

Richard B. Cartmell Elementary
Board Report
April 2015

Update on the “Big Goals”:

1. Academic Achievement- We met with teachers individually to discuss their PGES student growth goal results and we were pleased with the results. Each teacher gave a pre-assessment in September to gather benchmark data on each student. They set a growth goal and proficiency goal based on this data. After monitoring the progress monthly along the way, they gave another assessment in March to determine how many students increased at least one level on the rubric and how many have reached proficiency. We met to discuss the data and next steps for professional growth for each teacher. We are also using STAR data to focus in on student needs as we prepare for the upcoming K Prep assessment.
2. Co-Teaching- Teachers completed the next round of peer observations and had great conversation around best practices in instruction. It’s exciting to see teachers learning from other teachers in the building. These teaching partnerships have really strengthened throughout the year and students are reaping the benefits.
3. Academic Engagement- Increasing student engagement continues to be a topic of conversation in PLC meetings and great strategies are being shared. More collaboration and communication among students is being observed in classrooms. Students are also tracking their own data and progress toward reaching their academic goals. We continue to celebrate small successes to develop a success mindset in our students. We want them to believe they CAN succeed.
4. Literacy- Through the Ninja Dojo reading incentive program, we are noticing students are reading a variety of genres now. Teachers are integrating science and social studies text into language arts to reinforce the content being taught. We are also incorporating test taking tips such reading the questions before reading the text, going back into the text to find evidence, and skimming for important ideas or key words. During champion block, we are still working hard on fluency and comprehension strategies and building confidence in their reading abilities.

Leadership Day:

We held our first Leadership Day on March 23rd to showcase our progress with Leader In Me for community leaders. We were very proud of the leadership skills our students showed that day and received great feedback from those who attended. The students served breakfast, spoke about the habits, showed a video of our students using them, took the guests on classroom tours, and presented voice boards around the gym.

Bubble Gum Day:

We did another bubble gum day on March 27th and raised \$192.00 to donate to the Carroll County Shop With a Cop program. We are trying to teach our students how important it is to give back to their community.

Artist Showcase:

We had our Spring Artist Showcase on April 2nd to display the many talents our students have. The gym bleachers were packed full of family and friends and the students did an awesome job performing.

Block Parties:

On April 3rd, we enjoyed "block parties" as our 9 week compass celebration. Students who met their goals participated in fun activities throughout the grade level hallway.

Upcoming Events:

April 16- Mrs. Abercrombie's Authors Book Release Celebration

April 21- Career Day for 4th grade

April 22- Career Day for 5th grade

*Working hard everyday to prepare students to do AWESOME work on the K Prep test!

Keep it simple...Be Awesome!