

**School Board Report and Update**  
**Eagle Elementary School**  
**Michael Marincic**  
**February 9th, 2016/7:00pm/Eagle Elementary**

**Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- Attended *Forward Exam* training - Exam window: March 28th - May 20th
- PALS Mid-Year (4K-2) - January 11 - February 19
- 4th-6th grade classes have completed a 10-day whole-class intervention pilot, focusing on fluency, based on the PRESS model.
- Mid-Trimester progress reports went home January 29th

**Professional Development**

- Readers' and Writers' training
- 4K and 5K *Universal Mathematics Instruction* training

**News and Noteworthy/Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- Matthew Hunkins (6th grade) will head to the CESA round of the Scripps Spelling Bee.
  - Thank you to Greg Deets and Justine Haima for organizing this again this year!
- Jill Blaedow is the 2015-16 EES Staff Spelling Bee Champion!
- EES will be participating in *One School, One Book* during the month of March, reading *A Cricket in Times Square*.

**Upcoming Events and Activity**

- EES PTO Movie Night - Friday, February 12th @ 6:00pm
- Genius Hour - Wednesday, February 24th @ 5:00pm
- No School for Students (Teacher Work Day) - Monday, February 29th
- 4K/5K Open House - Monday, February 29th @ 1:30pm in the EES library
- End of Second Trimester - March 3rd

## **School Board Report and Update**

### **Palmyra Elementary School**

**Steve Greenquist**

**February 9, 2016 - 7:00pm/EES**

#### **1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

The **PES Leadership Team** meets every other week to discuss a variety of matters. This past week we met to discuss a possible new start time for PES next year due to the buses arriving 15 minutes earlier than we anticipated this year. Of course any significant change such as this would need to be approved by Dr. Bloom and the Board. We also discussed how teachers are using MAP and AIMSweb test results and if we need a refresher to help us maintain fidelity. Another discussion item was using our library to truly be the hub of education for our school and how technology can be incorporated in the library as well. We are very excited about the many positive changes that are happening at PES and feel good about how these changes will help to raise achievement.

#### **2. News and Noteworthy**

**VIP Day** - Grandparents (or other family members) are invited to come to PES on March 2-3 to share their life experiences with their grandchildren and the class. This is a great opportunity to involve family in our school and helps us to build community.

**Interpretive Reading Contest** - Palmyra Elementary School is partaking in a school wide Interpretive Reading Contest. Interpretive reading is the art of reading aloud from the printed page. Our students were given the opportunity to choose a book, practice reading aloud in the time frame given per grade level ( first and second grade: 1-3 minutes, third through fifth grade: 3-5 minutes) and read in front of their classmates. Judges determine one Interpretive Reading winner per grade. The winners from each grade level will be reading to our VIPs on March 2-3 at an all school assembly.

**Home & School Sledding Party** – K-3 grade students will have an opportunity to attend a sledding party after school in our own backyard sometime this month. Usually this is scheduled in advance, but the weather is not cooperating with us as of yet. This is an annual event that has been going on way before I ever arrived at PES and is enjoyed by the students very much. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided by Home & School.

**Science Emersion Day** - On January 29th teachers, Chelli Taylor (PES) and Katie Severson (EES), took several 5-6 grade student representatives from both Eagle and Palmyra to Science Emersion Day on the UW-Whitewater campus. Students were taught lessons in chemistry,

biology and paleontology. The students were also given a behind the scenes tour of Young Auditorium

### **3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

Many thanks to PES teachers Chris Nate, Amy Muth, Kamala Bayley and Jennifer Quella for all of the time and energy they have put in organizing VIP Day.

Thanks to the PES Leadership Team members, Kathy Retzke, Tami Harpster, Jennifer Quella, Monica Adsit and Samantha Crary for serving on the committee. They certainly care for and are dedicated to the students at PES. They are true leaders and make my job a whole lot easier!

### **4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

The Palmyra Elementary play entitled, The Enchanted Tale, will be held March 4-5 at 7:00 pm. Fifth grade teacher, Chelli Taylor, is the director and author of the play. Since we have over 40 students involved, including students from the middle school, Chelli recruited third grade teacher, Becky Schneiger, to help. You are all invited and we hope to see you there!

February 16	Home & School Fundraiser begins
February 16	Books and Breakfast 7:15 am in the PES library
February 29	Inservice - No School
March 1	Home & School fundraiser ends
March 4-5	The Enchanted Tale 7:00 pm

### **5. Miscellaneous**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School**  
**Principal – Kari Timm**  
**February 9, 2016**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

In-service on January 22nd was a very valuable training on Google Classroom.

Teachers were able to have about 2 hours of inservice on how to use google classroom and then over an hour of time to work and get guidance on getting at least one classroom set up. We are asking teachers to use Google Classroom with at least one class or course for the rest of 2nd semester with the plan to use it for all classes/courses next year.

We are working on preparation for all three state assessments that will be giving 7-12 this year. I have gone to training or watched webinars for ACT Aspire and the forward exam and we will begin prep for those in March closer to the opening of the testing window. Letters have gone home to all high school grade levels indicating how they will be affected during the ACT and ACT workkeys on March 1st and 2nd. On the 1st we have alternate activities planned off site for the 9th and 10th graders and are giving the 12th graders the day for college visits, scholarship applications, job applications or other things in preparation for graduation. We will run a normal day of school on the 2nd and test juniors in the cafeteria in a large group. This allows us to give the juniors a good testing environment while still having school for the other students.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

The PEHS Dance Team took 3rd place at their regional completion on Saturday, January 30th. The dance team competed at the state meet in LaCrosse on Saturday February 6th.

Renee Cookstrom and myself held a 8th grade registration information night on 1/27 and a 9th-11th grade registration night on 2/3. These events were well received by the parents and students in attendance and all the information has been put on the website for those who were not able to attend to access. We are also planning an orientation/registration night for incoming 6th graders on March 16th.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

To my entire teaching staff. We have been having a lot of open and honest conversations in staff meetings about engaging students and building policies and procedures. These conversations are not always easy, but the staff is being open and honest. They realize that we have to continue to push ourselves every day to help our student reach their full potential.

Steve Valentine who has made a seamless transition for Les Ahrens. He is an asset to the building and we are happy to have him.

#### **4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

February 15th - 20 - High School winter spirit week and dance

February 19 - middle school dance

February 22nd - 3:30-7:30 2nd semester Parent-Teacher conferences

March 1st and 2nd - ACT plus writing and ACT workkeys for all PEHS juniors

#### **5. Miscellaneous**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School/Building –District-Wide**  
**Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -**  
**Amanda Jones**  
**February 9, 2016**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- Dynamic Learning Map (alternative assessment for students with significant disabilities- testing window 3/28 through 5/20) Update - Staff are completing required student-specific components, such as first contact surveys and personal needs profiles. These individualized components are completed so that the assessment is individualized to meet each students specific needs/level. Staff are meeting to complete required additional training on February 9 for test administrators.
- New forms for state assessment were released Feb. 2 by DPI for the new FORWARD Exam. The district will be following the state's lead on how to incorporate those forms into current IEPs for the upcoming spring FORWARD exam state assessment.
- RtI Committee has continued to move forward in updating the RtI Handbook and protocols/procedures. Forms for the ABC Team (universal tracker, referral form, initial meeting, follow-up meeting, and accommodations/modifications sheet) are complete and ready to be implemented. Building principals indicated they would be presenting the forms and procedure at building staff meetings.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

- Special education staff and physical education staff will be receiving professional development at this month's PD day (Feb. 29) regarding Adaptive Physical Education for students with disabilities. There will be an overview of Adaptive P.E., qualifying for services and assessment, as well as programming into student IEPs and being an active IEP participant (requirements).
- This month's special education staff meeting will involve much discussion around new RDA (Results Driven Accountability) requirements over the next 5 years as a state and federal mandate, what new IEP form changes are proposed for next year around RDA requirements, and what it means for our district's special education planning and programming.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

- School Counselor Week - February 1-5. Thank you to Renee Cookstrom and Megan Plicka for the work they have done for PEASD!

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

- I will be attending the Federal Funding Conference with Sharon Llanas on February 16 & 17th. This conference focuses on transparency and accountability of federal funds. Compliance will be stressed in addition to ways to maximize federal resources.

**5. Miscellaneous**