presentations to the primary students as part of National Children's Dental Health month. His dental assistant, a parent to two of

our elementary students, shared dental health tips with the kids in each classroom and left them all with their own dental supplies (toothbrush and toothpaste). This is a great service that Dr. Day provides to our students here at E-K.

#### Dr. Seuss Week/Read Across America

With Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2, E-K jumped on board to celebrate Read Across America week, with Dr. Seuss as our honored celebrity. Throughout the week, students and staff celebrated within their classrooms, and as an elementary school, participated in a week long of shared themes for each day of the week: ie. wearing Lorax mustaches on Monday, wearing wacky clothes/'who'-hair on Wednesday, and wearing favorite hats or strips on Thursday. At the Character Assembly on Thursday, students that were recognized for the character trait of 'honesty' were able to have their photo taken in one of our Thing 1 or Thing 2 props (great fun!). On Friday, students received a special Seuss-themed surprise snack in the afternoon, completing a week of learning, celebrations, unity, and fun!

#### Character Ed/Cougar Club Assembly

Our monthly Character Education/Cougar Club Assembly was a hit on February 28. Students in grades PK-6 and staff gathered in the auditorium to recognize our new Kit, Cougar, and medal recipients for Cougar Club reading. There were a number of students that received these certificates, even with our short time since our last gathering. Our new pennants, which Brenda O'Brien beautifully crafted, were awarded, for the month, to three classrooms demonstrating either highest comprehension, highest participation, or most tests passed as determined through the program Accelerated Reading (AR). Each of those classrooms will receive a 'gift' for their classroom use in recognition of their efforts. The banners will be redistributed at the next assembly. In addition, in recognition of the month's character trait of 'honesty,' 18 students were then celebrated as stand-out representatives, one from each class. As part of this Seuss-tastic week, decorations for this event were full-size standups of the Sneeches, the Cat in the Hat, and Thing 1 and Thing 2. Students were able to have their pictures taken in the cut-outs, wrapping up a great week!

#### Upcoming Events:

March 1 - NAEP for 8th grade in room 304  
March 5 - 8th grade visit to SWT  
March 6 - Parents' Association meeting  
March 11-15 - Book Fair  
March 14 - 11:10 delayed start  
March 14 - Spring Conferences  
March 14 - 8th Grade High School Planning Night  
March 20 - Senior Gateways trip  
March 22 - Staff Development Day  
March 29 - Character Ed Assembly