

"Notes From School"

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new year in the School District of Mondovi. Our staff was extremely busy over the summer in preparation for what is expected to be an outstanding 2017-2018. Even when school is not in session, we are still on a cycle of constant improvement. Here are some of the highlights!

In the spring of 2017, we were awarded a Hometown Health Grant from the Mayo Health System in the amount of \$25,000. The focus of our efforts during the school year will fall into the area of mental health. As a district, we have partnered with the National Resilience Resource Center to assist us in walking through our journey. A small leadership group of staff members spent two days over the summer understanding the basic principles of Health Realization/Resiliency. Consequently, we will be the first school district in the world to pilot their newly created curriculum. Stay tuned for more opportunities of community participation.

Also in the spring of 2017, we received news as a recipient of a Wisconsin Technology Initiative Grant from the TOSA Foundation. The TOSA Foundation was created by John and Tashia Morgridge. John and Tashia are both UW-Madison graduates. John was the first President and CEO of Cisco, a world leader in networking for the internet with approximately \$30 billion in annual revenues. Tashia is an educator and author. Tashia devoted her career to special education at the elementary school level and is the author of the book Award-Winning Activities for All Curriculum Areas. Their goal with the WTI Grant is to provide funding to K-12 schools to advance the use of technology in learning environments throughout the state. The School District of Mondovi utilized our \$25,000 grant receipt to purchase Chromebooks for student usage as well as sound amplification systems for students with hearing impairments so that they may better understand auditory teacher instruction.

Some of our staff has moved into new locales. Aside from a fair number of teachers moving into new classrooms, there were two rather significant maneuvers. First, our Anthony 4K/ECE staff are now located in the City Facility. We are looking forward to a larger collegial professional development network due to their presence. Secondly, our Elementary Office has moved in the room formally occupied by music. This move was

predicated not only by feedback heard during our Strategic Plan Stakeholder Survey, but also by safety discussions held at the Administrative Team level. We hope that you will appreciate the safety and convenience that this move will provide to you as an Elementary School visitor.

Lastly, we have some new faces in the crowd. At the Elementary School level, we have hired Courtney Sebesta-Early Childhood Education Teacher, Lindsay Carroll-2nd Grade Teacher, Anna Sandberg-3rd Grade Teacher, Sydney Pretasky-5th Grade Teacher, and Billie Jo Fedie-Paraeducator. At the Middle School level, we have hired Craig Loscheider-Special Education Teacher and Traci Bauer-Paraeducator. At the High School level, we have hired Amy Vida-English Teacher, Kayla Bauer-FACS Teacher, and Bella Halverson-Paraeducator. Have a great year!