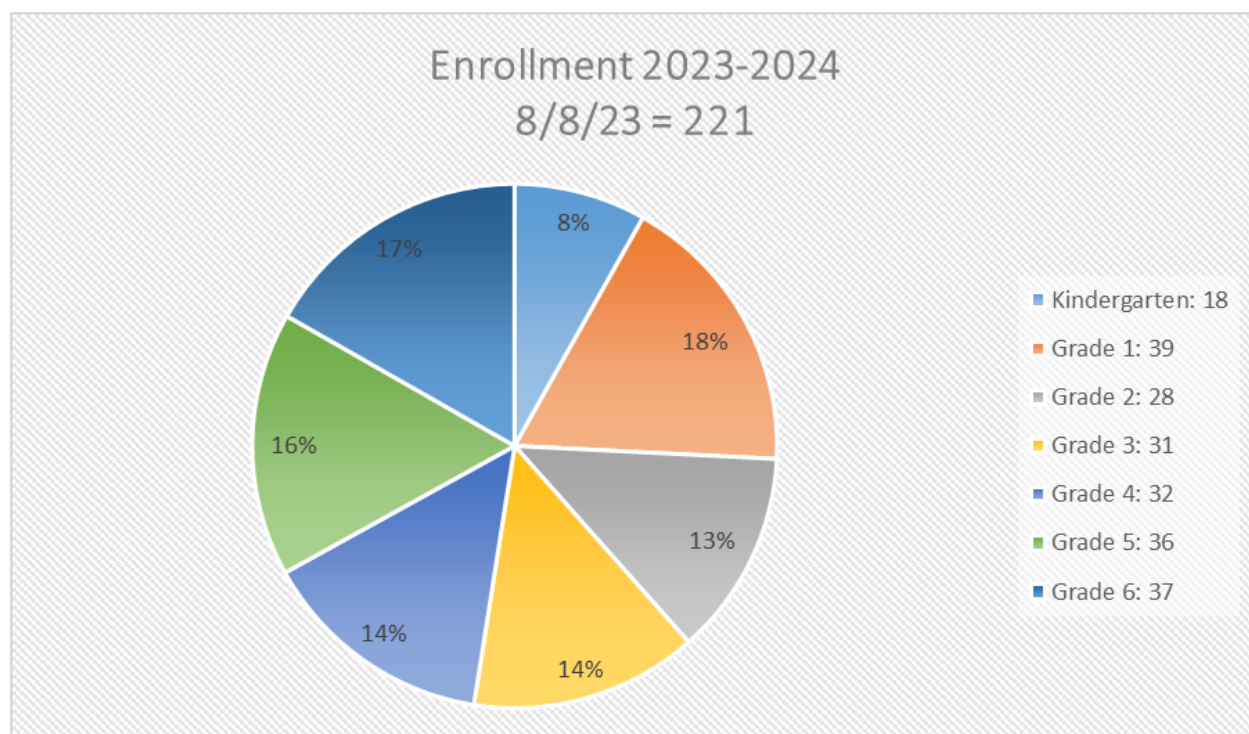


# Elementary Board Report

August 2023

**INTRODUCTION:** Dr. Teresa Harding, Elementary Principal

Enrollment: 221



## RECOGNITIONS

### **Accomplishments and Celebrations of Staff**

We are going to implement “Thankful Thursday” where we recognize a staff member every week. We will take nominees from staff.

## ACADEMICS & TESTING

Cognia Student Engagement Survey:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qKZCvUORLMdGRbtmD0Xb5hIrGw2G0Zbz/edit?usp=drive\\_link&ouid=102460369902525345244&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qKZCvUORLMdGRbtmD0Xb5hIrGw2G0Zbz/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=102460369902525345244&rtpof=true&sd=true)

The above link is for the Cognia Student Engagement Survey that was given in the spring to grades 3-6. This link is for the report on grades 3-5. Sixth grade is included in the 6-8 report.

As you can see on the survey results, there are three types of engagement that the students were surveyed on: Behavioral engagement, Cognitive engagement, and Emotional engagement. The report states that the majority of the students reported they were committed in each type of engagement. These results are very similar to the previous two years.

#### **North Dakota Student Assessment:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vG9iW3wypPklBrrTS5eOH03R87\\_FMwOY/edit?usp=drive\\_link&oid=102460369902525345244&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vG9iW3wypPklBrrTS5eOH03R87_FMwOY/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=102460369902525345244&rtpof=true&sd=true)

The report compares B M Hanson student results to the state average. The individual grades (grade 3-6) are compared to state averages in ELA (English Language Arts), Math, and 4th grade science.

#### **CURRICULUM**

The new Reading Curriculum Amplify CKLA has been distributed to the teachers. We are currently unpacking the the other curriculum materials as they arrive.

I am researching Amira which a supplemental tool that uses the Science of Reading to promote rapid reading growth. It is also a Dislexia Screener. The program is founded on the five pillars of the Science of Reading. There are no games, it is just reading focused on individual student reading ability. The state legislature has purchased this for 2 years for the state of ND.

#### **HES DAILY LIFE :**

##### **Coming Events**

The two day inservice - August 21st and 22nd is planned with the normal presentation of business office information and vender information. There will also be training on Mandated Reporting by Kara Knecht and a presentation from Mr. Dockter.

Elementary Open House will run from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Monday, August 21st.

#### **HES STAFF:**

##### **Personnel**

We are fully staffed with the hiring of 3 teachers in the elementary building and one para-educator. We also have one new part-time janitor.

##### **Professional Development**

Classroom teachers attended Professional Development with Amplify CKLA, our new reading series. This PD was held the 18, 19, and 20th. The training was for specific groups on specific days. Overall it was a one day training for grades k-3, 4-5, and then a ½ day training for grade 6.

There is more PD available for the new reading curriculum. It has not been scheduled yet.

LETRS Training is available this next school year. It is a year long professional development

program that provides teachers with an understanding of scientifically-based best practices for instructional routines, activities, and approaches. Four teachers have been registered for this PD.

## **PARENTS & COMMUNITY:**

### **Parental Involvement**

PTC is serving hot dogs on Monday the 21st in conjunction with the Elementary Open House. Hot dogs will be served from 5:30 - 6:30 and the Open House will run from 6:00 - 7:00.

### **Community Involvement**

Thanks to Dr. Lukens, we have received a grant that will provide a snack for every student in our school 3 days per week. The PTC has volunteered to order and distribute the snack items to the classrooms so there is no extra work for the current staff members (for example the cooks). The grant allows for fresh fruit and vegetables.

We have had a great showing of support from members of the community in giving away backpacks and school supplies to our young scholars. We even have a group coming to give pencils away on the first day of school.

## **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

### **[BM Hanson Handbook](#)**

The student handbook has recommended changes that are highlighted in yellow. There are also three recommended additions. We added an eligibility policy that mirrors the High School Policy. A statement referring to a technology agreement was also added.. Finally, the virtual learning expectations that were developed last year were included.