

Howells-Dodge Consolidated Jaguar Bulletin May 2017



From Mr. Ernst's Office

It is hard to believe that the year is almost over and we are moving into our final weeks of school. There will be a lot going on in these next few weeks as we prepare to finish out the school year. Mr. Dobbins and I are currently working on the student's schedules and hope to have them out to the students for next year before they go home for summer break. Mr. Dobbins is utilizing computer registration so please be patient as we work out the kinks in online registration.

The school improvement team met once again at the end of April and I wanted to relay some of the information that was discussed in that meeting. Our current goal is to improve reading across all content areas. We will continue our focus on three parts moving forward into next year. The first part is to continue to implement a framework of instruction called the Marzano Model. We will continue focusing on engaging students and improving instruction. The second part is taking the data we receive from our DIBELS, MAPs, and NeSA tests to help us determine areas that we can strengthen through instruction. The last part will be to provide professional development and staff training to work on improving in reading. Next year we will be having staff, students, parents and community members fill out a survey to look at some perceptual data that can help us look at our areas of strength and where we need to improve.

Students will continue to be very busy over these last few weeks of school. Our elementary will be traveling to various field trips, move-up day is on May 3rd for students in 6th grade to shadow junior high classes, and the Jr. High and High School students will be competing in multiple golf and track meets. The school awards night will be held on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30 in the Howells Gym.

Here is the end of the year schedule for when students will be dismissed for summer break. The seniors will be dismissed on May 5th, but will be required to return the following Friday, May 12th by 2:00 for graduation to set-up and practice. Graduation ceremonies will be held on May 13th at Howells Gym at 5:00 p.m. The preschool students last day will be May 12th so please be aware that the preschool students will not have class the last week of school. The elementary and the Jr./Sr. High will be released on May 19th. Please note that on May 19th we have changed that to a shortened day and the students will be dismissed at 1:00. Lunch will still be served and buses will be run accordingly.