

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Mr. Matt Stich, Principal
Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 PM

News and Noteworthy

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

- Homecoming Week
- National Walk to School Day
- STARS (student council) participated in a Bake Sale to raise funds for community benefits.
- Monster Mash (Thank you PTO!)

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

After a busy month of setting up routines, procedures, and assessments, teachers are back into the swing of things. The assessments that were given in September have been used to drive teacher instruction in October. I have already been hearing great things from teachers about student progress.

Professional Development

- On the October 27th In-Service day, teachers received PD around Words Their Way. This will help teachers improve their spelling instruction. Teachers were also given the opportunity to learn how to develop their own classroom websites. This will provide teachers with the ability to highlight all the amazing things that are going on in classrooms.
- On November 10th I will be attending the AWSA New Building Administrators Conferences in Oshkosh.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would like to acknowledge and thank Kathy Retzke for all the work that she has put into the Book Fair this year. We really appreciated it!

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
November 8, 2016 - 7:00pm/PEHS/PEMS

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Curriculum Fidelity Checks - Reading Specialist, Tami Harpster and I have been going into all classrooms to complete fidelity checks for Readers' and Writers' Workshop. Every teacher is to follow a specific workshop framework and timeline. This ensures that there is appropriate scaffolding during instruction, that corrective feedback is consistent, that each instructor is using the same education language, that there is clear instruction and that groups and transitions are effectively managed.

2. News and Noteworthy

Veterans Day Celebration - Teri Kelly is facilitating our Veterans Day Celebration this year. We are all looking forward to the special guests and presenters that Mrs. Kelly has arranged. The assembly starts at 9:30 in the gymnasium. You are all welcome to attend!

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thanks to Amy Muth for facilitating our Makerspace Club. The students are having a great time and are learning quite a bit.
- Thank you to Teri Kelly for organizing Veterans Day!
- It was very nice having Board representatives, Mark Isaacsen and Cory Jones at parent /teacher conferences during the Board listening sessions!

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

November	8	Home & School Meeting
	9	Makerspace Club
	11	Veterans Day Assembly
	18	Teacher Inservice
	23-25	Thanksgiving Break
	30	End of First Trimester

5. Miscellaneous

Parent/Teacher Conferences were very well attended. We had approximately 98% of our families in attendance. Our teachers will reach out to those who could not attend and will schedule another time to meet with them.

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
November 3, 2016

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Teacher spend the inservice day on October 27th at Timber lee in East Troy. We worked in groups in the morning doing team building activities. These activities allow staff to work on the 5 C's - challenging, communication, caring, collaboration and connections. It was a great opportunity to work together as a staff and learn more about how to be an effective team. Teacher were then able to take part in either zip line or go the science center. In the afternoon we had a great conversation about our student demographic and how are teaching and assessment methods impact students.

On Wednesday, October 26th seven staff members, Kari Timm, Tammy Anderson, Kyle Damrow, Sarah Holland, Mark Valdovinos, Pat Keelty and Tori Franz had an opportunity to attend a grading and assessment conference in the Wisconsin Dells. Myron Dueck and Garth Larson presented a wide variety of information on grading and assessment. The Grading 2 Learn action team will be using this information as the springboard to looking at more proficiency based teaching and learning. This will also become part of how students are assessed in the future. We are in very beginning stages of this process and it will take awhile to get up and running, but the level of teacher interest is very high.

2. News and Noteworthy

Congratulations to senior Holly Pedersen and Junior Antonia Bartolotta on the advancement to the WIAA state cross country meet. Both girls represent Palmyra-Eagle in amazing fashion. Holly finished 29th and Antonia finished 42nd. It was the first time in school history that we were represented by two runners at state.

Sarah Holland and Pat Keelty took 12 student council kids to the annual RVC leadership conference at Beloit Turner on Monday, October 24th. This is an opportunity for students to have a guest speaker talk to them about leadership and being a good role model. It is also a time for students to work with students from other schools in the rock valley conference.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Several of my teachers have been planing very interesting field trips in the last few weeks' including Katy Engh taking her marketing students to the Bradley Center and Bucks game, Tori Franz taking her students to a Day of the Dead experience and Joel Tortomasi taking his political science students to the State Supreme Court. Field trips take a lot of organizing and planning and I appreciate their effort to give our students a wide variety of educational experiences.

Top Cat award were held on Wednesday October 19th. These awards are an opportunity to celebrate the academic success of our students. We had student receive their academic letter for earning 6 honors points and their top cat pin for earning 12 honors points. Honors points are earned based on a student's semester GPAs.

NHS held their first blood drive of the school year. The students and advisor Renee Cookstrom where able to have over 50 successful donations again this year. This is a great event to allow students to give back and bring community members into our building.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

November 4th - End of the 1st quarter

November 18th - Half day inservice

Winter sports have started or will be starting soon in the middle and high school. You can find updated schedules on the school website if you are interested in attending an event.

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building –District-Wide
Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -
Amanda Jones
November 8, 2016

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Special Education Directors throughout the state continue to receive further professional development and clarification in College and Career Ready IEPs and requirements of the new IEP forms. I have continued to meet with special education staff at PEASD to bring them the latest updates and professional development in this area.
- ACCESS test for English Language Learners has been ordered, with the testing window between December 6th and February 10th.
- Academic and Career Planning pilot implementation has begun with middle and high school students during Friday homeroom time on a rotational basis. Teachers are provided with the learning objectives and lessons by the school counselor to complete using Career Cruising on chromebooks and/or other supplemental materials as needed. Further planning and evaluation of continued implementation is ongoing at the district and building level(s).

2. News and Noteworthy

- Panther Ground Cafe is up and running on Mondays and Wednesdays during high school lunch blocks 5a/b. PCG is run by students with multiple disabilities who are working on becoming career and college ready and increasing their transitional skills. Come get your coffee, mocha or tea!
- Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Trainings have begun for some staff that are either involved with or have potential to be involved with students of behavioral needs (student identified as in crisis/heightened state and/or restraint). After these trainings are complete, all special education teachers and aides will be fully trained, as well as administration and a couple of teachers in each building who may serve on crisis teams.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thank you to the Early Childhood team for your work and collaboration in the EC screenings on Friday, November 4th. It is greatly appreciated!
- Thank you to all staff (Tori Franz, Jen Quella, Sam Crary, Maria Schmidt, Andy Pickett) involved in meeting the needs of our English Learners throughout the district. Your dedication to student learning for all is apparent in your dedicated efforts.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- PEASD will be hosting a Job Development and Visual Resume Training through the Transition Improvement Grant (TIG) network on November 17th from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Community Center. Please see attached flyer for more information. Everyone interested is welcome to attend the training. We will be extending the invitation to parents, community members and other local school districts. (see attached)
- The annual PEASD EC Screening will take place on Friday, November 4th for children ages 3 to 4 ½ who may show signs of developmental delay(s). The EC team will be holding another screening in early spring to meet required child find procedures.

5. Miscellaneous

- Myself and Patti Kies, district psychologist, attended the State Superintendent Special Education and Pupil Service Conference in Wisconsin Dells on October 18th and 19th. This is a valuable opportunity for professional development that I have continued to share with all special education and pupil service staff.

Job Development and Visual Resume Training

Open to School Districts within CESA 2

Palmyra Eagle School District
123 Burr Oak Street
Palmyra, WI 53156

November 17, 2016

Registration - 8:30 - 9:00 am

Training - 9:00 am - 3:00 PM

The transition of students into integrated community settings for paid work experience requires significant supports and specialized services to be coordinated between school districts and other agencies. Learning to network and collaborate with employers within your community to create meaningful paid work experiences for your students will increase their post high school outcomes as well as prepare them to graduate college and career ready.

Creating visual resumes captures a student's true passions, interests and desires as they relate to their post-secondary goals for education & training, employment and independent living and allows potential employers to see them in action; significantly increasing their chances for employment opportunities. Creating visual resumes also engages the student in the job seeking process in a fun and productive way.

Cost: FREE - Lunch will be provided

Register at <http://witig.org/event-details.html?id=4060>

For questions, please contact Brian Kenney, TIG Southern Regional Coordinator, at bkenney@cesa3.org or (608)-448-9034