

Diane Ross is doing a great job with the food service program. At this time we are over our 64% free and reduced population from last year. Final numbers will be available in the coming weeks as new applications are processed.

At this time we are sending home to 42 families the weekend backpacks. This is up from last year by 7 families.

We also had 85 students take advantage of the afterschool supper program that Diane has has stated from a grant from the state of Michigan.

We have finalized all the bond paperwork and have only a few loose ends to tie up to close the final savings of 3.1 million dollars over the course of the two bond projects.

At our November 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting Doug Wohlberg will be here to present his final 2015-2016 audit report. After that meeting Michelle will be able to present to you an amended budget based on the final approved audit. She will be able to do that for the December board meeting.

Our meet the candidates night will take place next week on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October at 6:30pm in the High School Auditorium. Jerry Johnson from Calhoun ISD will be our guest moderator. Jerry has years of experiences with these events and is looking forward to assisting us during this evenings forum.

Our fourth Wednesday unofficial count has us up 9% over the fall last year. We had a count of 613 students as compared to our 568 fall count last year. This is our unofficial count as we have not finalized our ISD student count to be added into this number.

We have concluded a majority of fall NWEA assessments and the data will be available for the staff to use in monitoring student progress. The NWEA is much like the proposed assessment put forward by Superintendent Whiston and will give us better data to monitor student progress over the course of the school year. Our next assessment cycle will be during February 2017.