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met or exceeded math skills. Roughly 40 percent of Forest Ridge students qualify for free or reduced lunch.

GUBSER

Gubser students met state averages in language arts skills, 51 percent, and math skills, 43 percent. Both scores were down slightly from the previous year. The Gators increased regular attendance by 8 percent in the last school year and approximately half of students qualified for free or reduced lunch programs. Individual student progress was rated average for the school as a whole.

KEIZER

Keizer students missed state averages in both language arts (34 percent) and math (24 percent). The school is saddled with the largest student enrollment among Keizer's elementary schools (728 students), more than 95 percent of whom qualify for free or reduced lunch programs. Still, individual student progress was average throughout the school. Keizer was second only to Weddle Elementary School in teacher turnover, 20 percent.

KENNEDY

Kennedy students missed state averages in language arts (42 percent) and math (28 percent), but language arts jumped 6 percent from the prior year and overall individual student progress was rated high. Regular attendance among students climbed 5 percent over the year prior. More than 95 percent of Kennedy students qualify for free or reduced lunch.

OPTIMUM LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (OLE) CHARTER SCHOOL AT FOREST RIDGE

Students in Keizer's charter school-within-a-school exceeded state averages in language arts (63 percent) and math (50 percent), but both numbers were down from the prior year. Regular attendance was a staggering 91 percent among the 129 students enrolled. However, individual student progress was rated low. About a quarter of students at OLE qualify for free or reduced lunch.

WEDDLE

Both language arts acquisition and math skills fell from the prior year at Weddle. The number of students meeting grade-level language arts goals fell 9 percent to 17 percent over the prior school year. Just 10 percent of students met grade-level math standards, a fall of 3 percent from the previous year. Overall individual student progress was rated low. More than 95 percent of Weddle students qualify for free or reduced lunch programs.

WHITEAKER

Whiteaker students beat state averages in both language arts and math. Almost 60 percent of the Wolverines met grade-level language arts expectations, the state average is 54 percent. In math, 47 percent met grade-level

standards, the state average is 39 percent. Approximately 44 percent of Whiteaker students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Individual student progress was rated high.

CLAGGETT CREEK

At Claggett Creek, language arts skills fell short of state averages (41 percent) as did math acquisition (30 percent). However, individual student progress was rated high across the student body. More than 95 percent of students at CCMS qualify for free or reduced lunch programs.

OTHER NOTES

Earlier this year, *Keizertimes* reported on reading struggles at McNary High School. At the time, school administrators had discovered 45 percent of McNary freshmen tested below grade-level reading skills. The report cards released by state officials appears to support those earlier numbers and show that the struggles generally span the entire city and do not arise from a single school.

Minority students in Keizer are also unlikely to see themselves reflected in the education profession in the city. At McNary, roughly 45 percent of the student body identify as a minority but 94 percent of teachers are white. At Weddle Elementary, 70 percent of students identify as a minority and only 24 percent of teachers claimed minority status.



KT on vacation

Pastor Tom Fox (Lakepoint Community Church), Pastor Rachel Taylor (Lakepoint Community Church), Dr. Carley Kendrick (Tour Leader - Encountering the Bible) took their *Keizertimes* to Jerusalem in early November. Kendrick led a group from Lakepoint Community Church on a 15-day tour of Israel. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is seen in the background.

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