WCSD Student Support Services Team

Fall Advisory Council

December 4, 2025

PURPOSE OF ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Provide feedback on program goals
- Review program results
- Make recommendations
- Advocate for the school counseling program
- Required to have diverse representation of stakeholders and to meet no less than twice each year

2025-2026 GOAL

- The counseling program will work to increase student connectedness in Waterloo; measured by a decrease in percentage of students within the “high risk range according to SAEBRS, discipline records, attendance and data collection.

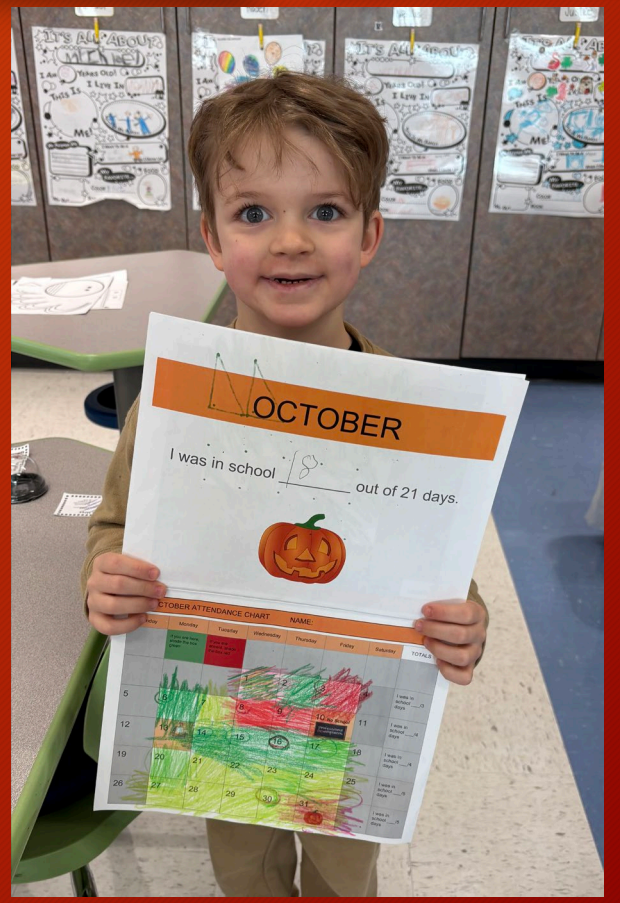
Tier 1-Daily Attendance Trackers at Skoi-Yase

Purpose: to implement a school-wide attendance intervention for ALL students.

Since implementation on 1st day of school.....

Compared to '24-'25, attendance has improved for grades PK, 1, 2 and in K it has only decreased by less than 1%.





Attendance Numbers at Skoi-Yase

SEPTEMBER

Pre K: 97.37 Kindergarten: 94.86
1st Grade: 94.68 2nd Grade: 95.77

TOTAL: 95.51%

'24-'25: 94.75%

OCTOBER

Pre K: 96.74 Kindergarten: 94.75
1st Grade: 94.17 2nd Grade: 95.50

TOTAL: 95.14%

'24-'25: 94.07%

NOVEMBER

Pre K: 93.29 Kindergarten: 91.311st Grade: 93.20 2nd Grade: 93.81

TOTAL: 92.92

'24-'25: 93.81%

DECEMBER

Pre K: Kindergarten:
1st Grade: 2nd Grade:

TOTAL:

'24-'25:

Tier 3- Daily Attendance Check-Ins

- Students identified as chronically absent (10% of school year)
- Student & Parent Contact- Students are checked in with each a.m.at arrival, and then parents contacted by 9:15 a.m. to check on absence.
- Students receive tickets daily as well as a weekly prize to encourage attendance.
- Home visits & Attendance meetings have occurred with principal, counselor, teacher & parent to help identify barriers to attendance.

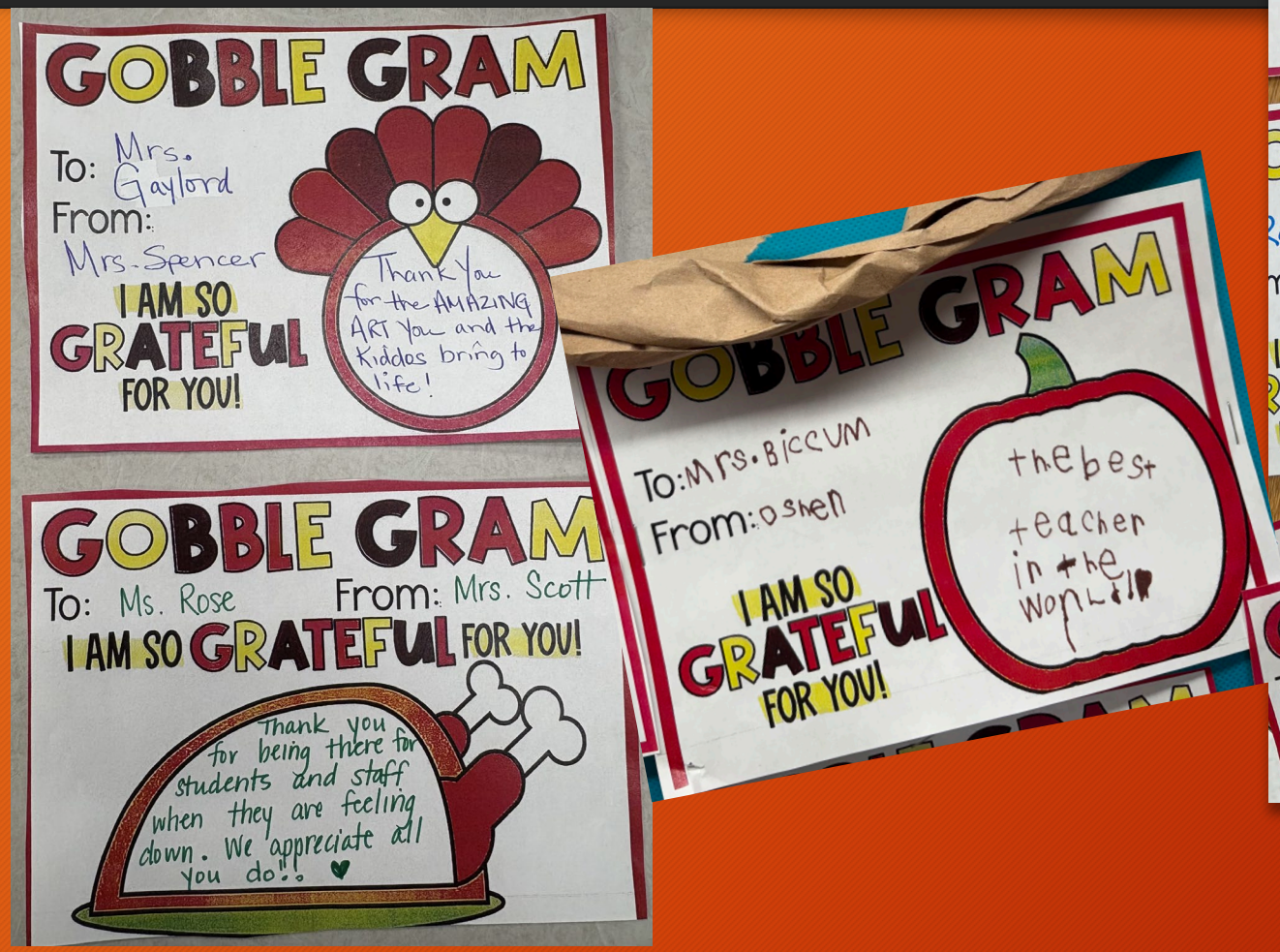
	JUNE TOTALS	MAY TOTALS	APRIL TOTAL	MARCH TOTAL	FEB.TOTAL	JAN. TOTAL
2nd Grader	18/18=100%	18/19=95%	15/17=88%	13/20= 65%	8/14=57%	9/13= 69%
2nd Grader	12/18=67%	9/19=47%	11/17=65%	12/20=60%	8/14=57%	11/18=61%
1st Grader	15/18=83%	10/19=53%	9/17= 53%	7/20=35%	4/14=29%	--------



GOBBLE GRAMS!!

SKOI-YASE celebrates GRATITUDE with Home/School activity

SY parents, students and staff thank each other!





Lafayette Intermediate School



Turkeys/Donations

- This year the social workers partnered with the Waterloo Fire Department and the Skoi-Yase/Lafayette Parent Teacher Group to provide turkeys and some side dishes to students and families in need.
- Along with the Fire department, we gave away 22 turkeys and provided meals for over 150 people.





Attendance Mentor Program

- Theory behind Mentor Program: Connect, Assess and Support using Character Strong resources
- Students with chronic absences last school year were assigned a mentor this year
- Mentors are building relationships with their mentees
  - Another adult to build connections with in hopes to improve their attendance
  - Mentees often look forward to meeting with their mentor
- Posters have been made to promote attendance
- Attendance Letters have been sent celebrating 95% attendance or above
- Regular letters have been sent for specific number of days absent.
- Mentor Letters were also sent to the families of these students.



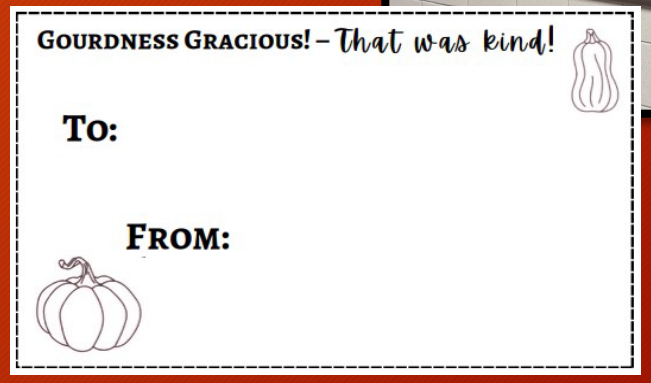
Attendance Numbers at Lafayette

SEPTEMBER **3rd Grade: 95.62% 5th Grade: 95.61%** **4th Grade: 94.74%** **TOTAL: 95.32%** **----------** **'24-'25: 94.21%**	**OCTOBER** **3rd Grade: 96.6% 5th Grade: 93.52%** **4th Grade: 94.70%** **TOTAL: 94.76%** **----------** **'24-'25: 92.95%**
NOVEMBER **3rd Grade: 92.47% 5th Grade: 92.09%** **4th Grade: 92.33%** **TOTAL: 92.30%** **----------** **'24-'25: 93.14%**	24-25 School Year 9/5/24-12/3/24: 93.49% 25-26 School Year 9/4/25-12/3/25: 94.3%

Showing Tiger PRIDE at Waterloo Middle School

- Students have spent this Fall showing kindness throughout our school.
- Winning advisements of our Gourdness Gracious – That Was Kind! Competition won a pizza party this week!
- December Plans: Holiday wreaths for Seneca County Community Christmas Project and Holiday cards to nursing homes.





Routes and Routes: An Alumni Interview Series



We're inviting proud Waterloo graduates to return and share their stories with our current students. This special event will feature an interview inspired by questions submitted by our very own Waterloo Middle Schoolers — curious and eager to learn from those who once walked these same halls! It's an opportunity for authentic conversation, reflection, and connection with the next generation of Waterloo learners. We'll get to hear about their favorite memories from their time in WCSD (sports, drama club, student leadership, etc), the routes they took after graduating from Waterloo and the successes and lessons they've gained along the way.

Our hope is that their journey can inspire our students to dream big and appreciate the strong roots they are growing here at Waterloo.

ON A ROLL

The "On a Roll" Initiative is designed to celebrate growth, effort, and positive change in students who are making meaningful strides in the ABC's.

Students may be nominated for "On A Roll" recognition if they demonstrate:
(High Honor/Honor Roll students are not eligible)

Academic Growth: Noticeable improvement in grades, effort, or participation.	Attendance Improvement: Increased consistency in attendance and punctuality.	Positive Behavior: Showing leadership, kindness, or improved conduct.

NOMINATIONS

- Who: Teachers and Support Staff
- How to nominate: Complete the digital "Form"
- When: Quarterly Nominations
- Review: Building Admin Team including Dean of Students review nominations to select honorees.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- Certificate of Achievement
- Positive Postcard Home
- Quarterly Shout-Out
- Roll The Dice For A Prize!

6th Grade	
2024-2025	2025-2026
Quarter 1 **92.31%**	Quarter 1 **93.09%**
Thru 12/2/2024 **91.25%**	Thru 12/2/2024 **89.29%**

8th Grade	
2024-2025	2025-2026
Quarter 1 **93.23%**	Quarter 1 **94.04%**
Thru 12/2/2024 **89.12%**	Thru 12/2/2024 **91.24%**

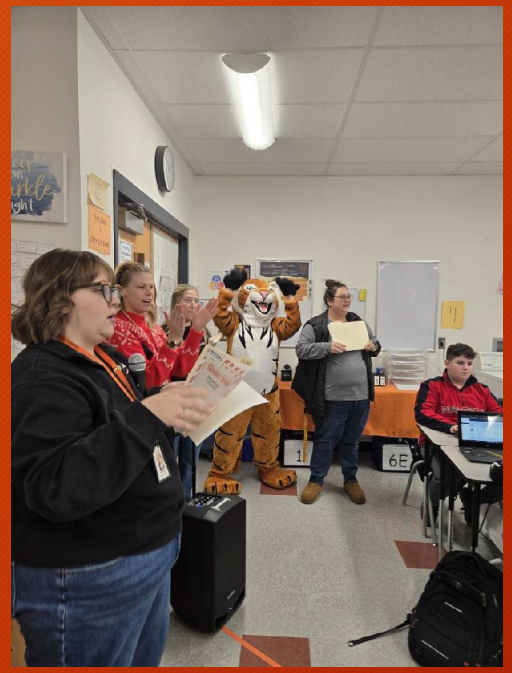
7th Grade	
2024-2025	2025-2026
Quarter 1 **91.10%**	Quarter 1 **93.48%**
Thru 12/2/2024 **87.61%**	Thru 12/2/2024 **94.60%**

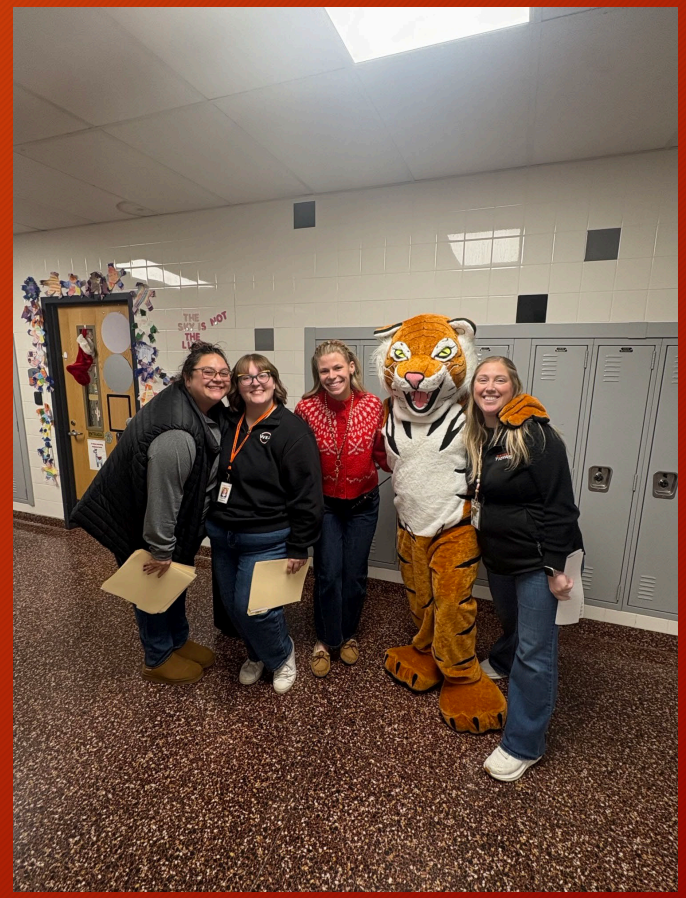
WMS Attendance

Attendance Matters!

- "It's Tricky" to get perfect attendance, but we celebrated students that were here 95% or more of Quarter 1 this week with ice cream!

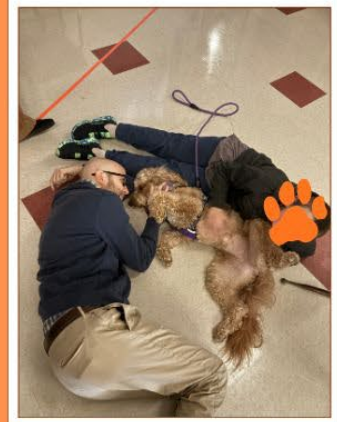
















Nala joins WMS every Monday, helping students during classes and counseling sessions.



Expanding Classroom Social/Emotional Support at WMS

- Quarter 1
  - 6th and 7th grade Health classes learned more about different coping strategies for stress and anxiety with our WMS School Social Worker.
- During Quarter 2
  - WMS Social Worker will continue 6th grade lessons on different coping strategies this week!
  - WMS Counselor and Social Worker are teaching a 4-day Bullying Prevention Lesson in 6th grade Health classes.

Attendance Numbers for HS



OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
First Place- SENIORS (92.3 %) Second Place- FRESHMAN (92 %) Third Place- SOPHOMORES (90 %) FOURTH Place- JUNIORS (89%)	First place- FRESHMAN (94%) Second place- SENIORS (93%) Third Place- JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES (92%)

PAWS AND EFFECT at Waterloo High School

- PAWS **(Present & Accountable With Success)** is a new attendance initiative started this year at Waterloo High School
- The main principle of this time is to build community and connections for our students so that they feel more desire to attend school. The hope is that all our students and staff feel seen.
- At PAWS we highlight our attendance initiative with a whole school focus
- At PAWS we highlight our school community and inclusion of all staff and students
- During Paws we will:
  - Draw prizes for the kids that are attending school & no Discipline issues. (Prime Parking spaces, Pizza, Loo Brew Tickests and other fun prizes)
  - Draw for staff "special parking spots" will be awarded each month as well
  - Updates on school activities that are happening for the month will be shared and hyped up with the kids.
  - Clubs and other activities can be talked about to encourage engagement.

Why Does Attendance Matter?

10 mins a day=50 mins a week/ 2 weeks a year
1 hour a day=1 day a week/40 days /8 weeks a year
1 day every 2 weeks=20 days / 4 weeks a year
1 day a week=40 days / 8 weeks a year



WHS Career Center Updates

- Field Trips—SUNY College Fair, Rochester in Construction Day, and MCC Applied Technology Center
- CARA College Fair in the HS (College Admissions in the Rochester Area)
- 7 colleges particpated in the Waterloo Instant Decision Days—Many happy Waterloo students



Attendees/Minutes

Attendees: Jada Bryant, Christal Kent, Sage Burkhart, Catherine Rieck, Heather Elisofon, Taylor Vogler, Suzie Burroughs, Ashton Stone, Molly Lahr, Katie Tucker, Reagan Hilimire, Jillian Robinson, Amy McGhan, Tammy Anhorn, Katie Wright, Payton Clingerman, Madison Bowman, William Beeley, Abby Held, Susan Davis, Shelli Tam

Feedback and shout outs:

RH- asked how attendance is tracked and wondered if we are counting the students that come in late or tardy
TA- Nala (therapy dog) is "magical" and would love to have her be present more often. She is a great resource for students and staff.
CK- gave a THANK YOU to the staff - wouldn't be able to do this job without the entire team.
ML- shared a THANK YOU to the team- non of the jobs would be possible without each other- appreciative for all members

Some areas to focus on for the remainder of the year for the department:

- **Look for mental health activities during advisements so students can be more vulnerable and make connections**
- **Have a check in with the new Character Strong SEL program- based on the SAEBRS data- is this resource successful**