

BOE Report – 1/23/2017 – Jason Townsend – Wellsville Elementary

The winter break was refreshing physically, mentally, and emotionally. The staff came back providing solid instruction. I was very pleased to see all gears rolling on day one.

As we look at the KESA requirements for accreditation, it is refreshing to see that our school has many things in place already. Many components of the rubrics are already in place at the elementary school. We look to use this as advantage in continuing to move our instruction and programs forward through the process.

We have begun the discussion about state assessments. By reducing the state assessment testing minutes by 60% helps ensure that the focus remains on instruction as we prepare each of our students for the next grade.

Several k-2 teachers attended a training regarding the Kansas College and Career Ready Math Standards and how they link to instruction. There were several “ah ha” moments. They had the opportunity to share with the other k-2 teachers on the collaboration day before winter break.

We had our Wellsville Elementary Spelling be on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Our top two spellers will be attending the Franklin County Spelling Bee.

The elementary school will be having parent teacher conferences in February. It will be great to see the families as they come to visit about their child’s progress in school.