



From the Superintendent's Desk
Proctor Public Schools, ISD 704
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This is my weekly update on the state of the district which focuses on a variety of issues relating to facilities, curriculum, activities, and programs occurring throughout our district. There may be weeks in which I only focus on one or two topics, but I do want to keep you informed. I welcome comments and feedback regarding this update or any of your concerns regarding our district.

Facilities:

I am very pleased to announce that we will be having our Open House to celebrate the completion of the Pike Lake addition on December 13th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Open House is a chance to announce to the communities of Caribou Lake, Pike Lake and to our entire District the final completion of this new educational addition to our school district. The Pike Lake PIE Committee is planning on providing some refreshments and there will be a short dedication program to acknowledge the efforts of everyone involved in making this addition to our school possible.

Of course we must remember that in the process we all lost a part of our District that was steeped in tradition and layered with successful educational experiences. That loss of course was the closure and sale of Caribou Lake Elementary. I will always remember Caribou Lake Elementary fondly and reflect at this time of the year on the very last Holiday Program at Caribou Lake and it still makes me smile with pride.



Elementary Counselor:

As we began to plan for a new elementary counselor last month, we initially thought we would be hiring a “new elementary counselor”. However, we ended up with a pleasant surprise when Mary Schultz, our middle school counselor, decided to move back to the elementary and become our “new elementary counselor”. I know that Mary will do an amazing job with our elementary students and we all look forward to having Mary walk the halls of our elementary schools as she begins this new professional journey. Oh, are you wondering who our new middle school counselor will be? Well, here she, MaKenzie Johnson. MaKenzie (I know the spelling is rather different! ☺) is working with Mary during a transition period and will join us official after the Holiday break in January. Welcome MaKenzie! I think you’re going to enjoy our middle school, students and our entire staff.



Technology:

There has been a request from our teachers to provide more technology training and to provide opportunities to train in smaller group settings. I have been working with Scott Fitzsimmons and Kathy Nelson so that they can get together and develop a schedule that will work for everyone. I think that we have come a long way with respect to our teacher web pages. When we reflect on where we were 2 years ago, I think we all can feel very proud about our progress and our vision for the future.

Closing Comments:

Our administrators are currently planning our District Holiday Party. Stay tuned for the invitation!! As always, I appreciate your comments and feedback, so feel welcome to reply!