

# Davenport Elementary School

*Board Report: November 2019*

## Davenport Elementary News!

It's been a wonderful few months of learning at Davenport Elementary! Our students have shown excellent growth, even just through the first quarter. Our teachers and staff continue to amaze me with their dedication, love of students and their families, as well as their "we can do this" attitude. I admire my staff for their "never give up" attitude. They will always go the extra mile, be here early, stay late, and help students and their families in a way that is definitely unique to Davenport. It's a very special place to live, raise kids, and grow older!

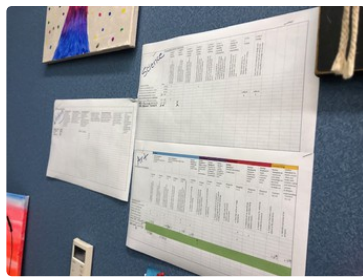
Listed below are just a few things that have taken place over the last month at Davenport Elementary. As we welcome our new board members, I'd first like to thank you for your service and second invite you to come in, meet with me and my staff, have lunch, read with kids, and ALWAYS call or email if issues or miscommunications arise. My job is to be a servant leader for our amazing students, staff and community.

Sincerely,  
Courtney Strozyk, Principal



## Clifford comes to School!

Clifford visited us at school this last week. He was promoting our Book Fair! He visited classrooms and gave out a lot of high 5's and hugs! Our Book Fair was visited by many, some students brought family members in for lunch too.



## PLCs / Standards Alignment / ELA Adoption

Our teachers have been using every last second of our Monday morning PLC Meetings working together, learning from one another, and making sure that quality lessons aligned to standards are taking place each day. We are also continuing to look at ELA. We have narrowed our choices to two, and have just completed informational webinars for both. Next up is quotes, a meeting to discuss P-5, followed by a P-12 ELA meeting on January 6, 2019. TPEP first round observations are almost complete as well.



## New Staff Update

Mr. Young is doing a great job in elementary PE. We miss Mrs. Bell everyday, but are very pleased with how this tough transition has gone.

Mrs. Bell is completing her first conferences as our 1st grade teacher. She's doing amazing in her classroom and fitting in very well!

On Tuesday 11/26, Mrs. Bell and Ms. Hayes will meet with Joy Landsdowne from the ESD to learn more about observations and the Marzano Framework.



## Mr. Briney's Cool Down / Calm Down Room

Mr. Briney and Mrs. Howes worked diligently last spring to use some of the Healthy Schools Washington Grant funding to create a Cool Down / Calm Down room. This room has been used already this year for many students as a place to calm down and reset. Mrs. Howes and Mr. Briney are also doing social skills lessons in classrooms as well as a few social skills groups. I'm thankful for them, as it's a BIG need for our students this year. We look to hopefully branch out for families this year as well with some Love and Logic offerings.



## Music is Learning!

The 6th grade band played at the Veterans Day Assembly. A huge thanks to Mr. Harper and Mrs. Brewster for providing music each day for our students. I'm thankful we are still able to provide this to students grades P -12!



## Veterans Day Assembly

We had a packed house for our Veterans Day Assembly on 11/8. The 6th grade band, 5th grade choir, and each grade level participated. There were also three students that read their VFW essays. It was a lovely day celebrating our Veterans.





## Thank you High School FBLA!

Our HS FBLA came down on 11/1 to help our 3rd - 5th graders during their "Rock, Talk, and Walk Like a Leader" Assembly. They facilitated songs, stories, and helped students interact with new friends and learn about their own learning/leadership styles.



## Leadership Assemblies!

On November 1st, James Laymen from AWSL (Association of Washington Student Leadership) came out to Davenport. He provided assemblies to all P-5 students. Grades P-2 participated in "All Play" learning about how to include others and grades 3-5 learned to "Walk, Talk, and Rock like a Leader!"



## Principal Leadership and Learning...

Over the last few months, I've been able to learn from AWSPs Leadership Weekend, as well as a program funded by the Rural Alliance called New Leaders. Each month, we have a seminar on a Sunday and a Monday where we get to learn even more about best practice as well as network with our colleagues. I'm thankful for the ongoing professional development as well as the chance to get out and see how many AMAZING things that are happening in OUR school. Davenport Gorillas are amazing!