

**Bethlehem Elementary School
Principal's Report – February 2025**

SAU35-Wide Goal Alignment

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

Winter Benchmarking

Winter benchmarking assessments have been completed for primary grades and the results indicate growth in both math and Reading. Secondary grades will be benchmarked in March.

2024-2025 Bethlehem Elementary School Fall to Winter Benchmark Growth Comparison

| Grade | Early Numeracy Fall Mean | Early Numeracy Winter Mean | Spring | Early Literacy Fall Mean | Early Literacy Fall Mean | Reading Spring |
|--------------|--|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Kindergarten | 30.9 | 44.4 | | 36 | 69.6 | |
| First | 40.9 | 65.3 | | 20.6 | 52.2 | |
| | Math | Math | | Reading | Reading | |
| Second | 150.9 | 182.4 | | 340.2 | 392.1 | |
| Third | 189.9 | 216.8 | | 427.8 | 451.3 | |
| Fourth | comparison data will be available in March | | | | | |
| Fifth | comparison data will be available in March | | | | | |
| Sixth | comparison data will be available in March | | | | | |

Winter Program

This year's Winter Program continues to provide students with engaging activities that promote physical activity, creativity, and cultural enrichment. Students have the opportunity to participate in skiing, rock climbing, swimming, gymnastics, French, music, STEAM activities, and sledding.

Student Government Initiative

The student government has launched a school newspaper, with the first edition set to be published on February 15, 2025. This initiative provides students with a platform to express their voices and develop writing and journalism skills.

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

Elevator Renovation

The long-awaited elevator renovation has been completed and successfully passed the state inspection on January 31, 2025. This improvement ensures accessibility and compliance with state standards.

Focus Area 3: Lead with Integrity and Courage, Improving Consistency in Collaboration, Communication, Expectations, and Accountability

Certification Updates

- **Principal Certification:** I, Bryan Smith, have successfully passed the oral boards and have the principal certification approved.
 - **Reading/Writing Specialists:** Rhianna Miscio and Christine Greenlaw have received full certification as Reading/Writing Specialists.
 - **Library Media Specialist:** Stephan Shapiro has enrolled in a Library Media Specialist program to complete his approved plan for Library Media Certification.
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Community Engagement

School Events

- The Rec. Department held the Valentine's day dance at the school on 2/7/2025.
- Gear Shed- The Gear Shed is up and running. Community members can check out outdoor equipment, such as bikes and snowshoes.