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Mt. Lebanon School Board President's Report

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In May, I had the opportunity to visit to Jefferson Elementary School and Jefferson Middle School.

At Jefferson Elementary School I visited a 3rd grade classroom and observed students presenting animal reports using Google Sites that they had designed I also saw students working together researching animals using various websites and newspapers.

I stopped in a reading support classroom during Aimsweb testing and was able to look at data and see the tremendous progress that our primary students have made in reading over the course of the year.

In a 4th grade classroom I saw that students had designed and built flashlights as part of their circuit science unit in conjunction with Matt's Makerspace. The students were journaling about what was successful about their design and what could be done differently to make their flashlight better in the future.

During my stop at Jefferson Middle School, I observed an 8th grade science class building bottle rockets-always an exciting endeavor. It was also the 5th Grade Move Up Day and Jefferson Elementary was visiting in the auditorium and touring the campus with Jefferson Middle School tour guides. JMS students also held a Question & Answer panel to address 5th grade students' questions.

At the conclusion of the day I visited an 8th grade English Language Arts class where students were acting out Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

I had a wonderful visit and want to thank Jefferson Elementary Principal Dr. Sarah Shaw and Jefferson Middle School Principal Mrs. Kelly Szesterniak for their hospitality. Great things are happening in our schools.