

West Iron County Schools

Stambaugh Elementary

Highlights

2010-2011

Throughout the past school year and as we plan for the next, students and staff at the Stambaugh Elementary School have kept to our mission:

“We, the staff of the Stambaugh School, are committed to challenge each student to achieve his/her full academic potential, acquire high moral values, and develop a positive self-image in a safe, supportive environment.”

We have just finished a three year cycle of our School Improvement Plan. We are presently working on a new three year plan for 2009 thru 2012.

STAMBAUGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Carol Brunswick	Principal
Mary Arcand	Title I
Terri O'Donnell	Teacher
Lynn Fish/S. Dennis	Teacher
Amanda Zambon	Teacher
Michelle Thomson	Teacher
Patty Saigh	Teacher
Lisa Anderson	Special Education
Denise Maloney	Pre-school coord.
Julie Child	Parent

TEAM MEETINGS

Meetings were held monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The School Improvement Committee met from 3:15 – 4:15 at the Stambaugh School.

BUCKETFILLING SCHOOL

What is a bucketfiller? We all carry an invisible bucket. This bucket contains our feelings. When our bucket is full we feel great; when it's empty, we feel empty. A bucketfiller is someone who says or does nice things for other people. By doing this, they are filling other people's buckets and filling their own bucket at the same time. On the other hand, a bucket dipper says or does things to cause other people to feel bad. This simple but profound philosophy applies to every aspect of life.

Stambaugh School Improvement Team Goals for 2010-2013

Math goal: All students which include Title I and students with IEPs will improve their proficiency scores in Math.

Math objective: By the end of the 2012-13 school year, there will be a minimum 10% increase in the proficiency scores on the MEAP

math assessment for the economically disadvantaged subgroup which includes Title I students and students with IEPs.

Reading goal: Students in the economically disadvantaged subgroup, which includes Title I and students with IEPs will increase their proficiency scores in reading.

Reading objective: By the end of the 2012-13 school year, there will be a minimum 10% increase in the proficient scores on the MEAP reading assessment for economically disadvantaged subgroup, which includes Title I students and students with IEPs.

Science goal: All students which include Title I and students with IEPs will increase their proficiency scores in science.

Science objective: By the end of the 2012-13 school year there will be a 5% increase in the proficiency scores.

Social Studies goal: All students, which includes Title I and students with IEPs, will increase their proficiency scores in Social Studies.

Social Studies objective: By the end of the 2013 school year, there will be a minimum 5% increase in the proficiency score.

Behavior goal: By June 2013, all student behavior will improve by 5%. Behavior will be measured by the number of disciplinary

referrals and MiBLSi rewards issued for the school year.

ATTENDANCE AVERAGE

Our daily average attendance for 2010-2011 school year is 94%.



Kindergarten Orientation August 25th 2010

A presentation was given to parents regarding what is expected of our students and many areas from the handbook were discussed. Parents were able to meet their child's teacher and visit their classroom, fill out forms for hot lunch, check out transportation for their child or discuss day care. We had pamphlets from MSU extension available to hand out regarding nutrition. Eighty-four percent of our parents attended the evening event.

Successful Open House Held on September 13, 2010

The Open House at the Stambaugh School held during the evening of September 13th brought a very large turnout. Sixty-eight percent of our students were represented at

the Open House. This was an increase of 18% from the previous year. Parents had the opportunity to visit classrooms and talk with teachers in a rather informal manner. The West Iron County School Association (WICSA) sponsored a Book Fair and served refreshments.

CONFERENCES NOVEMBER 11TH

Parent/Teacher conferences were held November 11th for all schools in the district. The Stambaugh Elementary school was well attended by parents, with 99% of grades K – 4 in attendance. Three hundred fifty-six (356) students were represented by parents out of three hundred fifty (358). This is an increase from last year of 2%.

Christmas Program

The annual Christmas Program was held on Thursday, December 16th for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten and Friday, December 17th for grade first thru fourth grade. There was 90% participation from family and friends for our students. The students did a wonderful job and we have the classroom teachers and Mrs. Carr to thank for this.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

READING CURRICULUM

The Stambaugh Elementary was named a *Reading First* school by

the State of Michigan in 2005. The progress in reading was evident by the scores of DIBELS testing at the beginning and end of the year. Test results indicated a marked improvement in abilities across the board. Stambaugh Elementary students work toward the goal of all children reading at grade level by the completion of fourth grade. The students demonstrated their knowledge of phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension as they participated in whole group small group, and center activities.

CONSTITUTION DAY

Teachers had activities planned within their classrooms to acknowledge Constitution Day which was celebrated on September 17th.

CIDER PRESSING AFTERNOON

Kindergarten and first grade students were treated to a cider pressing demonstration on Wednesday, September 29th.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Students in kindergarten, first and second grade were treated to a presentation by the Caspian-Gaastra Fire Department on October 6th. The children were given the opportunity to see the fire truck, see how they use the fire hoses and all students received

their very own fireman/firewoman's hat. Three children were chosen to receive a ride to school on the fire truck. It was quite an experience for them.

YELL AND TELL

With the help of the Kiwanis Club of Iron County our students were taught to "Yell and Tell" when someone is in trouble. This four-step program helps children recognize a dangerous situation and take a proactive response by: See it, Feel it, Yell and Tell it. Mr. Munn, elementary guidance counselor, and members of the West Iron Key Club presented the program that was purchased by the Kiwanis Club. The first week of December the students were also given information on poison control through the Yell and Tell program.

SKIP JONES BE A HERO PRESENTATION

Skip Jones, from Midland, MI, presented to staff on in-service day, October 5th and then gave classroom presentations to students followed by a group presentation to all students. His message dealt with "respect". HERO stands for Help Everyone Respect Others. He spoke about bullies in our homes, schools and communities. Respect, understanding and tolerance are the cornerstones of bully prevention. We must live our lives with respect for others. His

program explores our difference and similarities.

Fourth Grade Visits the Chemistry Lab

In November, the fourth grade visited Mr. VanLanen's chemistry class. Since the fourth grade studies Properties of Matter, the high school kids enjoyed demonstrating some very interesting experiments. Of course, the highlight of the day was the demonstration of the effects of removing air that surrounds a *Twinkie*. This has been a tradition every year.

TRIBUTE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING

On January 17th, students in their individual classes had activities to honor Martin Luther King and his accomplishments.

READING ANGELS

Stambaugh Elementary has several ladies that come in from the community to read on Wednesdays after the first of the year to our kindergarten children. It is a one on one time for the ladies to interact with our little ones.

PEP RALLY For Fuel Up to Play 60

On Monday, January 7th the third and fourth grade students held

their Kick Off event for Fuel Up to Play 60. This is a program sponsored by the NFL and the dairy council to get children healthy and active. It is a 5 week challenge that the students would track their daily food choices and amounts of exercise. The students kept a daily journal to track their daily eating habits and exercise patterns, which they will need their parents to sign and return to school to be eligible for prizes. The kick-off was more like the Super Bowl event with musical programs. Our guest speaker was our very own Olympian Nick Baumgartner. This event was made possible with the financial support from Northstar Health System. The grant provides a collaborative effort with Debbie Novak of the Michigan State University Extension Service. The culmination event was a Tailgate Party on Friday, February 4th which also coincided with the Super Bowl weekend. Games were scheduled and nutritious snacks were provided. Prizes were given out too.

100 Days of School

Our kindergarten children celebrated our “one hundredth” day of school on Friday, February 11th. The children each had different activities in the four kindergarten rooms. Children were encouraged to bring in snacks that had pieces so they could be mixed together to be counted to 100. The highlight of

the event was a 100 fruit loop necklace that they made and wore.

Wykon Kids for a Cause

Our Wellness Committee along with Mr. Kralovec and his gym classes raised money for our local Northstar Health Care System cardiology department. The money will be dispersed to high risk patients for a new calcium screening. This screening measures plaque in the arteries. This test provides early diagnosis for coronary heart disease and is currently not covered by health insurances. This helps support our cardiology department and their new cardiologist, Dr. Washington and the hospitals new 64 Slice CT scan.

Northstar Health System

During the week of February 28th, representatives from Northstar Health System visited each classroom to talk about physical therapy, eating nutritiously and respiratory therapy. Stethoscopes and a large heart model were brought in for students to practice.

Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Celebration

On Wednesday, March 2nd our kindergarten classes celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday. During their reading block each class was treated to a literacy activity in honor of Dr. Seuss. There were

read-aloud and watching a Dr. Seuss video. They made Dr. Seuss hats and green eggs and ham. An afternoon was spent having a Dr. Seuss book swap. Book reading contests were held with a challenge to try and read 100 books by the end of the school year. "Cat in the Hat" bag puppets were made along with "Cat in the Hat" word hats with "at" words. The culmination of the week was a visit from our very own "Cat in the Hat" which made surprise visits to many of the classrooms.

Literacy Night/Science Fair

In an event celebrating "March Reading Month" Stambaugh El hosted a Family Literacy night on Tuesday, March 22nd with the goal of boosting the reading skills of young children. Stations located throughout the school will offer activities based on the "Tuck into Reading" bedtime stories. Teachers shared their favorite stories followed by an enrichment activity. A "Literacy Loot" bag containing books from the Public Enrichment Foundation, pamphlets from the International Reading Association and other literacy information will be given to each family that attends. There was 23% participation for our kindergarten through 2nd grade students by family and friends at our literacy night event.

The district's parent-teacher organization had a book fair.

A short, informal Title I meeting preceded the evening.

Third and fourth grade students held their Science Fair in the gym. All the students' projects were displayed. There was 83% participation from members of the students' families.

Robots on Parade

With March being National Reading Month, all the first grade classes read a science fiction book about Cecil the Robot, called "My Robot." The student made their own robots and paraded their creations in the gym so their parents could see what everyone had created.

I Can Make a Change

Students at Stambaugh El participated in a fund raiser to help the victims of Japan's tsunami/earthquake the week of March 21st. Stambaugh El students \$309.50. The money was given to the Red Cross.

Day at the Sugar Bush

Our third graders spent most of the day on March 30th and 31st at Rick and Chris Kent's home to provide them with a hands-on experience on the making and processing of maple syrup. A pancake meal was provided by the Kent family and each child was given a small bottle of syrup to take home.

Science Fair

Our Third and Fourth grade students had their Science Fair on March 22nd. Eighty-three percent participation from family and friends filled the evening with a lot of questions and comments for the children.

A Day in the Life of Drop

On April 14th our recycling “green” students put on a skit entitled, “A Day in the Life of Drop”. Our recycling committee was the directors and spent time working with the students. It was a great success and what a wonderful experience for the students involved to present in front of their peers and for our audience to watch.

Bread Making

Debbie Novak, MSU extension, and her crew of helpers and parents came and baked bread with the third graders. It was a great opportunity for them to experience an old fashion skill.

MUSEUM DAYS

Our students spend part of a day at the Iron County Museum in May. The curriculum is aligned to what is taught at each grade level.

Kindergarten Museum Field Trip

Kindergarten classes went to the Northwoods Children’s Museum in Eagle River on Monday, May 10th. A fun day by all was held.

Northern Lights Playhouse

Our second grade students attended the Northern Lights Playhouse on Tuesday, May 24th in Hazelhurst, WI. The students saw the musical play, Through the Storybook. The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance. This trip was funded thru monies secured from the Fisher Foundation.

First Grade Reader’s Theater

Our first grade classrooms put on a reading of their favorite stories from throughout the year to parents on Tuesday, May 24th. The children read and acted out their stories. Parents were so impressed by how well the children have improved their reading skills.

Picnic

Students participated in the end of the year picnic at Pentoga Park on Wednesday, May 25th. This is a culmination activity for the students having a great school year.

Kindergarten End of the Year Program

All four kindergarten classes presented a melody of songs for their audience. The final song was "Love Grows" performed by all the children. The finale of the program was a photo gallery of their kindergarten year.

West Iron County School Association (PTA)

The West Iron County School Association (Parent Teacher Association) provided programs to educate and entertain the students throughout the year.

Besides collecting milk caps and the many pencil sales that are provided by our PTA, they purchased plastic take home folders for each child in grades K thru 6. Each grade level has a different color. What a great idea to keep children organized.

They have provided the students with two book fairs and had a Family Fun Fair on Saturday, March 27th. The students enjoyed the day of events.

The class that had turned in the most box tops (Mrs. Scalcucci's second grade class) won a pizza party. They had 1438 box tops. Way to go!!!

The PTA puts on a Santa workshop in November where the children

can come and purchase inexpensive gifts for family members or friends.

Community Service Projects

Stambaugh Elementary School students have participated in a number of community service projects throughout the school year.

Bucket Filler

Each class collected can food items for a Thanksgiving dinner for 9 families. The classroom teacher supplied the turkey.

Eyeglass Collection

Students at Stambaugh El collected glasses, sunglasses, and glass cases in the office. The collection was donated to the Michigan College of Optometry student volunteer organization. The organization takes the glasses on their mission trips to less privileged countries.

Annual Polar Express Evening

Cookies and hot chocolate were served by Santa's elves to students riding on "**The Polar Express**" otherwise known as The Depot in Iron River. Depot owners Steve and Jo Shepich opened their train car on December 15th for children who were read the book "The Polar Express" then issued tickets to "ride". The event was also a fundraiser for the West Iron District Library's building project.

Approximately 60 children attended the special event.

TV 6 Can-a-Thon

Stambaugh El students participated in the annual TV 6 can-a-thon. Many pounds of food products were collected and brought to St. Vincent de Paul's. Students were able to "fill the buckets" of many in need by doing this kind unselfish act.

Stambaugh Elementary Receives an "A" on the State Report Card

The Stambaugh Elementary School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2010-2011 school year. Our MI-SAAS report was submitted in March and we continue to meet accreditation approval. In addition, Stambaugh Elementary received an "A" rating from the State of Michigan. The staff, students and parents are to be commended for their part in reaching both AYP and an "A" rating – it is a team effort which made this possible.

Stambaugh El information:

All teachers at Stambaugh Elementary are highly qualified to teach in their respective area.

Curriculum brochures are available in the office.

See our website (www.westiron.org) under Stambaugh Elementary for all grade level curriculum maps. All teachers have grade level curriculum maps that comply with state level GLCE's.

For the four core academic areas, we use the Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE) required by the State of Michigan.

Each year our students are tested using DIBELS, STAR Reading and STAR Math, along with teacher made pre/post tests and/or teacher made unit tests. Our third and fourth grade students take the MEAP test.