

Cascade Ridge Elementary
Monday, May 6th, 2019
4pm
AGENDA

Call to Order:

Welcome: Introductions

- School Administrator – Tia Kleinkopf (Principal), Patti Foryan (Dean of Students)
- Staff Members – Donna Cleary, staff, Angela Ahlemeyer staff, Illene DeRemer (Primary rep) Demetra Trull (Intermediate Rep)
- Parent/Community Members – Matt Gehmen, Qibo Fan, Swati Jain
- PTSA Rep – Amy Hayes (EVP)

Not in attendance: Swati Jain, Qibo Fan, Angela Ahlemeyer

Guest Presenter: Lorna Gilmour ISD, Cultural Awareness

Reading and Approval of Minutes: March 4th, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes by Donna Cleary, seconded by Demetra Trull.

Staff Reports:

Illene- K-2

Kindergarten

Kinder is doing great. Concert next week. Just finished math unit 4 starting on 5. Making all about mom books to wrap up information writing. Having fun in reading tying in our read aloud with science. Like the new social studies. We have completed most of curriculum, just have a few ending projects to do.

First Grade

Math:

We're in Module 4, adding and subtracting double and single digits. We've been studying a variety of strategies for adding numbers, and introduced the tape diagram this week, which will be vitally important in second grade.

Reading:

In reading we continue to build on foundational phonics skills in word study as well as decoding, fluency and comprehension in guided reading. Our mini-lessons have been focusing on comprehension strategies such as asking and answering questions, as well as speaking and listening (i.e. whole body listening) standards.

Writing:

We've completed our opinion unit and have begun our journey into realistic fiction. While still attending to structure and development, we place a heavy emphasis on refining grade-level conventions at this point in the year.

Integrated Studies:

We wrapped up our motion and magnets unit and have launched social studies Unit 3-wants and needs. We've had some fantastic conversations!

Second Grade

Reading:

- Guided Reading
- Continuing with Making Meaning Stories
- Reading Responses

Writing:

- Just started Poetry

Math:

- Just gave Mid-Mod 7 test and will continue with 2nd half of Mod. 7
- Math games to build fact fluency

2nd Step:

- Just completed 2nd step

Social Studies:

- Learning about indigenous people. Just received our trunk with items to share with the class.

Demetra- 3-5

3rd Grade is gearing up for testing. It is the first time students will be taking the SBAC test, so we are practicing with the interface and learning about the types of questions/tasks students will be required to perform. In social studies, students are reading biographies about notable Americans from diverse cultural communities and preparing reports on how they shaped history. We are also studying graphing in math and getting ready to write adaptive fairy tales. Our music concert is in two weeks and the students are excited about their upcoming performance.

4th Grade is gearing up for the long stretch between Spring Break and summer. Students are working hard to complete their big non-fiction, historical book that they have authored over the past 3 months. In Math, we are working on Module 4, which focuses on measuring angles, and other geometric concepts. We are working hard on our new Social Studies curriculum. It has been a lot of fun to teach all of the great new lessons designed for us. In Science, we have living, working ecosystems in our classrooms. The kids' excitement is fun to see. We had to reschedule our Cultural Luncheon that we would have had in December, so will instead have this on Wednesday, May 15th. We will also be having a day of classroom rotations on May

17th. Each 4th Grade teacher will do a special activity with all 3 classes. We are all looking forward to ending the year on a fun and positive note.

5th Grade just finished SBAC testing. Students are doing FLASH, studying plants in science, and doing geometry in math. We are just starting a graphic novel reading unit and will soon be learning about memoir writing. We're excited to be earning some money for our 5th grade service project. That money will help us buy supplies to make blankets for Children's Hospital and Treehouse for kids in need. Camp is a month away.

All grades have been SBAC testing. This is the first time for 3rd grade SBAC, so lots of test prep going on.

Angela- EAs

- No report

Donna – Office Staff

- Kinder enrollment is low. 41 enrolled right now, would like to have around 60. Send out message to community to register for Kindergarten.

Principal's Report: Tia Kleinkopf

- Levy
 - Community member on the levy committee needed. Two meetings coming up, Wednesday June 5th and June 19th from 5:30-8pm. This person will communicate the scope and what's happening with the levy to the community.

PTSA Report: Amy Hayes

- Community and Staff Surveys are out
 - Surveys close May 15th
 - Incentives for survey participation
- Re-Cap of Spelling Bee makeups, Science Fair and Festival of Cultures
- Update on Upcoming Programs & Events
 - Staff Appreciation week May 6-10th
 - PTSA General Membership meeting/Talk with Tia May 17th
 - Bingo night is May 17th
- 4th grade concert parent feedback
 - Tia explained that Mrs. Creaser had less time to prepare with the 4th graders due to the snow days and gave them the option of doing individual performances to compensate. More students wanted to do these individual performances than she expected and the concert ended up being similar to the PTSA Talent Show in January. The same format occurred with the 5th grade concert this year. Next year, the grade level concerts will return to a regular format.

New Business:

- Community Questions
 - Question about lunch trash and if it's supposed to not be thrown away at school. Waste free Wednesday might have had an impact on this and resulted in additional trash going home.

Adjourn: Next meeting Fall, 2019