

Elm River Township School
Teacher Report: 5/23/19

A few weeks ago, we went on a field trip to Canyon Falls. The waters were running pretty hard because there was still some snow run-off. We went further down the trail than last year because the kids were familiar with the terrain. We also had lunch at the Drive-In and visited with Mr. Mike there. It was nice that he met up with us because we all enjoyed seeing him again.

On May 7th and 8th, the Detroit Free Press spent two full days at Elm River to do a feature story on our school. I believe they became interested in our school after hearing from the NAEP Proctor, Judy Bonne. She was the one who said we were “the best, biggest, small school in Michigan.”

There was a photographer/videographer named Ryan. He was like a fly on the wall as we were going about our business, so it was never a distraction. Sometimes he took video of things, and the next moment, he might be on the floor taking photos from all sorts of angles. Ryan even took a bus ride with us!

John was the journalist who asked the questions and did individual interviews with staff and kids. Krissy, Raquel, and I were even wearing a mic for a period of time which was a little nerve racking. Ultimately, they enjoyed their visit and said they had plenty of material to do a nice front page story along with a three to five minute video documentary. They will give us plenty of notice before it comes out, so we can spread the word and take advantage of this amazing and unexpected free promotional.

Our Spring Program was a hit last week. The kids did a great job singing their songs and had a lot of fun doing so. Something new that we tried was having Danny demonstrate some of the guitar skills he has learned over the prior three weeks from Mr. Ron. Danny did a great job and has shown much aptitude in a short period of time. A special thanks to Mr. Ron for working with Danny. Likewise, I want to thank Ms. Krissy and Ms. Raquel for their efforts with the setup, raffle, and food. Last, but not least, Danny and Kendra have successfully graduated from 8th grade. Congratulations!

The eighth graders have completed their PSAT and M-STEP assessments. The remaining students will complete their Language Arts M-STEP tomorrow and will complete the Math assessment next Wednesday. Finally, I want to thank Jim for fixing rear door hinge for the bus and attaching the new strobe light.

Thank you,

Bruce R. Matson