Principal's Trimester Report to the Raymond School Board

Bob Bickford, Principal, Iber Holmes Gove Middle School 2022-2023, 2nd Trimester Report, Feb. 9, 2023

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Highlights	4th - Fourth grade hosted a social for 4th and 5th graders. This was the first social for both grades in middle school due to no socials last year. 5th - Fifth grade had a fabulous time at our field trip to the Planetarium. 6th - Sixth grade had a fun experience at our field trip to the movie theaters. Two students created a presentation to share with the School Board about a math summative they had worked on in class, which focused on geometry skills. The sixth grade also hosted a holiday sweater dance for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. 7th - The seventh grade students just finished their i-Ready mid-year diagnostic test and the majority of students are making growth. More than half of the students have already exceeded their year-long growth goal in math. 8th - The 8th grade has shown growth in both math and reading on their mid year diagnostic for i-Ready. Students have been making podcasts about the goings on around school. UA - 8th grade students created OT manipulatives for younger students to improve on specific needs School Wide - In December students and staff enjoyed the "12 Days of Christmas" sponsored by our Parent Core Group and the school's Sunshine Committee. In January we had our first Winter i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment, with overall positive results!
Acknowledgements	4th - Addie Brewitt was awarded the December Friendship Award 5th - Mason Turransky was awarded the December Friendship Award 6th - Jackson Wall was awarded the December Friendship Award. 7th - Samuel Gartley was awarded the December Friendship Award. We would like to thank the guidance staff at the middle school for doing a wonderful job with the "Courage to Care" program. Our students greatly benefited from all the hard work that went into planning the lessons. 8th - Sophia Jolie was the 8th grade friendship award. Abby G and Peyton helped create the Black History month bulletin board. UA - Thank you to Lori Lundsted for joining us as our Art teacher. School Wide - Student Council had a very successful Pennies for Patients fundraiser. The school raised \$1,055.94! Mrs. Meyer's 5th grade homeroom won the homeroom contest with \$224.18 in donations. The other grade level top homerooms were Mrs. Wallace's in 4th grade, Mr. Van Laarhoven in 6th, Mrs. Shrarrow's in 7th and Ms. Kabat's homeroom in 8th.
Updates	7th - The seventh grade plans to implement an interdisciplinary unit in the spring time permitting. UA - Read Across America & Pi Day - plans are in the works for a collection of activities for the whole school School Wide - We are still down several teachers and paras but have had some applications coming in. We are scheduling interviews with those who have the qualifications to meet the job requirements. We will begin interviewing to fill positions for next year after the March vote.
Challenges	UA - increased support with positive behavior incentives/discipline issues School Wide - Open positions continue to create challenges school wide and resulting in almost everyone having to take on additional responsibilities. We will be adjusting the master schedule for the 2023-2024 school year to incorporate teachers and others into the lunch and recess supervision duty schedule. In the past these positions have been filled by shared paras. We do not anticipate being able to fill all the open para positions for next year as the employment prospects have not changed substantially in the past two school years.

	IHGMS ½ 2nd Term Discipline Report								
Discipline	Grade	Referrals	# of Students	In Schoo Restrictio	I -	Out of School Suspension	# of Students		
	4th	75	23	4	5	1	1		
	5th	43	19	0	0	5.5	2		
	6th	36	10	3.5	3	3	2		
	7th	107	33	4.5	5	8	6		
	8th	134	30	17.5	8	5	4		
	Totals	395	115	29.5	21	22.5	15		
	½ 2nd Term 21/22	330	132	20	19	29	9		
	Top 5 infractions by number of referrals for the marking term: Disruption, Physical Aggression, Defiance, Technology Violation, Disrespect								
Student Achievement	IHGMS Honor Roll (Tri 2 doesn't end until 3/19/23)								
	Enrollment								
	4th - 89 5th - 73 6th - 81 7th - 87 8th - 86 Total - 416								
Bullying		# of Reports		# Investigated		# Substantiated			
		Term	Year	Term	Year	Term	Year		
	Bullying	1	3	1	3	0	0		
	Cyberbullying	0	1	0	1	0	0		
Upcoming Events	 4th - Fourth grade is going to Chunky's Movie Theater on Friday, February 17th. We are hoping to do another fundraiser soon! 6th - The sixth grade is planning another field trip. 7th - The seventh grade is planning an ice skating field trip after vacation. School Wide - Spirit Week is coming up next week sponsored by the Student Council. Monday - Adam Sandler Day: Dress like Adam Sandler. School Kindness Quilt Tuesday - Anything But a Backpack Day: Use anything but a backpack to carry your stuff. Teacher Lip Sync Assembly Wednesday - Country Vs. Country Club Day: Dress like a country person or like a country club person. Pod Decorating Thursday - Zoom Day: Dress like a zoom call: Dress up on the top and casual on the bottom. Scavenger Hunt Friday - Color Day: 8th Grade-Green, 7th Grade-Blue, 6th Grade-Yellow, 5th Grade-Red, 4th Grade-Orange. Student - Staff Basketball Game 								
Other	Once again I can not express enough my sincere appreciation to all of the staff at IHGMS for all that they have done and are doing for our students in light of the very challenging circumstances they are all working under as a result of having so many open positions in our school. I hope that those outside of our school can also express their appreciation for our staff's continued perseverance and dedication to our students and their positions at our school.								