

Principal's Report: October 2024
Bethlehem Elementary School
SAU35-Wide Goal Alignment

Focus Area 1: Serve All Students to Ensure Academic Achievement by Fostering the Development of the Whole Student

Fall Benchmark Testing:

- We have completed our fall benchmarking, providing us with crucial data to guide instructional strategies and student interventions. Teachers will use these results to tailor their approaches to better meet the diverse needs of our students.

Professional Development Day – October 11th:

- On October 11th, we will hold a professional development day with a choice menu for staff, featuring:
 - Data analysis and AIMSWEB reporting
 - Trauma sensitivity and de-escalation techniques/Student Support Center (SSC)
 - Effective use of AI in the classroom/Khan Lingo
 - Advanced Google Suite tricks/Using Google Forms for assessments
 - Writing using AIMSweb 360
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- This PD day will include dedicated data time for teachers to review benchmark data, enhancing their ability to adapt instructional plans.

Mental Health and Behavioral Support:

- Ben Woo has been back in our school one day a week plus he is joining our student support meetings on Wednesday mornings. Guidance is working on planning to meet the needs of other students without insurance. Student Support Center data collection has been updated and will be analyzed shortly to see how we can improve.

Upcoming Training:

- Our Kindergarten/first-grade team is scheduled to receive training in a one-day science reading program in November. This training, funded by a Title II grant, aims to strengthen our early science literacy instruction.

Focus Area 2: Build Culture to Create Safe, Positive, and Inclusive Environments for Students, Staff, Faculty, Parents, and Community

Library/Media Space:

- The carpet is here and we have volunteers who will handle the installation. We plan to complete this project before Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day weekend or before Thanksgiving break to avoid any fumes in the building during school hours.

Home Visit Program:

- The home visit program has been successfully completed, with a total of 39 home visits conducted. Most visits involved two staff members, allowing us to build stronger relationships with families and better understand our students' needs and interests.

Community Engagement:

- We have sent out our parent surveys and are currently analyzing responses to identify strengths and areas for growth in our engagement with families. We are planning on finishing a student survey as well.
 - On 9/14/2024 The PTA and teachers volunteered at the Littleton Coop to raise awareness for our afterschool programs and a partnership with the Co-op again.
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Focus Area 3: Lead with Integrity and Courage, Improving Consistency in Collaboration, Communication, Expectations, and Accountability

Technology and Resources:

- Technology training for our new Library Media/Enrichment hire has been happening and will continue through December.

Strategic Planning:

- Staff collaboration remains a priority as we work on our school's five-year strategic plan, aligning school goals with the district's objectives. This plan focuses on promoting student well-being, curriculum excellence, and fostering a positive school culture.