

Principal Report

8/13/19

It's been a very busy summer at Sharon Elementary. Our One Planet summer program was a huge success serving up to 60 children. The staff was phenomenal and the programs that were provided offered children many opportunities to have fun, as well as to learn new skills. The breakfast and lunch program was well received and the quality of food was excellent. We thank chef Willy for that!

Many staff members have taken advantage of Professional Development opportunities that are offered either through the district or other outside sources. The level of commitment by the staff to continue to grow as educators is amazing.

Our custodial staff has been extremely busy getting the building ready for the upcoming year. Dave has put in a lot of hours cleaning and making sure our facility is running on all functions. Cristal Camp, our new night custodial has begun work as well.

We have had to set aside our paving project for the parking lot as the work to do the job cannot take place in time for school to start. We have contracted with Horizon's Engineering to help facilitate the paving project and the building of a new lot for early next construction season. Horizons has provided a detailed scope of services. I can share this with anyone who is interested.

Our pre-school sidewalk and ramp will be ready to go for our first day. We will be extending the sidewalk and shortening the ramp so that it will be more durable and easier to remove snow.

The pre-school roof is in need of repair. We have bid the project out and are now considering our options. I can speak in more detail about what needs to be done upon request.

We also have to insulate an area above the kitchen as the pipes freeze during our colder months. Once again, we have bid this project out and hope to start work on that before school begins.

Security cameras will be installed around the school, as well as two inside the school. I've asked that the company installing the cameras to make sure that we are able to have some viewing of our parking lot as that has been a "hot area" in the past for suspicious behavior.

Our One Planet room will be fixed with a viewing screen and entrance buzzer for our front door so that we can keep the door locked after school. This will help to keep our school safe during the One Planet after school time.

Teachers have met for the past two days for our annual “retreat”. We have developed our calendar for the year that includes all special events, testing and assessment windows, marking periods, in-service days, meetings and coaching with our new reading consultant. We have begun to work on our PD for our outdoor ed time by creating a vision as to what we hope to achieve, as well as creating a document that can be shared with the community. Finally, we spent time in the building starting the process of cleaning areas for better use.

We are currently looking for a guidance counselor to replace Melissa Zoerhide who has left to be an administrator. The posting for the position has been sent to Kristy White and she will be posting it internally, as well as on School Spring and in local newspapers.

Meg Hopkins has agreed to take on the position of MTSS coordinator, helping to manage our EST and 504 case loads. We have developed a job description that we will present to the Superintendent for his approval, in hopes to re-write her contract to a .80 position

Important Date:

August 22nd- Mentor Training Day

August 23rd- Literacy Course- District Training

August 26th and 27th- Inservice Days

August 28th- First Day Celebration- Half Day for students, Full Day for Staff

September 2nd- No School- Labor Day