



**Diamond Lake School District 76**  
**Embrace Empower Excel** Each Child Each Day

# Student Voice and Choice: A Little School That is Making a Big Difference

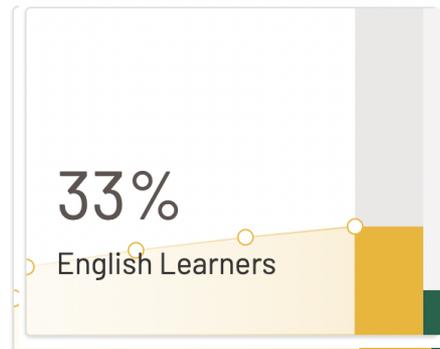
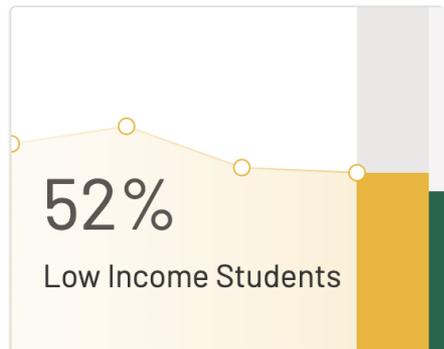
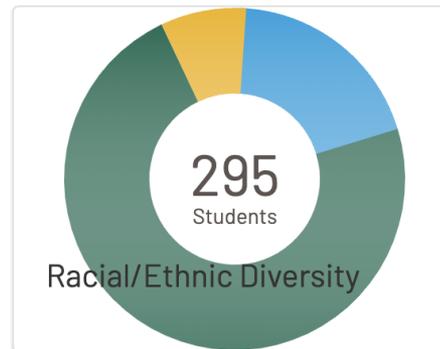
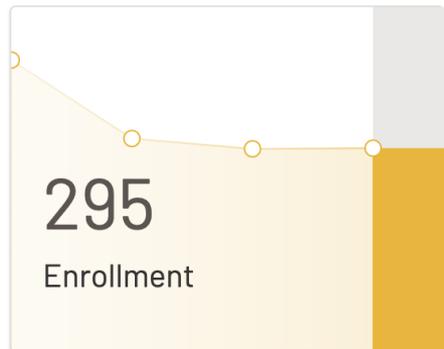
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# Our School

- West Oak Middle School
  - Mundelein
- Feed into MHS and SHS





# Student Ambassadors

How you were chosen?

Why did you join?

What's it like?

- “Students feel like they have a seat at the table”
- “Students enjoy having someone their own age helping with decisions”
- “We are listened to”
- “We help make what happens, happen, I feel like a big part of stuff and that is nice.”



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What do we do?

- Student to student advocacy: “we are messengers”
- Tours
- Assemblies
- School decision making
  - Food tasting
  - Hurdles
  - Dress Code
  - Book bags???
- Helped during our AIMS Learning Walk on December 19th





# Monthly Assemblies

- Focuses on:
  - Positive school environment
  - Student Engagement
  - Student acknowledgement
- Guest speakers
- Positive Referrals
- SOTM
- Spirit challenges
  - Games
- Look at school data
- How do Student Ambassadors help?





# Assemblies





# Positive Referrals

- Purpose of this is to be contagious and spread positivity throughout the school!
  - Teachers nominate students
  - Students nominate teachers
  - Students nominate other students





# Monthly Assemblies

- What do students think about the assemblies?





# AIMS Learning Walk





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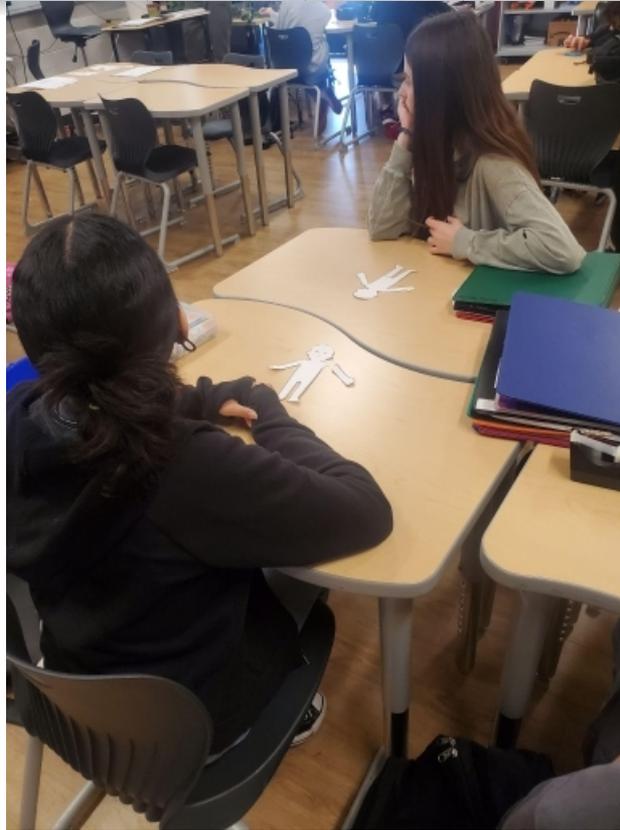
# Trimester Challenges

- New to this year, student challenges
- Focused on academics, attendance, and behavior





# 2nd Trimester Challenge 2/17/23





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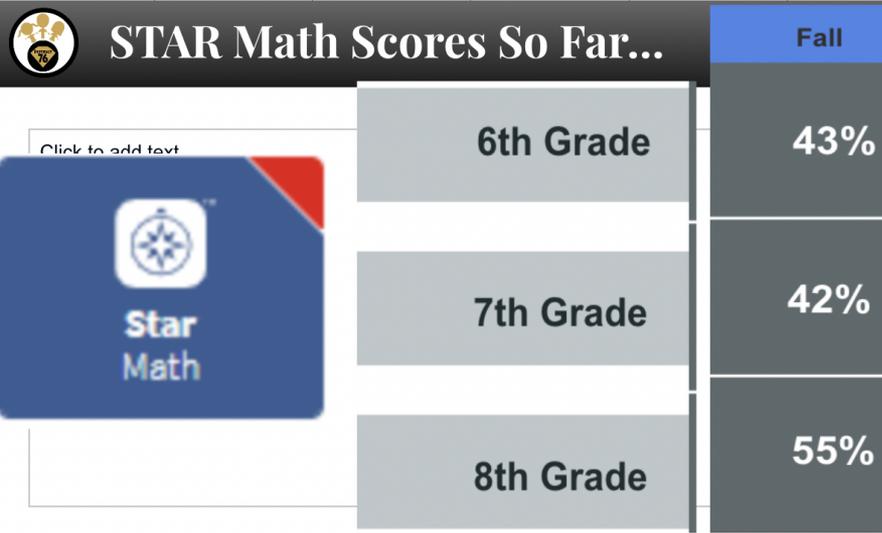
# PBIS Data

- Suspensions
  - OSS
    - Last Year = 48
    - This Year (so far) = 5
  - ISS
    - Last Year = 60
    - This Year (so far) = 17





# Academic Challenges



Winning grade gets to determine what they want to do in May

Growth challenge between grade levels





# CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



You are learning  
faster than the  
national average!





# Honor Roll Recognition



## “A” Honor Roll

This award is presented to

*Sonya*



for their outstanding academic achievement in the First Trimester of the 2022-2023 school year.



Brandon Pedersen  
Principal

Matthew Freiburger  
Assistant Principal



# Social-Emotional Learning

- SEL Mondays
  - 5 minutes each week
  - Imbedded in our morning announcements each day
  - Theme based
    - Communicating Appropriately
    - Social Media Awareness
    - Hygiene
    - Celebrating Uniqueness
    - Goal Setting
    - Self-Management/Self-Care
    - Responsible Decision Making/Healthy Habits

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## SEL Monday Morning

The 3rd Principal of the Happiness Advantage: The Tetris Effect

Monday, 3/14/2022

Pause (Alt+Shift+P)

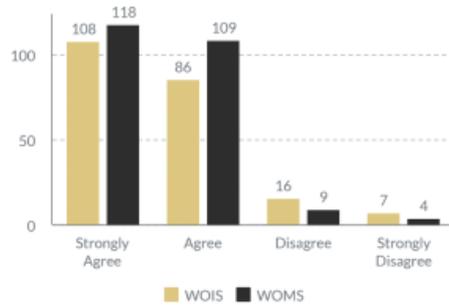
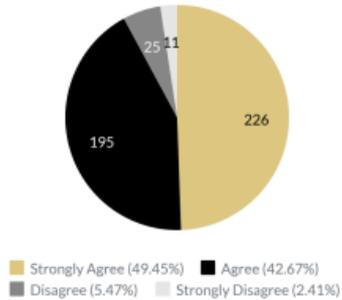
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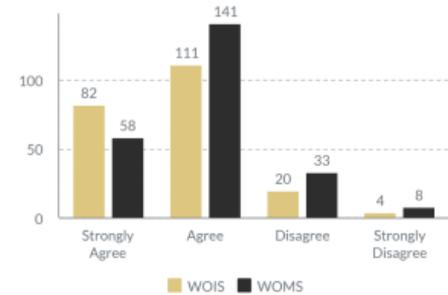
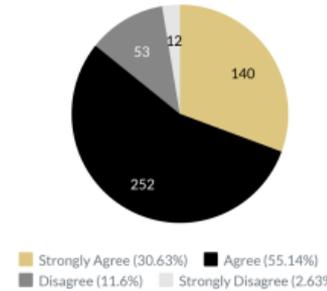


# 3rd-8th Grade SEL Survey

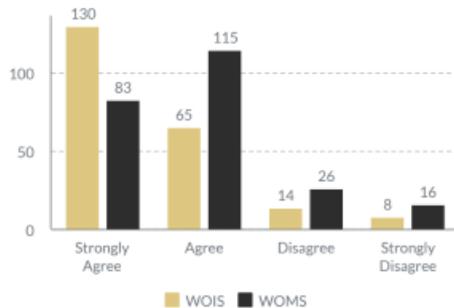
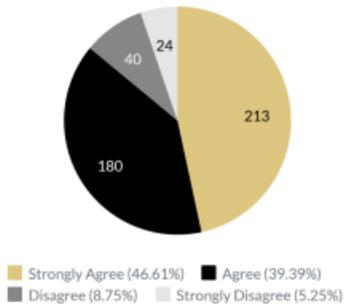
6. I have friends at school that care about me.



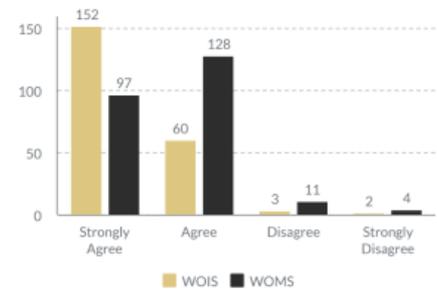
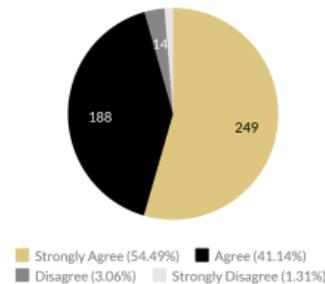
17. I feel physically safe in school.



20. I have at least one trusted adult at school I can talk to when I need help.



25. My teachers want me to do well.





# Student Engagement

- 80% of all students involved in at least one sport, club, or activity
- The more students are engaged the better

## Clubs

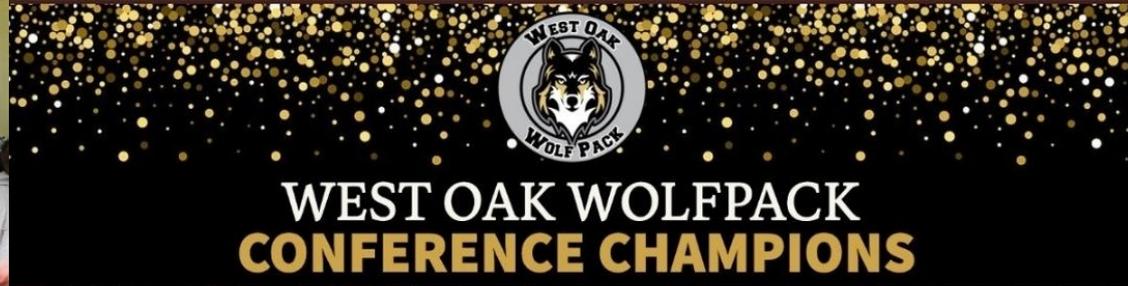
- We Group
- Catalyst
- MASC
- Black Student Union
- Yearbook Club
- Student Broadcast Club
- Art Club
- Tutorial
- Jazz Band
- Sunrise Singers
- NJHS
- Sign Language Club
- Sewing Club
- Student Ambassadors
- AVID
- Schular Scholarship Program
- Boardgame Club
- Coexist

## Sports

- Boys/Girls Soccer
- Boys/Girls Volleyball
- Boys/Girls Basketball
- Cross-Country
- Track
- Wrestling
- Cheerleading
- Scholastic Bowl



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# National Forum Schools to Watch



# STW Trophy





# How do I feel about West Oak Middle School?

