

Lafayette Regional School Board
Principal's Report
September 14th, 2023

What a great 13 days of school we have had! I have really enjoyed getting to know all of the students and I am very proud to say that I have actually exceeded my goal of learning all of the names by the end of September by learning them in two weeks! They have all enjoyed seeing if I would get their names correct each day. Aside from getting to know one another, we have also been very busy with the business of school. Here are the highlights:

1. On Thursday, August 31st we had an all school assembly to welcome everyone back to school. [Here](#) is the presentation that I shared with students. I welcomed all students and introduced all staff as well as new students. We went over the school rules, Be Safe, Respect People, Respect Property and Be Responsible. I then shared our new 3 tier behavior model and explained how that will work to them. At the end Mr. Lyman led the school in a rock, paper scissors challenge. It was a lot of fun.
2. We had our first fire drill on Tuesday, September 5th. It went very well. Now only 9 more drills to go.
3. I continue to work on updating our Emergency Operations Plan which is due to the Department of Homeland Security by Oct. 10th.
4. We have begun our team meetings weekly which are instrumental in helping us meet the needs of all students. Each team, Unified Arts, Primary Team and Intermediate Teams all meet weekly to discuss curriculum and instruction.
5. The Child Study Team has been very busy. The first thing that we wanted to do was create a mission statement about what our team was charged with. After much discussion we came up with this -

Child Study Team Mission-Utilizing data, the Child Study Team is committed to maximizing social-emotional learning and academic readiness by developing and implementing effective and efficient behavioral, academic, and SEL interventions. We also worked on a referral process for staff to let us know that they have a concern about a child. [Here](#) is the form that we have rolled out to teachers.

6. All grades are currently in the process of taking the STAR assessment this month. We are almost all finished. I will have that data to share next month. Kindergartners have all had the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Assessment as well as the DIBELS assessment. We will be combing through that data and making determinations about how to best support students from the results.
7. We have decided to use Handwriting without Tears as the cursive writing program that we will use to address the new state mandate. Cursive will be introduced and explicitly taught in 3rd grade and then reinforced in grades 4 and 5.
8. This is an outdoor education year and our first hike will take place this Friday, September 15th with the Pemi Trail. The Tin Mountain Conservation center came to school on Thursday, September 7th and worked with students all day on compass reading and tree and plant identification.
9. Open House will be on Thursday, September 21 at 6:00. The format will be a little different this year. All parents will start in the MPR where I will give a short presentation at 6:00 and then students and parents will go around the school and get their “passport” stamped at various locations. Once the passport is all stamped that will be their ticket into the ice cream social that the PTO is hosting. It should be a great night.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Kopp

Principal