

During the 2014-2015 school year, our School Improvement Council chose to focus on building the self-worth of our students, faculty, and staff. We did this through the Inspirational Sticky Note Project where in conjunction with our PTO and community partners, we wrote personalized notes to all of our students and faculty/staff twice throughout the year. Volunteers arrived before the students entered the classrooms and placed a message on each student's desk. The Inspirational Sticky Note Project was a rewarding experience for our School Improvement Council as we provided words of encouragement to our school family.

The second project the School Improvement Council took part in was continuing our school's initiative to promote health and fitness among our students. We explored fitness stations to add to our walking track for our students to use during their physical activity time. We received quotes from various vendors to ensure we got what is best for our students in a cost-effective manner. Our PTO agreed to provide funding for the fitness stations and we planned a Health Fair/Fun Run in the fall of the new school year in support of adding our fitness stations.

In addition, our fourth and fifth graders participated in a production of "Seussical" and provided our school with an excellent performance on the stage. Through rehearsals and extended school days for several months, cast and crew proved to our school that we can reach success by working as a team with all members contributing to the goal. We are proud of our students and their hard work. We know that the Arts are an integral part of education.

During the school year, our teachers participated in a variety of staff development opportunities. With an emphasis on increasing the rigor and leveled questioning, teachers added additional strategies to their instruction in order to meet the various needs of our students. We continued our work as a Professional Learning Community using [The Five Dysfunctions of a Team](#). We continue to grow as professionals under the three big ideas of a professional learning community: all students can learn, a culture of collaboration, and a focus on results. We know that we are headed in the right direction, and we will continue to build upon the solid foundation that we have established. Our goal is to help children grow into successful learners and to provide them with the support systems that will enable them to achieve their dreams.

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