



## Board Report March 2021 Submitted by Casey Miller

Spring has nearly sprung and that can only mean good times ahead for the staff and students at ExCEL. The break in the blustery weather and lead to a warmer climate not only outside, but inside the building as well. With renewed vigor, the wolfpack is getting amped up for everyone's favorite time of year.... Testing season!!!

Student news- The pack currently sits at 50 members. Of those 50, 11 are currently remote and 39 are in-person. We have had a few new faces join us already this semester and they are all adjusting well.

Our leaders of the pack for their outstanding performance in the month of February are as follows:

- Elementary School- Jordan L. of Kewanee
- Middle School- Keith N. of Geneseo
- High School- DeMarcus I. of Kewanee

Staff news- With sports finally returning to the state of Illinois, ExCEL School staff have more going on now than in the previous semester. We have multiple coaches in our building that are now getting back into the extra-curricular swing of things. We have a Geneseo football coach, Mr. Roome in our high school. A Kewanee girls' basketball, football and baseball coach all in one middle school teacher, Mr. Christakos. We also have 3 different staff members coaching volleyball at Cambridge with Ms. Wexell, Ms. Forman, and Ms. Mirocha all donning the whistle. Even our social work staff is getting involved in our districts as Ms. Carlton is the cheerleading coach for Stark County.

ExCEL also had one particular staff member stand out for her always positive attitude, creative and exciting ideas for staff and students, and her willingness to go the extra mile for anyone and anything. Our Leader of the pack for her tremendous job in the month of February is our P.E. teacher Alissa Wyffels.

Building news- With 4<sup>th</sup> quarter upon us it is time to start planning for next year. We are changing up the classes in our middle school and high school in an effort to deliver a more expanded course catalog for our students. We will be adding an art class, a new science class, and two new social studies classes in our middle school next year. Not to be outdone, our high school is also shaking things up for the 2021/2022 school year. We will now be offering Spanish, sociology, human anatomy and journalism to our high school students as well as our second year of being able to offer behind-the-wheel drivers ed.