Murdock Elementary Board Report

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Enrollement = 486 TK=52, K=85, 1st=77, 2nd=87, 3rd=97, 4th=88

Goal #1 & 2

- ☐ Instructional Meetings: Round #2...To continue tackling learning loss in a meaningful and sustainable way, we are moving forward with Round #2 of grade-level collaboration for all teams, as they have requested additional time working together. After Round #1, our teachers overwhelmingly shared that the dedicated collaboration time was highly valuable and directly supported their instructional planning. This next round will give teams more focused time to: revisit and refine essential standards for Trimester 2 & 3, strengthen student support systems, review and align common assessments for Trimester 2 & 3, and continue our dedicated work building a guaranteed and viable curriculum for every student at every grade level. Our goal remains the same: to ensure consistency, clarity, and high levels of learning for all Mallards. By investing in our teachers' expertise and collaboration, we are strengthening our schoolwide response to learning loss and creating structures that support long-term success for students and staff.
- In an effort to better support our students and provide clarity for our teachers, we are enhancing our protocols related to concerns that may lead to a possible Special Education evaluation. The goal is to ensure a clear and kind process that guides staff in what to do before submitting an SST referral for an IEP. The attached document outlines strengthened steps, expectations, and supports—designed to help teachers gather the right data, implement targeted interventions, monitor progress, and collaborate effectively with families. These enhanced protocols will help us make thoughtful, well-informed decisions for students while ensuring consistency and equity across our school. {SEE ATTACHED}

*LCAP goal #3: -

On Friday, November 7th, I traveled to the Grindstone Reservation with Emmett, Yolanda, Ron Bazan, and Michelle to meet with their team of Elders—known as their Chairman—to discuss their needs, our needs, and how we can strengthen our connection with families. It was a very eye-opening experience and an important step toward building deeper, more meaningful partnerships with the community.

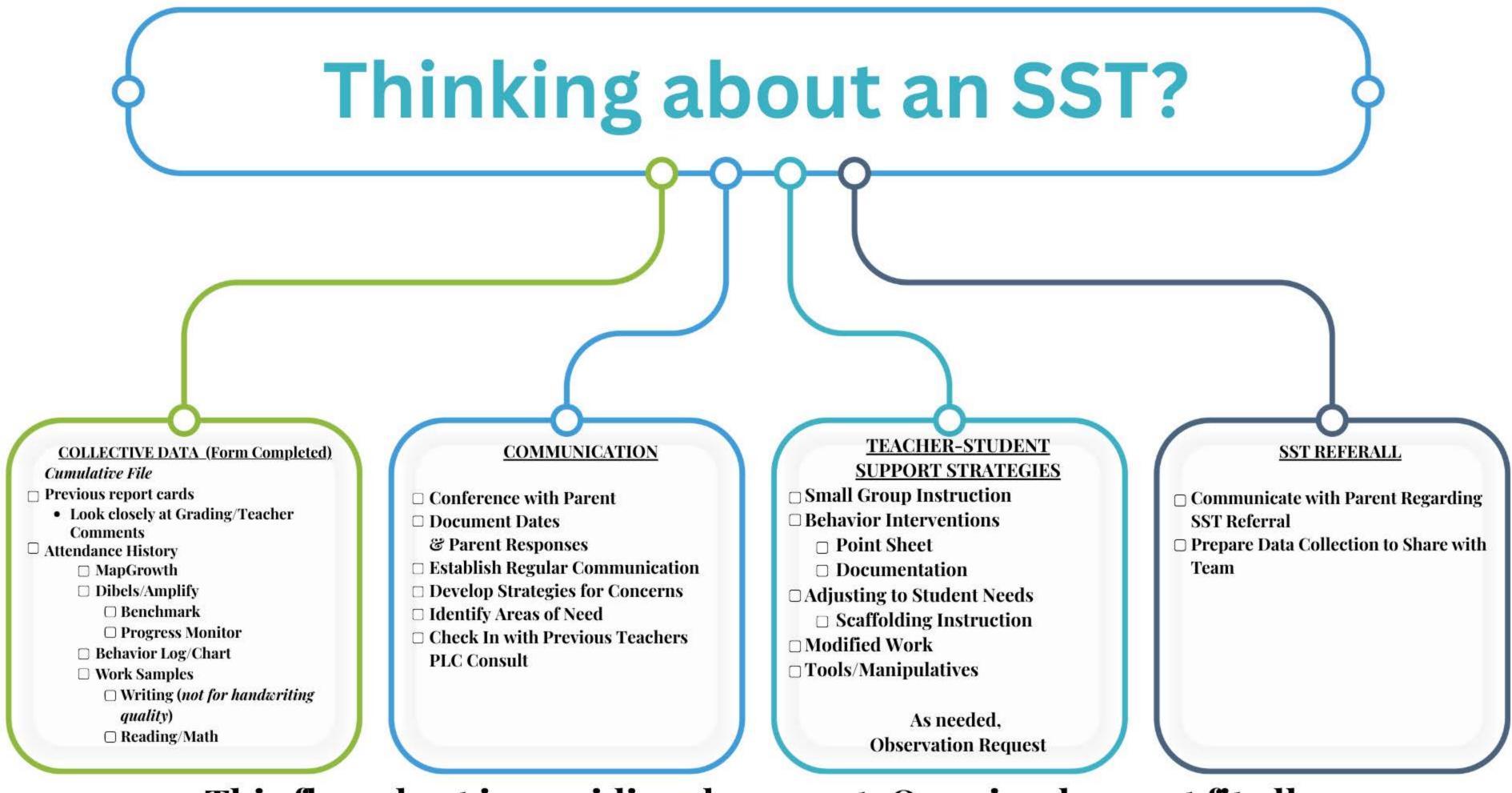
Our annual Native American Appreciation school-wide assembly was a hit! While the Pomo
dancers from our local community who practice traditional Shakehead dancing from
Grindstone were unable to attend, we were grateful to welcome the Xa Batin Feather Dancers
from Lake County. One of their elders has a daughter at Murdock, making their visit even
more special. We learned that dancers hold an important role in Pomo culture. Their regalia,
movement, and songs honor community, healing, and connection. Shakehead is one of the
$oldest\ ceremonial\ dances\ in\ Northern\ California\ tribal\ traditions,\ involving\ rhythmic\ footwork,$
steady head movements, and songs that share stories, values, and relationships with the
land.
We were also honored to have Irvin Watkins join us. Irvin sang, and his daughter— who
attended Murdock as a child—performed a Jingle Dress-style dance. They are members of
the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, one of three federally recognized Shawnee tribes.
Their history includes forced removal from the Great Lakes region to Oklahoma, and their
cultural practices emphasize family, community identity, and preserving traditional
knowledge. The Jingle Dress Dance is a healing dance; each metal cone on the dress creates
a sound that symbolizes resilience, wellness, and strength. The dancer's grounded steps
reflect intention and care. We also loved using our new amphitheater for the event. Our

students were so respectful, attentive, and appreciative of the dancers, and we truly enjoyed

As always, "It's a Great Day to be A Mallard!" Please let me know if you have questions.



this meaningful experience together



This flow chart is a guiding document. One size does not fit all.