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June, 2019

Blue Ridge Elementary

Academic Focus

- **Committee of Professional Learning:** On May 16, the Blue Ridge Committee of Professional Learning spent the day developing student learning goals and professional learning focuses for the 2019-20 school year. Teachers decided to continue the writing focus for next year with a greater emphasis on voice and word choice. In addition to writing, teachers will align math strategies and vocabulary kindergarten through 5th grade based on the teachings of Greg Tang and common language. Teachers plan to narrow the focus to ensure students master specific skills and concepts by the end of the current grade level. Throughout the school year, we will invite district level coordinators to facilitate conversations and provide additional professional learning.
- **Opinion Writing:** Kindergarten through 5th Grade finished the opinion writing as the last published piece for the year. This year, we closely monitored the progress on 3 of the Six Traits of Writing: ideas, organization and conventions. On average, grade levels increased the level of proficiency in organization and ideas from 15% to 65%. Teachers are excited to see how this translates into learning next year.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Muffins with Mom:** To celebrate and honor moms during the month of May, Blue Ridge PTA hosted Muffins with Mom before school. Students enjoyed muffins, coffee and juice with their mom or significant female influence. Approximately 275 families joined us for the light breakfast.
- **5th Grade Celebration:** Our annual 5th Grade Celebration was held May 31, 2019 during the last hour of school. Teachers recognize each student and share a bit of interesting information about their school experience with parents. Each student also receives a personality award voted on by their peers. This year, the PTA and Blue Ridge gifted the students with a T-shirt.

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Eastwood Hills Elementary

Academic Focus

- Kindergarten: Some of our academic highlights this year include: letters and sounds, reading 51 sight words, understanding the writing process, reading and writing simple sentences using sight words and 3 sound words, identifying numbers 0-20, counting to 100, addition and subtraction fluency, life-cycles, needs of plants and animals, habitats, and earth and sky.
- First Grade: We finished our final piece of How-To writing where students were asked to brainstorm, prewrite on an organizer, complete a rough draft, edit, and publish a final copy. They completed a six sentence paragraph with transition words!
- 2nd Grade: Our second graders have been learning addition and subtraction with regrouping. All of this hard work was reflected in our students' Math STAR scores!
- 3rd Grade: Third grade finished the year working on researching animal projects, exploring fossils, and multi-digit addition and subtraction.
- 4th Grade: Fourth grade has worked extremely hard on completing a research and writing assignment over their selected Famous Missourian. As a grade level, the students have shown growth in their efforts and testing taking skills. MAP was complete with great effort and attitudes!
- 5th grade: Our students worked extremely hard during three weeks of MAP testing. We also had 95% of our students able to attend the May No Buddy Room Party!

Parent/Community Focus

- Our Kindergarten and First Grade students performed their annual Music performance in the month of May, which is always a special experience! Both fourth and fifth grade girls and boys participated in 5K races this past month as part of the Girls on the Run and Let Me Run organizations. Eastwood was pleased to host their first annual Talent Show on the 24th of May, the first time in over a decade! Three students were honored with Royals tickets and new bikes at the final PBS Assembly for perfect attendance for the school year, and we look forward to celebrating our 5th graders Monday June 3rd at the 5th Grade Recognition Breakfast and Music Performance!

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Fletridge Elementary

Academic Focus

- **GLA Testing** - Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders wrapped up state assessments this past month. It was a time for them to shine and “show what you know”. Our teachers were very pleased with the stamina and effort shown by our Fletridge Stars.
- **Title 1 Reading & Math DRT** - Classroom teachers and Title 1 Reading and Math Specialists met to analyze data together. Title 1 Specialists shared the progress monitoring data on the students they work with. Together recommendations were made and next steps were planned for each student so programming is ready in August when students return.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Family Fun Night/50th Anniversary** - On May 17, we hosted almost 400 students, parents, and alumni for our annual fun night. In addition, we displayed Fletridge memorabilia which included old yearbooks, photos, pennants, t-shirts and a student handbook from the 70’s. Outside our families enjoyed a carnival setting, food truck, and a visit from the SWAT team and Mounted Police. It was an incredible night to celebrate Fletridge.
- **Bookmobile** - The Bookmobile came to Fletridge and each student in the school received two books. Students always enjoy this and received the following compliment from the volunteers: **“Fletridge Staff and Students** - We were very impressed by the behavior and politeness of the Fletridge students while choosing books from the bookmobile on Wednesday.

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Laurel Hills Elementary

Academic Focus

- **STAR Testing:** The students completed their final STAR assessment for the 18-19 school year. At the conclusion of these assessments, teachers met to analyze their data. We had a lot to celebrate! Our kindergarten and first grade teachers saw notable progress on the STAR Early Literacy assessment. One third of our kindergarten students met the proficiency standard at the end of this year prior to entering first grade. Additionally, nearly all of our first grade students met the proficiency standard by the end of the year and will be entering second grade with excellent phonological awareness skills.
- **GLA Testing:** The third, fourth, and fifth grade students completed their MAP GLA testing with great attitudes. Their teachers reported seeing their students work harder than in years past. We also had great attendance during these testing days. Our teachers, students, and parents all recognized the importance of being at school for the testing. Each day a class had perfect attendance, they were awarded with a little snack.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Family Carnival:** Laurel Hills held its annual Family Carnival on Thursday, May 23rd. Many families attended this annual event. It was a fun night seeing current and past students back at Laurel Hills.
- **Pastries with Parents:** Laurel Hills hosted Pastries with Parents on Wednesday, May 22nd. Families came to school and enjoyed a doughnut and drink with their children before the school day began.
- **Fun Day:** The students at Laurel Hills participated in Fun Day on Friday, May 31st.
- **Career Day:** On Friday, May 17th, Laurel Hills hosted Career Day. We had a large variety of career paths featured throughout the day. Students had 20 minute sessions with different presenters to learn about their career and what schooling was required to earn that position.

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Little Blue Elementary

Academic Focus

- **STAR Testing:** STAR testing has been completed by all grade levels. We are very pleased with our students' progress over the school year.
- **Arts Partners:** 5th grade was able to participate in a workshop through Arts Partners to create Oogles out of clay. They learned about different textures and techniques to create their own monster. Mrs. Hanning, our Art Teacher, fired them in the kiln and they were able to take them home to enjoy.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Talent Show:** Little Blue had our annual talent show on Tuesday, May 30. We had 15 student acts including karate, singing, dancing, orchestra, comedy, and art. The staff also created a video skit that was show during the event.
- **Field Day:** Students, parents and staff participated in our annual Field Day, Friday, May 31. The weather was absolutely perfect and it was a fun time had by all.
- **5th Grade Fun Day:** Our 5th grade students enjoyed "5th Grade Fun Day" on Monday, June 3. They played a variety of games, ate pizza and got a treat from Kona Ice. Students who have been at LB since Kindergarten, were able to add their hand print and signature to the "Lifer Wall" in our gym.

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Norfleet Elementary

Academic Focus

- **GLA Testing:** Norfleet 3rd-5th grade students successfully completed state testing testing in the month of May. Intermediate grade teachers have been preparing students for this venture over the past several months. As each grade completed testing, they celebrated by shopping in the grade level GLA Store, using the GLA bucks they earned for showing strong effort and a positive attitude.
- **5th grade Tours Middle School:** Fifth grade students got a sneak peak into their new school home at Central Middle School. Students enjoyed touring the school and seeing how passing periods are very different than walking in a line in elementary school.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Family Walk:** PTA hosted a Family Fun Walk on the first Saturday in May. The weather was gorgeous and 50 people walked a mile before enjoying a hot dog lunch, donated by our Caring for Kids partners.
- **5th Grade Recognition and Fun Day:** On the last day of May, we recognized each fifth grade student for a successful completion of elementary school. In the afternoon, students enjoyed their annual Fun Day, which included fun games and an inflatable obstacle course.

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Robinson Elementary

Academic Focus

- Following GLA testing, classroom teachers and administration gathered to analyze the final STAR testing data. At that time, we discussed celebrations and identified areas for improvement heading into next year.
- Students in grades 3rd-5th participated in a Raccoon Romp. Students earned points for effort and good attendance while taking the GLA test. Students used these point to purchase items from the snack bar, pop a shot, face painting and opportunities to take part in other carnival type games. K-2 students were awarded their own mini Romps as they were important in the testing process and provided grades 3rd-5th with positive messages and cheers and helped maintain a quiet testing environment.

Parent/Community Focus

- Families at Robinson enjoyed the our annual Robinson Art Fair. Artwork throughout the year was on display. Additionally, there were many pieces of neon items that were enhanced by the use of a black light. Families oooed and ahhed over this display! Fourth grade also hosted their Wax Museum that evening as well. Families and guests had the opportunity to come see the fine work of our 4th graders as they both dressed and spoke their role well.
- Our PTA hosted a 5th grade Celebration at Champions Gymnastics. Families had the opportunity to see students receive a certificate and enjoy cake and juice. This was followed by all 5th graders getting to play and have fun with one another using the facility.

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Southwood Elementary

Academic Focus

- **GLA Testing** - Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders wrapped up state assessments this month. We are proud of students' test stamina and the effort shown during testing.
- **Title I Reading & Math DRT** - Classroom teachers and Title I reading and math teachers met to analyze data together. Title I teachers shared progress monitoring data. Together they made recommendations and determined next steps. Decisions were made regarding programming for next year.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Bingo for Books:** Southwood families enjoyed a special night with pizza, bingo, books, and fun.
- **Southwood City:** Students participated in fun activities during Southwood City Day. Students used Beep Beep Bucks to purchase treats and participate in activities. Root beer floats, decorated sugar cookies, nail salon, jewelry making, face painting, and lifesize games are some of the interactive stations.
- **Fun Day:** The weather was perfect for Fun Day this year! Students enjoyed outdoor games and activities and indoor fun with huge inflatables.
- **Talent Show:** Southwood students will perform in the second annual all-school talent show. Each grade level held talent show try outs and chose two acts to perform in the all-school talent show on June 3.

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Spring Valley Elementary

Academic Focus

- **GLA Testing:** Spring Valley's 3rd-5th grade students successfully completed state testing testing in the month of May. Intermediate grade teachers helped students prepare for this assessment through utilizing the practice assessment during small group instruction, along with the assessment tools on their chromebooks. Students had the opportunity to celebrate their hard work during the GLA incentive party that took place Monday, May 20th!
- **Curriculum Summit:** Over the summer the district will be offering many professional development opportunities for teachers. Spring Valley teachers are signing up for these dynamic trainings July 22nd-29th. Information learned will be implemented and utilized to support the learning and development of students during the 2019-2020 school year.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Spring Valley Art Fair/Ice Cream Social/Wax Museum:** On Thursday, May 7, 2019, Spring Valley Elementary held our annual Art Fair/Ice Cream Social and 4th Grade Wax Museum in which art was displayed throughout the entire building that represented the talents of all K-5th grade students. Additionally, 4th Grade students were posed as Missouri Historians in the gymnasium based upon individuals that they researched and portrayed themselves as. Families had the opportunity to see the creative work of their students through art, historical information, while enjoying ice-cream and socializing. This event brought out over 300 students and families.
- **Spring Valley Talent Show:** On Thursday, May 9, 2019, Spring Valley students, staff, families, and friends had the opportunity to see students display their diverse talents and skills during our annual talent show. This was an outstanding event in which over 150 families came out to support and participate in. This event was especially awesome as it was held for the first time at Raytown South Middle School in which students got to display their talents on an awesome stage!
- **Spring Valley Field Day:** Field Day took place on Friday, May 31, 2019, as a first time all day event. The weather was perfect, the volunteers were awesome, and the students had a grand time.

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Westridge Elementary

Academic Focus

- **End of Year Data Analysis:** Teachers met to review classroom and individual student data. Through this teachers were able to draw global conclusions on how teaching practices and student progress. The process concluded with providing suggested class placements for the 2019-2020 school year.
- **Professional Learning/CPL Plan:** Teacher Leaders and CPL Chairs reviewed 19-20 building goals to determine specific focus in math, reading, and writing. This process culminated in developing the CPL plan for 19-20 school year.

Parent/Community Focus

- **Fifth Grade Fun Day:** The 5th grade team, PTA, and Caring for Kids partner, Connection Point partnered to celebrate our fifth grade students. Students went to Connection Point for games, tie dyed t-shirts, pizza party, and dance party. This is a great tradition at Westridge and is looked forward to by both students and staff.
- **End of Year BBQ and Yearbook Signing:** The PTA hosted its annual End of Year BBQ for families and staff to celebrate the closing of the school year. During this evening, families have the option to purchase a hot dog, chips, and drink package for \$3.00 per person. Students get to have their friends and staff sign yearbooks and play. Thanks to Caring for Kids partners, Caring for Kids all students were given a memory book for signatures.

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New Trails Early Learning Center

Academic Focus

- Benchmark Assessments: New Trails staff have been giving end of the year benchmarks to assessing student progress on the major learner objectives. Teachers are using that information to drive their instruction the last three weeks of school.

Parent/Community Focus

- New Trails: We had over 350 people attend Moving On Celebrations. The children performed songs and were given certificates. We have 98 children going to kindergarten next year. May 31st was our annual water day and June 3rd was our end of school picnic. We had our Community Partners from Kiwanis volunteer at both of these events.

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Three Trails Preschool

Academic Focus

- Three Trails students have completed the STAR Spring testing window. Teachers have been able to compare the students' growth throughout the year.
- Head Start classrooms have been completing online portfolios to show evidence of students' growth. Both the IA and the teacher take ongoing observational data on each of the students. This data is used to guide instruction.

Parent/Community Focus

- Three Trails hosted a celebration for students moving on to Kindergarten. 200 students performed for family and friends as a way to thank families for a wonderful school year.
- Three Trails has enrolled over 180 new students for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.
- Three Trails staff were awarded the KC Degree scholarship. This scholarship provides them with a full ride to UCM where they will be earning their degree in Early Childhood Education.