

Monthly Update
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- Throughout the year, our teachers have been participating in a book study around several different Responsive Classroom books. We have recently completed “The Morning Meeting Book” and the four components of Morning Meeting (greeting, sharing, group activity, and message) are being incorporated into classrooms across the school with the goal of promoting a climate of trust and belong, academic growth, and positive behavior.
- Our kindergarten students held a Superhero celebration to celebrate all of the reading superpowers they have been learning, including “Pointer Power,” “Perseverance Power,” and “Reread Power.” All of the kindergarten students wore superhero capes and paraded around the school as the finale of the celebration.
- Teachers and administration participated in Mid-Year Conferences, as part of the Educator Growth and Evaluation Plan. During this time, teachers discussed the growth their students have demonstrated thus far this year, identified strategies to implement during the second half of the year, and reflected on their own learning and growth.
- GHS recently earned our 50th Golden Paw! Our Student Council has been hard at work surveying all of our students, PK-2, about what kind of spirit day we should have to celebrate and Stuffed Animal Day was ultimately chosen!
- This month, the second graders attended a “Charlotte’s Web” play at the Lincoln Theater. Despite a very rainy day, the students, staff, and parents really enjoyed the show!

Monthly Principal Update to Board of Education
Michael Larkin, Hebron Elementary School

- The HES School Climate Committee met in January to plan for the launch of our Student Council. The School Climate Committee decided to start a Student Council as a school connectedness strategy. The following teachers are serving on the School Climate Committee this year: Erin Bride, Jennifer Wales, Kristin Lasko, Amanda Wishart, Dana Mutch, Stephanie DeLucia, Christine Gee, Laurie Sullivan. Mrs. Mutch and Mrs. Sullivan have volunteered to serve as Student Council advisors/facilitators.
- The HES grades three and four chorus performed two concerts in January, one during the day for the school community and a second evening performance for families and friends. Students delighted both audiences under the direction of Ms. Christine Gee.
- The January CARES Assembly at Hebron Elementary School was focused on our school-wide social emotional expectations: Cooperation, Advocacy, Respect, Empathy and Self-Control. Students viewed three short videos of characters demonstrating these traits and then had an opportunity to turn and talk about them.
- The HES School Advancement Committee met in January to review the School Advancement Plan and reflect on the Results Indicators to date. The following teachers are serving on the School Advancement Committee this year: Carrie Maranda, Julia Clark, Ashley Archer, Jen Guernsey, Dana Mutch, Stephanie Delucia and Katie Clancy.
- Teachers at HES started to conduct their Mid Year Reflection Conferences with Mr. Larkin during the month of January. These conferences are an opportunity to reflect on student achievement data related to individual teacher goals, as well as professional learning goals and parent communication goals. This year, HES is working on increasing our positive communications to parents. One strategy we are using to support that school-wide goal is the distribution of "Good News From School" postcards. These are postcards that each faculty member has and can send home to parents to remark on something positive about each student.