

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Mr. Matt Stich, Principal
Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00 PM

News and Noteworthy

January was a busy month at Eagle Elementary School. Students participated in:

- PTO Movie Night
- Spelling Bee (3rd-6th Grade)
- Christmas Around the World (6th Grade Social Studies Project)

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- MAP testing is officially completed. Teachers will now work together to analyze student assessment data. This will help teachers make adjustments to instruction and differentiate based on individual student needs.
- Additionally, students will have the opportunity to participate in Genius Hour. This is a “science fair” type of project, which allows students to learn all about topics that are of particular interest to them. Students will then have the opportunity to present what they learned to the entire school in the form of an informational poster board.

Professional Development

- On January 23rd, Eagle Elementary teachers received training using the Run, Hide, Fight Program. The feedback from this training was overwhelmingly positive. As a school we then practiced a Lockdown Drill, which allowed teachers to utilize what they learned during the training.
- On January 26th, several teachers participated on a site visit to Oconomowoc Area School District Schools to watch their Reader’s and Writer’s Workshops in action. After the site visit, teachers were given the opportunity to debrief and discuss how what they saw in Oconomowoc can be brought into their own classrooms.
- On February 27th, teachers will receive continued professional development in the area of Discovery Education. Teachers from Eagle Elementary will be collaborating with their grade level peers from Palmyra Elementary.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would like to acknowledge and thank Greg Deets and Justine Haima for organizing both the Staff Spelling Bee and the School Spelling Bee. Both were a big success and very entertaining.

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February 14, 2017
Palmyra Elementary School

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- At our last teacher inservice meeting on February 27th our elementary phy. ed. teachers reviewed the new SPARK curriculum recently purchased. This will be implemented as soon as they receive professional development to learn the ins and outs of the program.
- We have decided to purchase “Handwriting Without Tears” and a keyboarding program by the same company to help bolster these skills at the elementary level. Handwriting and keyboarding are not new to the elementary, but it is time that we update both areas of instruction with the latest instruction programs.
- We are going to preview several grammar programs and will hopefully choose one to purchase to help our teachers effectively teach grammar. Our test scores indicate that vocabulary development is a weakness in our schools and we want to address this as soon as possible.

2. News and Noteworthy

- February 9th marked the 100th day of school and many of our classes celebrated throughout the day. In some classes students were going to read 100 books, discover and write 100 words found throughout the school, and complete 100 exercises. Other classes were writing what they would do if they had \$100 and dressing up to be 100 years old. The student enjoyed the day very much!

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thank you to sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Waite, for facilitating our first annual Geography Bee and to Mrs. Retzke for bringing this competition to our school. Congratulations to the winners of the competition:

First Place: A.J. Plotz

Second Place: Madisson Pfeiffer

Third Place: Neva Stephens

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

February 22 Realtor Open House - PEHS - 9:00-10:30 a.m.

February 27 Teacher Inservice Day

March 3 End of Trimester

5. Miscellaneous

Happy Valentine’s Day!

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
January 14, 2017

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

The Run, Hide, Fight inservice training on January 23rd was very well received by all staff. The opportunity to put into action skills that could help protect them and their students in the event of a threat to their safety. We did a debrief of the materials covered at our next staff meeting. Teachers talked in small groups and provided feedback, including the questions/concerns they still had, ideas they had about making our schools more safe and what they saw as the highest priority. I was able to answer some of their concerns on the spot and the other we are working on developing answers to many of their other questions.

We have been doing ACT prep with the juniors Monday-Thursday since mid December. As we near the ACT test date of February 28th, the ACT prep teachers have continued to push students to get through as much of the program as possible and we have also provided additional resources for students, including a opportunity to take a full test in preparation.

We have developed a plan for the ACT test day. We will provide all sophomores with the opportunity to take the ASVAB test in the morning. The ASVAB is a career aptitude test that is given by the military. The 9th graders will spend the morning do leadership and team building activities that will be lead by PEHS staff. In the afternoon we will debrief these activities and then watch a movie that will address some of the current social media use issues that have been an area of concern.

2. News and Noteworthy

All middle and high school staff for their professionalism during 1st semester final exams. We worked with days off school, shifting of a schedule and were able to get all students ready to take exams. We were able to work together and allow middle and high school students to have a valuable educational experience.

Renee Cookstrom and I held our second registration night for incoming 9th graders. The presentations was very well received. We were able to provide a lot of quality information and answer questions for both students and parents. We will again hold an information night for the incoming 7th graders in March.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Renee Cookstrom and Gigi Laine for their work in preparing the registration materials for the 2017-18 school year. Students have begun the registration process in their homerooms. Students will engage in the course selection process the week of February 20th. The plan is to have next year's schedules in hand by May 1st.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- February 17th - Career panel day
- February 19th - FFA Pancake Breakfast
- February 20th - 24th - High school course registration
- February 20th - PT Conferences 3:30-7:30
- February 27th - No School - Inservice
- February 28th - ACT plus writing - all juniors, ASVAB - all sophomores
- March 1st - ACT workkeys

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building –District-Wide
Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -
Amanda Jones
February 17, 2017

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- ACCESS testing for English Learners is complete. Staff will be provided with information about results once they arrive in spring. The cut scores were changed this year by WIDA, so comparison to previous scores will be invalid.
- Training and preparation for Dynamic Learning Map (DLM - alternative assessment to Forward Exam) is being completed. Testing window is the same as Forward Exam - March 20 - May 5.
- ACT accommodations for juniors are approved.
- Special education staff will begin diving into current literacy practices and further data in connection to CCR IEPs (Career and College Ready IEPs) in order increase literacy proficiency for students with disabilities, as the Results Driven Accountability (RDA) mandate outlines.

2. News and Noteworthy

- MERT (Medical Emergency Response Team) at the Middle/High School has been further established and met twice in the past 6 weeks. The team has updated protocols and will be receiving further emergency/medical training.
- NVCI (Non-Violent Crisis Intervention) team has been established at the Middle/High School. Updated protocols and procedures have been set forth in the event of an escalated situation. All NVCI members are trained and certified through the Crisis Prevention Institute with NVCI training.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- I would like to acknowledge Sam Fell, Elementary School Counselor, and Renee Cookstrom, Middle/High School Counselor as part of National School Counselor Week (week of February 6-10). Thanks for all you do!

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- I will be attending the Federal Funding conference on February 15 and 16th in Wisconsin Dells.
- We will be holding a 2nd Early Childhood Screening to enhance our Child Find efforts in the district. This will take place March 10th in the morning. More information to come.

- All special education teachers and support staff will be provided with professional development training from 8:00 to 2:00 during the February 27th in-service day. Brian Kenney and Kathy Tuttle from the Transition Improvement Grant (TIG) will be providing this training. The training will also include a pre-survey of teams, which will be followed up with again in the spring. The training will include approximately 1 hour of collaboration time for teams in addition to the training information.

The training is designed to provide support and tools in:

- Bridging a successful teacher/support staff team to best meet the needs of students/communication methods and support
- Instructional Strategies/Levels of support
- Behavioral Strategies and De-escalation

5. Miscellaneous

- On February 7th, I attended CESA 2 for a Title III/WIDA workshop entitled “Differentiation for Linguistically Diverse Students”. This information will be shared with all staff in ongoing strategies to support English Learners in the classroom.