

M.S.A.D. #53
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REPORT
Pre K - 4

To: M.S.A.D. # 53 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
From: Faye Anderson
Re: Board Report for September 2011
Date: August 23, 2011

ENROLLMENT

Students have been transferring in and out of the elementary school. As of August 23, we have picked up 26 new students and have dismissed 16 students. Teachers have been very busy finding extra desks, making new name tags, and getting their classrooms ready to just name a few things.

Grade level	Number of students	Number of classrooms	Teacher/Student Ratio
PK	48	3	1:16
Kindergarten	79	4	1:20
Grade 1	71	4	1:18
Grade 2	75	4	1:19
Grade 3	68	3	1:23
Grade 4	64	3	1:21

NEW STAFF

We are excited to welcome back Ashley Currier as our new third grade teacher taking the place of Mrs. Thomas who left for a position closer to her home. Last year Ashley was a part time teacher, job sharing a position with Mrs. Jan Rollins who was a part time math interventionist. Ashley taught reading and writing while Jan taught the other academic areas. Ashley is excited to have her first full time teaching position.

SUMMER WORKSHOP

This summer, Jan Rollins, Tracy Hallee, Anne Miller and I went to a three-day conference offered by the state to begin the discussion of Formative Assessment in our schools. These assessments are done in the classroom setting to inform teachers on an almost daily basis. On the last day of the conference, we had the opportunity to plan how we would bring the information that we received back to the staff. As a team, we have planned several in-service days and staff meetings to work on formative assessments. We left the workshop excited about the work that we had completed and the plan we devised.

CIPS UPDATE

On Monday, August 22nd, we met with our Department of Education consultant to review last year's School Improvement Plan. We accomplished most of our goals. There were a few that will be carried over to this year. We also began the process of creating this year's plan. As one of our goals, we will hold a meeting with parents to review our plan, give parents the opportunity to ask questions, and also give teachers a time to meet with parents to review the expectations, both academically and behaviorally, within their grade level and classrooms. It is our hope that this evening will allow more parents to be involved supporting their child and their education.

We have divided the grade levels up so that parents who have more than one child will hopefully get the opportunity to meet with each of their child's teachers.

SES UPDATE

We have 7 vendors that have shown an interest in providing tutoring services for the students at Manson Park and Vickery Schools. We will be sending an introductory letter to families that qualify under No Child Left Behind informing them of this service on September 7 and then a follow up letter on September 14 letting them know what night is the vendor fair and offering our services helping them make some determinations for their child. Families who are classified as "free and reduced" are the only families who can take advantage of this service. Parents have from September 10 – September 20 to sign their child up for tutoring. Tutoring will begin after September 26 for the fall session. There will also be a winter session that parents can sign up for. Each child will receive \$1,170.00 worth of services. The number of sessions is based on the vendor's fees. Last year we had 25 students receive tutoring from three different agencies.

OPEN HOUSE

Last year we experimented having Open House prior to school beginning. It was a huge success so we will be trying it again this year. Open House at the Manson Park School will be on September 30th at 1:30. Parents and kindergarten students will ride the bus to and from school for their Open House. This gives parents the opportunity to meet the bus driver and experience the bus route with their child. Students in grades 1-4 will have their Open House at the Vickery School on September 30th from 5:30-6:30.

SAXON MATH

I am excited to say that kindergarten and grade 1 will begin the Saxon math program this year. Last year was a huge success in grades 2-4 and we are positive this program will support our curriculum and give students a great beginning to math education.

SKILLS BLOCKS

This year we will continue to have Skills Blocks in the area of reading. Our Title I program will provide more "push-in" services for our struggling students. We have abandoned our Math Skills blocks due to the intensity of the Saxon Math Program. Our Title I math techs will continue to work one on one or with small groups to support Saxon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 30 –

Kindergarten Open House – 1:30-2:00 @ Manson Park

Grades 1-4 Open House – 5:30-6:30 @ Vickery School

August 31 – School Begins

September 6 – PK begins

September 14 or 19 – SES Vendor Fair

September 15 – PK & K Curriculum Night @ 6:00 – 7:00

September 19 – Manson Park Dental Clinic

September 19 – School Pictures

September 21 – Vickery Dental Clinic

September 22 – Grades 1 & 2 Curriculum Night @ 6:00 – 7:00

September 23 – Vickery Dental Clinic

September 28 – ½ day in-service

September 29 – Grades 3 & 4 Curriculum Night @ 6:00 – 7:00