

**Hedding Principal's Report**  
**September 2022**

**Hedding Entity Count**

PK - 45  
K - 49  
1st - 44  
2nd - 55  
3rd - 60  
4th - 53  
5th - 66  
Total - 372

**Book Blast**

Book Blast started Monday, September 12. Book blast is a fundraiser done through the company Books are Fun. The fundraiser promotes building at-home libraries for our students. Students took home a treasure map asking them to set up an account on a specially made link for A-town. Parents entered 10 email addresses or phone numbers and an automated email was sent to them explaining the program and asking for a donation. There is no purchase necessary. Students that turned in 10 names received a glow in the dark blanket, a disco ball strobe light, and monkeys that have sticky gel on the hands and feet allowing them to climb down walls. There were 4 treasure chests handed out at Hedding and the Avon Campus. Eight of our students took home a treasure chest that had \$25 in it. Two lucky students won an iPad. The best part of this fundraiser is all the money donated stays in our schools. Every student in grades Prek-8 will take home at least one book when the fundraiser is over and the donations are dispersed.

## **Tornado Time**

Tornado Time is an after school program that will begin the first week of October.

- Students will be able to stay after school from 3:30 until 4:45 Monday-Thursday.
- This is a free program for all students.
- The program will have snacks, tutoring, enrichment, hands-on activities, and social-emotional learning.
- Students will stay at the school they attend. Avon students 2-5 will be bussed back to AES after Tornado Time.

## **STAR Testing**

The STAR test is a computer-adaptive test that all of our students in grades 1-8 take 3 times yearly to get a baseline and then measure a student's growth in reading and math from Fall to Winter and then again in the Spring. STAR gives both norm referenced scores measuring our students with all students taking STAR across the state as well as school trend data from year to year and criterion referenced scores measuring a students performance on specific State standards.

All STAR assessments are computer-adaptive tests (CATs).

Computer-adaptive tests continually adjust the difficulty of each child's test by choosing each test question based on the child's previous response. If the child answers a question correctly, the difficulty level of the next item is increased. If the child misses a question, the difficulty level is decreased. CATs save testing time and spare your child the frustration of items that are too difficult and the boredom of items that are too easy.

## **Open House**

Hedding held its Open House on Tuesday, September 13 from 5-7 p.m. We had a fabulous turnout. Per usual local organizations set up in our gym for parents and students to sign up or get more information. Thank you to the following organizations: Badger Combatives, Kuk Sool Won, Girl Scout Troop 4476, Abington/Avon PtA, John Mosser Library and U of I Extension/

