

Principal's Report: September 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

Certification updates: Our Library/ Media Specialist has passed the Praxis Library Media exam and will be completing a plan for intern license.

Fall Benchmark Testing: We are currently preparing for fall benchmark testing, which will provide us with data to inform our instructional strategies and support student achievement. The results will guide our approach to meeting the diverse needs of our students and will be a key focus during our upcoming professional development sessions.

Professional Development Day - October 11th: On October 11th, we will hold a professional development day with a choice menu for staff. This will include dedicated data time for teachers to review benchmark data and tailor their instructional plans accordingly. The PD menu will offer a range of sessions, including:

- Data analysis and AIMSWEB reporting
- Trauma sensitivity and de-escalation techniques/ SSC
- Effective use of AI in the classroom/ Khan Lingo .
- Advanced Google Suite tricks/ Using Google Forms for assessments
- Writing using Aimsweb 360

Mental Health and Behavioral Support: We are also pleased to announce that Ben Woo will be returning next week to provide student services one day a week for up to 10 students. Guidance is planning on meeting the needs of others without insurance. Our School Psychologist Emily Russel also has an Intern who will be working on refining data collection in the Student Support Center and seeing a few students for counseling as well on day a week.

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

Our commitment to building a strong school culture is reflected in both our physical infrastructure and our educational resources:

- **Library/Media Space:** Carpet is on order. We have people who will volunteer the installation.
- **Home Visit Program:** The grant was approved and meetings are already scheduled for this week.

- **Community Engagement:** To better understand and improve our community engagement, we are developing a student survey to gather feedback directly from our students. Additionally, we will be sending out a parent survey to identify strengths and areas for improvement in our communication and engagement with families. These surveys will be vital in shaping our future initiatives and ensuring that we are meeting the needs of our school community.

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 began 9/9/2025, covered by a Title II grant.