

Sense of Community

As the first semester draws to a close, I would like to take the time to wish everyone a very happy and safe Holiday Season. The first semester has been a success, and there has been a great deal of accomplishments. It is great to see so many people take great pride in the Green and Gold.

This month, our district is focusing on the value of Sense of Community. As discussed in previous articles, the community is an integral part of the school, and it is important that staff and students are involved and aware of this great community. The support of the community is very evident, and that support is not to be taken for granted. Over the course of this year, the district has attempted to expand its role with the community and reach out in several ways. In coordination with our Sense of Community value, the High School and Middle School Student Councils will be serving pie and ice cream on Thursday, December 17th at noon to the community. In addition, a highlight video of the school year will be shown along with the Sense of Community video in the PAC at 12:30pm. Elementary students have been doing several community outreach programs this month, and the Central City Education Association has developed a "Give Back" program to help support families and situations of need. This is a collaborative effort of teachers, support staff, administration, and the Board of Education. These are small gestures, but important things for our district to do.

Along the lines of community, the district is taking a strong look at a career pathways initiative. There are several obstacles to overcome, but the district will begin to look at ways to overcome those obstacles to expand our curriculum and our opportunities for students. Career education is a unique opportunity that encompasses an expanded curriculum to offer students additional dual credit opportunities, expanded courses within career fields, specialized education, opportunities for community economic development, and helps prepare students for the local and regional job market along with the global market. This will be a very exciting opportunity for our students and community.

As the winter approaches and the white stuff begins to fly, please follow us on Facebook. The district will continue to utilize Bison Alerts and media outlets to inform everyone about weather decisions, but the fastest way to receive district information is through Facebook as we post weather decisions. We hope that everyone enjoys their Holiday Season and enjoys friends and family. 2015 has been a very positive and enjoyable year and we look forward to even better things for this district and the students of this district in 2016. Thank you for your continued support and Go Bison!