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April 15, 2021

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2020 – 2021 Fourth-Quarter Report

Fourth-Quarter Report

The third quarter ended March 31, 2021. Students returned March 22nd successfully. Many of you student choose to remain online. We are expecting a full return fall of the 2021-2022 school year.

The work of recovering from being online for 142 days has begun. In addition to working with students to overcome educational gaps caused by the Pandemic, the school has begun preparations for the PASA and the PSSA's. More details will follow in the Principal's report.

Currently the school is reviewing the new busing contract sent by the District, as well as a proposal from 3i. Those agreements will be sent to the board for review by the end of the month and submitted for approval in May.

The school was recently awarded a PAsmart grant for \$237,909. We were one of 26 nonprofit organizations across the State to receive an award.

The April report will be short, in that it only covers a week and a half of activity due to the holiday.

Academic Updates

ERIE RISE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

ERLACS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 4/15/2021

Participation/Attendance Update

Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School has been continuously improving its participation/attendance since the first day of school. Due to targeted communication and support efforts, ERLACS has improved its participation/attendance from September to present whole-school.

The teachers and administration will continue to support students and parents/families to the best of their ability to further increase participation/attendance.

Benchmark Assessments

Throughout the month of March, students in Kindergarten – 8th Grade participated in Benchmark Testing. Homeroom classes were assigned specific days and tested in their classrooms with their teachers while maintaining safe social-distancing. Once we returned to in-person instruction, make-up testing for students who missed their original testing day was provided; at this time all testing has been completed.

The administration carefully examined the benchmark data to identify instructional gaps caused by the pandemic and extended school closure. Questions in which 50% or more students answered incorrectly were flagged and aligned to state-standards; these standards, skills, concepts, etc. were used to make instructional recommendations. Administration met with individual teachers/grade level teams to discuss the data and recommendations for on-going improvement. Teachers will utilize a variety of resources including our standards-aligned research-based curriculum and intervention programs, USATestPrep, and PSSA Performance Coach, and more to close the identified instructional gaps before testing in June. Students who were identified as struggling, below grade level, and/or on the cusp of achieving proficiency will be provided with targeted interventions through our Title 1 Program and 21st Century After-School Program.

In order to monitor progress towards meeting the instructional recommendations and to ensure students are adequately prepared to participate in state-standardized testing beginning in June, ERLACS students will complete another round of Benchmark Testing in May; the data will be reevaluated and instructional adjustments will be made as necessary.

Human Resources/Compliance Report

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Human Resources is seeking to fill the following position:

Security	Victor Favors
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Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School

Rise Family Organization Update.

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Special Programs/Activities:

- The Title I Program will be conducting K-8 grade level assessments. WIDA testing post Easter break (Contained to Title I, students tested via cohort.) Dibels K-3 in May; Final CDT (Building Wide) May 3rd; PSSA Practice Test: May 24th & 25th; EasyCBM 4-8: May 26th & 27th. The PSSA Window for Grades 3 -8 is June 14th – 30th.
- Mrs. McCaughtry shared information about the extended school year, a PSSA testing update and new technology available to Rise families.
- The RFO is encouraging Families, Teachers, Board Members and the Administration to submit Box Tops to the Rise Office.
- The RFO in conjunction with the Board of Trustees will award (2) Erie Rise Alumni Scholarships. The scholarship is available to Erie Rise graduates (Class of 2017) who will be graduating from High School in 2021. The Erie Rise Alumni Scholarship is one of the scholarships available through the My Brother's Keeper Scholarship application. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2021.
- Held a Special Zoom RFO Parent meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 to discuss any problems and concerns Parents had about the Rise students returning to in-school instruction. Shares updates from Social Services, Social Work; the SAP Team and 21st Century.
- The Gannon University Social Work Students are developing a Social Service Directory. Once completed the director will be made available to Rise parents to be a guide for various programs and family services available in the region.

Upcoming Events

- Box Tops to benefit the RFO Activity Fund
- Upcoming RFO Parent Meetings are scheduled for April 6th, May 4th and a June Fun Day activity to be announced.
- Deadline for the 2nd Annual Erie Rise Alumni Scholarship is May 1, 2021.
- Finalize plans for an 8th grade and Kindergarten graduation

Erie Rise-Rise Family Organization Treasurer's Report				3/31/2021
Savings Account				
Beginning Balance as of 3/8/21				\$2,538.17
Dividend				
Ending Balance				\$2,538.17
3/31/2021				
Erie-Rise Family Organization Treasurer's Report				3/31/2021
Checking Account				
Beginning Balance				\$2,880.83
3/8/2021				
Funds Received:				
Expenses:				\$100.00
Walmart (Gift Card Purchase)				\$100.00
Ending Balance				\$2,780.83
3/31/2021				