

Message from the Superintendent - April 2018

The birds – robins, especially – arrived early in March in our neighborhood. When we had the last snow, I observed them looking for bare ground or even roads for sustenance. I am hoping we have finally put winter behind us! The day lengths are extending dramatically – nearly four minutes each day – and the Board approved graduation for May 31.

As we approach the last two months of the 2017-18 school year, there is much yet to be accomplished. Instructionally, our students should be reaching their peak strongest learning time. Teachers and students have worked throughout the year to build the students' skills and knowledge. The state tests and other measures of learning take place towards the end of April and wrap up in mid-May.

And, seniors are beginning to wear thin around the confines of their K-12 education as they see a broad horizon and bright future ahead. During March, I enjoy watching March madness. In one of the semifinal games, I was impressed by the Kansas coach's advice to his players: "Enjoy the game – you have worked hard to get here and now enjoy the moment."

In the last weeks of school – we all can encourage their students to enjoy learning! If we educators are successful, our students will love learning – and find ways on their own to develop their understanding of subjects and content that they want to learn.

What is increasingly clear is that opportunities in America are for those who are well educated in an area that they have a passion or strong interest. All of our efforts need to be directed to providing students with educational experiences that permit them to find their niche, and like the blossoming of spring, put forth their best efforts as they grow and develop.

Educationally yours,

Jerry Wilson