

W.G.Mallett School Board Update

September 2022

Tracy Williams, Principal

Wrap up of '21-'22:

- The school year started with lower than average outcomes in Math and Literacy.
- Despite high absenteeism, we saw improvement each quarter, with good percentage increases by year end. (May report)
- Year-end SWIS data: 50% reduction in Office Disciplinary Referrals compared to Pre-Covid.
- We hosted a successful 'Parent Visit Day' in May, to open our doors to parents who had not been into the school for two years - or had not been in at all.
- We said good-bye to three long-term staff members to retirement and moving:
Paula McPherson (Ed. Tech) Mary Paradis (former K teacher & Ed Tech) Erika Neal (Pre-K)

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Academics:

- Our RTI (Intervention) system has begun with team meetings /student selection, Wk. of 9/12.
- *Assessments underway are : DRA,DNA,ODT,Grade Level Snapshots, Observation Survey
- Though fall assessments are not complete yet, this year's incoming K class appears more academically typical (as did last year's); 1st grade performance is showing a stronger start as well. 2nd grade is the group that experienced the most disruption due to Covid and appears to be the group most in need of academic support and strategies.
- This year we hope to expand enrichment for students who have already met benchmarks.

Enrollment /Staffing:

- 325 students currently
- The % of boys/girls is about 50/50 (still) though it varies at different grade levels.
- Staff - 65 Instructional staff (23 are Ed techs) + 3 Kitchen, 1 FT,2 PT custodial, 2 office, 1 nurse



- **193 families were represented at our Open House. 20+ years of Ice Cream Socials @ Open House!**

NEW STAFF

Amanda Murray - Ed. Tech., Life Skills
Margo McIntosh - Ed. Tech. Life Skills
Caitlin Bogar - Ed. Tech. - Resource Rm.
Emily Bouchard - Kindergarten
*Deb Hiltz - Art (& CCHS/Cushing)

Kami Thompson - Ed. Tech. Life Skills
Heather McDonald - Ed Tech.Resource
Gracie Foss - Kindergarten Teacher
*Hannah Goodenow - Pre-K
*Stacey Augustine - G.A.T.E. program

* former staff, new roles

Positives & Fun

2nd Grade Teacher, **Alora Ross (2nd year) was honored as RSU 9 'Novice Teacher of the Year' at the kick off awards ceremony during Workshop Days.*

****Stacey Augustine** was selected (awarded in spring 2022) as Franklin County Teacher of the Year.*

**Fruit trees have been planted for retiring staff for more than 10 years, and we have a good crop!*

**We've had a lot of new parents sign up for PTA; our first meeting will be 9/22.*



*Students in **Mrs. Webber's** class, picking. **Miss Ross's** students making applesauce.*

We're fortunate to have our excellent cafeteria team all return to WGM They are shown here with their sharp new uniforms, ready to greet students!



Kitchen Staff L-R:
Carla Fitch, Liz Ellis,
Chris Searle

Assessments happening now:

DRA - Diagnostic Reading Assessment

DNA - Diagnostic Numeracy Assessment

ODT - Oral Diagnostic Test

Observation Survey - a collection of literacy subtest used in grades K and 1st

Snapshots - brief tests to check how students retained the previous year's Math content

