



VAN BUREN LOCAL SCHOOLS QUARTERLY UPDATE

Building EXPERIENCES

The elementary school has been working to incorporate additional learning experiences that extend beyond the walls of the classroom. T.L. McBeth, an author/illustrator who was born in Findlay, OH, opened up the world of what it takes to be an author/illustrator. In February, the kindergarten and 1st grade students visited Marathon Performing Arts Center to see the production of **The Pout-Pout Fish**. In March, the third grade participated in **Maple Sugarin' Days** at Litzenberg Park.



High school students have completed many career exploration opportunities this year. A variety of speakers from GROB Systems, Inc., Raise the Bar Hancock County Apprenticeship, and DNC Hydraulics have presented to our students. Four seniors are participating in the **Beyond VB Internships**. In November, juniors and seniors had the opportunity to participate in a **LinkedIn Workshop**. Freshmen chose from a variety of career interviews posted on the CareerCast YouTube channel to watch and respond to. In March, students had an opportunity to participate in the **Millstream Career Center Reverse Job Fair**. Seniors participated in a **Senior Career Day** in which they chose from three activities: complete a career assessment and update resumes, attend a college visit, or complete a shadowing experience with someone in a career they would like to further explore. Sophomores participated in **Sophomore Shadow Day** in which they spent a day shadowing a professional in a career they are interested in.



We continue working towards creating a districtwide instructional framework that will support all educators in creating learning environments based on instructional best practices. The newly formed **Instructional Team** met for the first time to discuss districtwide instructional patterns that were discovered through instructional rounds. The goal of this group is to provide feedback on the creation of the instructional framework and habits of instructional leaders.



During the month of March, Van Buren Middle School students participated in various activities that allowed students to celebrate ALL individuals, no matter their circumstance. These activities included making fleece blankets for our local chapter of **Project Linus**. We were able to make over 35 blankets that will be sent out to children in the area that may be hospitalized, born prematurely or struggling with a variety of life situations.

We also worked to build connections with students within our school district as we celebrated **Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month!** Students erupted volcanoes, went on a safari and even shared a smile over a cup of hot chocolate!



Building CONNECTIONS

Building THINKERS

Mr. Blum's Update

FACILITIES ADVISORY GROUP

Our Facilities Advisory Group has met three times in 2022. The purpose of this group is to assist in evaluating our current facilities and develop recommendations for the board of education on how to move forward to improve our facilities. We have toured the facilities and discussed what is important to have in a school along with some of the strengths and areas of improvement with our facilities. We meet the last Wednesday of every month. If you would like to join the group, please contact me at bblum@vbschools.net.

The district finance committee, comprised of district administrators, board representatives, and community members, meets quarterly.

Stay CONNECTED

The district provides the following forms of communication:

Knightly News: mailed to subscribers & posted on the district website

Quarterly Updates: mailed & posted on district website

Social Media Outlets: Facebook, Instagram & Twitter

Text Updates from Superintendent Brian Blum to subscribers

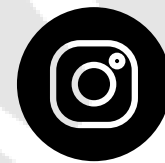
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