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Date: 5/4/2017
To: Nicasio Board of Trustees
From: Barbara Snekkevik
Subject: Principal's Report

Events & Activities

- Open House, April 6th
 - Well attended despite stormy conditions, including several incoming Kindergarteners and their families. Power was lost for the last 20 minutes. Community Talent Show was cancelled due to intermittent power outages. Rescheduled for Friday, April 21st.

- “Giving Through Youth” West Marin Fund presentations, April 7th
 - Grades 3/4/5 worked in pairs to present seven local nonprofits (including Audubon Canyon Ranch, the Bolinas Children’s Center, and Institute for Bird Populations)
 - Middle school students voted for recipients of \$3,000 donation
 - Three-way tie (Turtle Island Restoration Network, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Bolinas Children’s Center). Each recipient will receive \$1,000 donation.
 - Featured in the Point Reyes Light (April 13, 2017)

- Rescheduled Talent Show, April 21st
 - Fun evening for the community that featured 14 acts, as well as artwork displayed

- Annual Parent Survey April 17th to 26th
 - Available on-line and hardcopy by request (in office)
 - Results are still being collected (hardcopy, Spanish version)

- Annual Student Survey, April 17th to 21st
 - Administered on-line to students in grades 5-8
 - Results analyzed by staff on April 26th (see below)

- Third Trimester progress reports sent home Thursday, April 27th

- CAASPP testing, May 2nd to May 11th
 - English Language Arts portions completed this week
 - 97% participation rate (1 parent exemption)

- Owl Box update... six owlets were evaluated and tagged on Tuesday, May 2nd

- Students were able to observe process and see owlets outside box
- One owlet has injured talon and was taken to Wildcare for rehabilitation
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon, May 4th
 - Organized by the Parent Club. Lunch prepared by Gisela Alvarado and Laura Flores.
- Night of the Coyote, Nicasio Foundation Fundraiser this Saturday, May 6th

Staff Updates

- Restorative Practices overview presented by Don Carney, Marin YMCA Director of Restorative Services and Marin County Youth Court (April 19th)
 - Staff is interested in piloting school-wide social emotional curriculum
 - Added as action item to LCAP
- Principal's Breakfast April 21st
 - Met with principals of Drake, White Hill, Lagunitas and Bolinas-Stinson
- Staff (certificated and classified) conducted review of student survey results (April 26th)
 - Highlights include:
 - 100% of students gave positive response to feeling safe at school
 - 96% positive response for school maintaining positive environment
 - 90% positive response for "teachers care about me"
 - 80% report "enjoy coming to school"
 - Areas for further review:
 - 30% reported (7 students) "sometimes" receive put-downs, name-calling
 - 26% (6 students) reported "sometimes" victim of targeted bullying
- Administrative Professionals' Day, April 26th
 - Fun opportunity to recognize Mikki and all she does for our school
- On-going collaboration with Margie Bonardi and Laura Trahan of MCOE to complete LCAP draft.
 - Parent consultant group will meet in late May (date TBD)
 - Final review of draft by staff May 24th
 - Present to Board for initial review June 1st

Site Updates

- 2017 Facilities Inspection Tool completed by Barbara and Mikki on April 19th. Nicasio maintains "exemplary" status.
- Facility Use
 - Saturday April 29th Parking lot was used as rest stop for AIDS/Life Cycle ride (Approx. 500 participants. Practice ride for SF-LA ride in June.)
 - Saturday May 6th Parking lot will be used for Organs R Us Golden Gate Relay (Approx. 175 participants)