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**Date:** 3/27/2017

**To:** Nicasio Board of Trustees

From: Barbara Snekkevik

**Subject:** Principal's Report

## **Events & Activities**

Farm Day Field Trip for K-5 at the Marin Civic Center on March 16<sup>th</sup>

o Theme was "Grown in the Sun"

o Our K-2 students won first place in the poster contest. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade won second place.

o Several 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students won prizes for poetry entries:

First place: John Thomas K. and Cassidy R. Second place: Adam U. and Gwendolyn K.

Third place: Isla S. and Daniel S.

Fourth place: Haley D. Fifth place: Flora L.

- Puberty Education (grades 5/6) and Sexuality/Health Education (grades 7/8)
  - o Presented by guest teacher Jennifer Devine
  - o March 27-30
- Bingo Night on March 10<sup>th</sup> was a lovely night for the community
- Open House and Talent Show next Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm
- Owl Box update... owlets are hatching!
- Drake High School registration is now open! Communicating with Drake's counseling office and our families to ensure students are registered as soon as possible.

## **Staff Updates**

- Professional Development Day, March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - o Staff review of LCAP goals
  - o California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

- Established testing schedule with K-8 teachers (May 2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>)
- Overview of new CAST pilot science test
- Introduction of Interim Assessment Blocks
- o Curriculum Conversation
  - What do we use? What are our needs?
  - Formal adoption of English Language Arts curriculum
  - Teacher leaders assigned in each curricular area
- Capturing Kids' Hearts presented at Marin County Office of Education
  - o Two-day workshop attended by Ellian Klein
  - o Ellian will present to staff on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>
  - o Staff is interested in using school-wide social emotional curriculum
  - o Will continue to research options for 2017-18
- Gold Ribbon Award Site Validation Visit at Drake High School
  - o Barbara participated in the site visit on March 14<sup>th</sup>
  - o Drake's Wellness Program and Center were presented

## **Site Updates**

- Septic Monitoring
  - o Contract signed and returned to Troy Pearce at AYS Engineering, Inc.
  - o Troy will work with county to submit application for operating permit