

Rochester 2-3 Elementary School

Communication, Empathy, Critical Thinking, Adaptability, Leadership

Board of Education Report - December, 2024

Celebrations:

- We are excited about our successful launch of the Leader in Me morning meetings and student leadership roles around the building (morning greeters, organizers, lost and found facilitators, pledge leader, and more). Students are doing a wonderful job with being in front of the students and demonstrating positive leadership traits while helping outside of the classroom and around the entire building. It really is amazing to see how they are stepping up to take on those leadership roles and step outside of their comfort zone.
- Congratulations to our students and staff for the recognition we received from the US World and News Report, placing us in the top 40% of Illinois schools based on our reading test scores. Additionally, our ISBE state designation is "Commendable" for this year.
- Thank you to our PTO and elementary parents for the generous support of our teachers and staff. Over the past month, they have been gracious enough to provide lunch or snacks on a couple occasions. Many have also been volunteering in the building for various events such as mystery readers, classroom parties, book fair, roller skating, and more. We could not do it without all of you!

What's Been Happening & What We're Doing:

- We have been fortunate enough to create several educational opportunities for our students, both inside and outside the classroom. We want to thank everyone involved for your support in helping up provide these opportunities:
 - o Ag in the Classroom
 - o Digital Citizenship
 - Visit from the Mayor of Atwood
 - Chemistry Club Experiments
 - o Roller Skating in PE
 - o RJHS Day of Service
- Upcoming Events:
 - o 2nd Grade Polar Express
 - Looking forward to the next couple weeks as we wrap up the semester and have all of our holiday events and celebrations.

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- Winter/Holiday Dress-up Days (Week of December 16-20)
 - Monday Santa's Helpers
 - Tuesday Dress Like a Snowman
 - Wednesday Grinch Day
 - Thursday PJ Day
 - Friday Holiday Attire

What Mr. Krepel is Reading/Listening to/Exploring:

• Failure is Not an Option: 6 Principles That Advance Student Achievement in Highly Effective Schools by Alan Blankstein

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