



# Mt. Blue Middle School Board Update



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## Winter Review

### 1. Enrollment / Academics

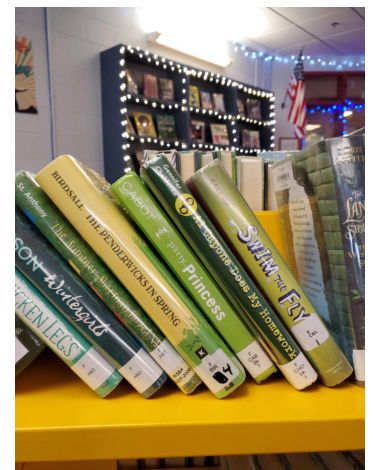


- a. MBMS is preparing for step up day for all students moving into the next grade level. 8th grade students will be moving to the high school and the 5th grade students will be coming into MBMS.
- b. The 5th grade visitation will occur on May 26th when middle school teachers and admin visit all 5th grade students and discuss the move to the middle school. This visit helps significantly with a positive transition and relieves stress for both students and parents.
- c. MBMS has seen a total of 6 students return from home schooling since the mask mandate was lifted. This has not impacted class sizes.
- d. The middle school is preparing for spring MEA (NWEA) testing which will occur in May. Once completed data comparisons can be made with fall data and focus areas can be identified.

Staff collaborating during a Staff Meeting

### 2. Facility updates

- a. Outdoor learning spaces will be started this spring which will include a new outdoor eating space adjacent to the cafeteria. This will allow for additional eating space providing additional social distancing and fresh air.
- b. Renovations will be made to sidewalks and the main entry door in order to better facilitate wheelchair accessibility.
- c. Design and planning has started in the library renovation project which will help support all learners here at MBMS. Wendy Simpson is working to provide a more inviting space for all types of students.
- d. The softball / field hockey field is going to have the drainage issues reviewed and we will work to remedy these issues for the fall.



Green Books from St. Patrick's Day

### 3. Spring updates:

- a. Our Read 180 intervention program continues to help students make gains in their reading levels. The interventionist position has helped manage the 80 students we have involved in this program.
- b. Our 8th grade semi-formal has been scheduled for May 14th after a two year hiatus. Students are very excited about this middle school tradition returning.

### 4. Climate and Culture:

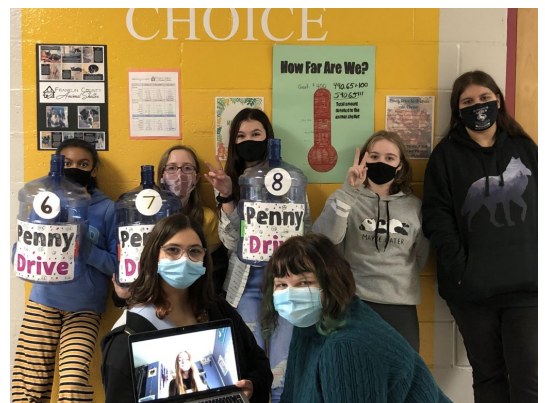
- a. MBMS student Wyatt Jessen recently raised and donated \$380 toward the Ukraine crisis. Well Done, Wyatt! Thank you to the MBMS students and staff that helped with his cause.
- b. MBMS annual Chili Chowdah challenge was once again a great success. This year the **“Golden Pots”** went to the following teachers. Best Chowda' - Mrs. Quimby & Best Chili - Ms. Zachary
- c. Our impact club, led by Mrs. Mochamer raised a total of \$790 dollars for the Franklin County Animal Shelter.



Wyatt Jessen, Grade 6



Ms. Zachary & Mrs. Quimby



Impact Club raising funds for the Animal Shelter

### 5. Co-Curricular/Athletics

- a. Spring sports are underway with approximately 112 students participating in baseball, softball, and track
- b. The middle school one act play “This is a test” was a great success and involved many middle school students. The play took place in the auditorium at Mt. Blue Campus.
- c. Dungeons and Dragons club was started this year by Kaylyn Walker has drawn large crowds of students who enjoy online game play.
- d. MBMS’ very own Elizabeth Strickland won the Franklin County Spelling Bee this year and represented our school in the statewide spelling bee at USM.

