

PANTHER NATION NEWS

"To ensure students excel with intellect and virtue, inspired by innovative educators who engage and challenge each individual."

District News



Elementary Musical

Under the direction of Chelli Taylor and Sarah Mickelson, the Palmyra-Eagle Drama Club presented *Junie B. Jones, The Musical, Jr.* on March 9th and 10th. The group is comprised of district students in grades 3rd – 6th and hosts an annual musical. The performance was held at Palmyra Elementary School and all involved did a fantastic job!

Youth Art Month

The month of March is designated nationally as Youth Art Month. In celebration of this, artwork from Palmyra-Eagle district students will be on display at both the Alice Baker Library in Eagle and the Powers Memorial Library in Palmyra for the entire month. A variety of media created by students ranging from kindergarten through 12th grades will be showcased. Come check out the amazing works created by our talented Panther artists!

UPCOMING BAND & CHOIR CONCERTS

- Palmyra Elem 5th-6th Music & Band Concert**
Monday, March 19, 2018 @ 6:30 pm
- Eagle Elem 5th-6th Music & Band Concert**
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 @ 6:30 pm
- High School Choir Concert**
Thursday, March 22, 2018 @ 6:30 pm
(Held at the Palmyra United Methodist Church)
- Eagle Elementary Art & Music Festival**
Thursday, April 19, 2018 4pm - 6pm
- Palmyra Elementary Art & Music Festival**
Thursday, May 3, 2018 6pm - 7pm
- Middle School Choir Concert**
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 @6:30pm
- High/Middle School Band Concert**
Monday, May 14, 2018 @7pm
- High School Choir Concert**
Tuesday, May 22, 2018 @6:30pm
(Held at the Palmyra United Methodist Church)

Notice of School Board Election

Section 120.06 (6) – NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election is to be held in the School District of Palmyra-Eagle Area Schools, on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. There are two school board positions open, which have 3-year terms of office.

The following candidate names will be on the April 3, 2018 ballot:



Scott Hoff Justin Thomas

Please check your local village or town hall for voting locations and hours.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

We would be pleased to discuss the many reasons why you should enroll your child in our school district. Please call the district office at 262-495-7101 ext. 2600 to schedule a personally guided tour of any one of our schools. The 2018 - 2019 open enrollment application period is February 5, 2018 - April 30, 2018. Come check out what Palmyra-Eagle can offer your child!

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total student enrollment, race/ethnicity information for the student body by percentage of overall enrollment, and percentages of total enrollment for students in various sub-groups including Students with Disabilities, Economically Disadvantaged pupils and those students who possess Limited English Proficiency. In the medical example presented above this information is not unlike height, weight, temperature, pulse/heart rate and blood pressure.

More diagnostic information similar to that gathered in a comprehensive physical examination provides the school/district with critical information for the student population as a whole as well as for smaller sub-groups of students. Additionally, student specific information is reported out through other sources that assist staff members in making decisions to assist individual students who might be in need of additional support. This is the data for which important decisions are currently being made to move the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District forward in this time of greater school accountability.

Students and staff members are currently making preparations and creating schedules for testing for the current school year. Information will be forthcoming regarding the dates of grade level assessments required in each of the district schools as well as tips for both parents and students on how best to ready themselves for these tests. Questions may be directed to each building principal as they arise.

Sincerely,
Dr. Steven M. Bloom, District Administrator
Palmyra-Eagle Area School District

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

(Second Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm in the PEHS/MS Community Center)
MARCH 13, 2018
APRIL 10, 2018
MAY 8, 2018
JUNE 12, 2018
Access to meeting agendas, minutes, information and recordings:
<http://www.peasd.org/district/board-of-education.cfm>

"A Routine Check-Up or Comprehensive Physical Examination?"

Recently, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released to the public School and District Report Cards as part of on-going accountability measures as required by state and federal law. Our school district "Exceeded Expectations" on assessment measurements from the 2016-2017 school year data assessments. Palmyra-Eagle Middle School and High School "Meets Expectations" while both Eagle Elementary and Palmyra Elementary Schools "Significantly Exceeded Expectations." We take great pride in these results and thank our staff members for their efforts preparing our students for these high stakes tests.

The new reporting measures remind me of the difference between a routine check-up and a full comprehensive annual physical examination. If you have ever had to see a doctor for a routine check-up you know that there are several measurements that are taken and then charted for comparisons at future check-ups. These include fairly simple measurements such as height, weight, temperature, pulse/heart rate, blood pressure, etc. Nothing difficult - and nothing that is overly intrusive or time consuming. The check-up probably took less time than the period of time it took in the waiting room before your name was called.

Unlike a routine check-up, the comprehensive physical examination may involve all of the above measurements as well as more intrusive ones such as multiple laboratory tests (blood draw, x-rays, etc.). Also, a comprehensive physical exam may take a longer period of time to complete and the results of certain tests may require a waiting period and may warrant another follow-up visit to your doctor.

The School and District Report Cards also present a variety of general information and student demographic data. These types of information represent the type of data retrieved by your physician during a routine wellness exam. They include in this instance the following pieces of information: Grade levels contained in the school reported,

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Musicians Move on to State Competitions

At the District Solo & Ensemble Festival held at Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School on Saturday, February 17th, an impressive 26 Palmyra-Eagle band students and 12 choir participants received 1* ratings for one or more of the events they entered. This rating qualifies the following ensembles for the Wisconsin School Music Association's (WSMA) State Solo Ensemble Festival which will be held on April 28th at UW-Whitewater.

Flute Choir: Erin Cavanaugh, Haley Czerniejewski, Kenzie Emery, Haley Hatzinger, Morgan Keske, Kierra Nehls, Abby Richardson, Ella Schlueter, Ashly Surdyk, Abby Vick
Clarinet Choir: Alli Behselich, Owen Butenhoff, Nova Rutkowski, Kaleb Doss, Josie Kysely, Morgan Olson, Fischer Schneider



Percussion Ensemble: Romeo Aranda, Jake Cowser, Adyn Guadarrama, Emma Hammond, Matt Hoh, Owen Isaacsen, Jason Slaybaugh, Casey Webber
Flute Trio: Erin Cavanaugh, Haley Hatzinger, Morgan Keske
Flute/Clarinet Trio: Owen Butenhoff, Haley Hatzinger, Morgan Olson
Alto Sax Solo: Gabby Wirt

#Harmony (Acapella Group Ensemble): Chris Hinrichs, Stacey Kelley-Tenant, Gabby Wirt, Alexis Gray, Katherine Novak, Ethan Beilke, Tim Dieter, Lillian von Asten, Isaac Moss, Faith Laabs, Jillian Brown, Sidney Chaney
Duet: Stacey Kelley-Tenant & Gabby Wirt
Solos: Stacey Kelley-Tenant & Gabby Wirt
(Not pictured are Gabby Wirt, Romeo Aranda and Ella Schlueter)

All Conference

Seven Panthers were named to the Trailways South All Conference basketball teams. Lauren Stefanczyk, Morgan Carpenter and Revlin Schneider were selected for 1st team honors. Sydney Lean was voted onto 2nd team. Rachel Mason, Austin Kwiat and Brandon Wilde garnered Honorable Mention. Congratulations to them all on fantastic seasons!



Dear Community Members,

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) recently released the 2017-2018 School Report Card data. The Report Card compares our school with other elementary schools statewide. Based on the results of the Forward Exam taken last spring, Eagle Elementary earned five out of five stars and a score of 83.5. This means that our school has significantly exceeded state expectations!

As someone who has the privileged opportunity to see the great things happening at Eagle Elementary on a daily basis, the State Report Card results came as no surprise to me. Every day the students, families, and staff of Eagle Elementary significantly exceed my expectations. Although I am incredibly proud of the results, I think it is important to remember that the Forward Exam does not assess all areas that we focus on as a school. At Eagle Elementary our staff members focus on educating the whole child. By that I mean that we design learning opportunities that promote the social, emotional, physical, and academic growth of all our children. Eagle Elementary students have access to hands on learning through S.T.E.A.M. activities and Makerspace projects, as well as quality extra-curricular activities. Additionally, each child receives regular art, music, and physical education, social guidance, and technology instruction by highly skilled educators. This allows us to provide opportunities for all children to create, explore, discover, and learn in a variety of ways to prepare each child for their future.



So, while the State Report Card is a great way to gauge the progress that we have made as a school in Mathematics, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies, it is important to remember that does not tell the whole story of what goes on at Eagle Elementary. Our amazing learning community continues to band together to make our school a place where all students can soar. I know that I speak on behalf of all our staff members when I promise you that we will continue to work hard to lift the level of learning this year and beyond, and I hope you join me in celebration of this great accomplishment.

Thank you so much for your support of our school community. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Matt Stich, Eagle Elementary School Principal

Interpretive Reading

Eagle Elementary held an Interpretive Reading Assembly on Friday, March 2nd in honor of National Read Across America Day. Interpretive reading is the process of sharing an interpretation of a book or author with an audience by solely reading with emotion, no props or actions should be used. The performance should be rehearsed but not memorized. Each grade level kindergarten - 6th had previously held their grade level competitions. The all-school gathering was an opportunity for the 1st place winner of each grade to present to the entire school. Students who took 2nd or 3rd at the classroom level were also presented with ribbons and certificates. The first place winners competed in the regional competitions held in Fort Atkinson on Saturday, March 10th. Congratulations to all the participants and the 1st place winners: Parker Ratajczyk, Kennedy Basterash (absent from photo), Dillen Patrick, Kaylee Riggs, Nick Kornmeyer, Haley Woessner, and Abby Hoff.



Super Spellers

After months of preparation and classroom-level competitions, the Eagle Elementary Spelling Bee field was narrowed down to 12 students in 3rd - 6th grade. The event held on Wednesday, January 24th spanned an impressive 19 rounds and ended with a repeat winner. 5th grader, Aubrey Benz, correctly spelled "hoarsely" and sealed her 2nd consecutive title. 6th graders Luke Horton and Joey Brown finished in 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Aubrey represented Eagle Elementary School at the CESA2 Regional Spelling Bee held at Whitewater High School on Wednesday, February 28th.



Prior to the student contest, ten staff members participated in the third annual Staff Spelling Bee. The event went 6 rounds with 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Jill Blaedow, correctly spelling "reprobate" to complete her three-peat victory. The school also added a Junior Spelling Bee this year for students in 1st and 2nd grade. Zachary Hoff and Dillen Patrick were the champions for their respective grades and were thus honored to be guest pronouncers during the practice round of the student bee.



EAGLE ELEMENTARY 4K/5K REGISTRATION
4 year old and 5 year old kindergarten registration is now open for the 2018-2019 school year! Please call Sara Scheel at 262-594-2148 or email her at sscheel@peasd.org with your intent to register your child. If you wish to schedule a tour or have any further questions, feel free to call at any time.

Meteorologist Visit

Lindsey Slater, WISN 12 News Meteorologist, joined the Eagle Elementary Kindergarten-3rd grade classrooms on Monday, January 29th, to discuss topics ranging from weather safety, the importance of weather prediction, tools meteorologists use, seasons, and different types of weather. Slater shared that she was born and raised in Wisconsin and is happy to be back in her home state. She described her approach to the assemblies as "interactive and letting the kids direct which topics they want to learn about." After the discussion, Slater and the students filmed a "School Shout Out" which was broadcast on WISN 12 News on Wednesday, February 14th during the morning news segment.



STEAM Night

Eagle Elementary celebrated S.T.E.A.M. education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) on Wednesday, January 17th for any interested students and families. The event included a Genius Hour component which involved students researching a topic of interest and then presenting their findings to the audience. A variety of interesting categories were on display including: All About Cupcakes, Tarantulas, Who Invented Pizza?, Jellyfish, Circuits, Hurricanes, Easy Recipes for Kids, and Foxes. Attendees also were encouraged to visit the school's Makerspace where Mystery Bags filled with an interesting Make-And-Take project were shared. It was a fun night filled with some great ingenuity!



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Class of 1988

Journey after High School:
Post-Secondary Education -
Associates Degree (Liberal Arts),
Bethany Lutheran College in
Mankato, MN; Bachelors Degree (Secondary
Broad Field Social Studies and Health Education),
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, in La Crosse,
WI; Masters in Education (Type 75 Administrative
Degree), Eastern Illinois University, Charleston,
IL; Administrative Specialist Certificate
(Superintendent Certificate), University of
Southern Illinois Carbondale, Carbondale, IL;
Currently enrolled in the Education Doctorate
Degree Program, McKendree University,
Lebanon, IL

Work Experience and Professional Organizations
High school teacher (U.S. Government, U.S./
World History & Geography, Sociology) and
coach (assistant men's basketball, assistant
softball) at Riverton High School in Riverton,
IL (1995-2000); High school teacher (U.S.
Government, U.S./World History & Geography,
Psychology) and coach (assistant men's
basketball, head women's coach, head baseball
coach, head cross country coach) and career
counselor/dean of students at Norris City-
Omaha-Enfield High School in Norris City, IL
(2000-2003); Building Principal & Director of
Athletics at Vienna District Public School District
#55 in Vienna, IL (2003-2010); Superintendent/
Principal/Director of Athletics at Vienna Public
School District #55 in Vienna, IL (2010-current);
Vice President of the SIJHSAA (Southern Illinois
Jr. High Athletic Association)

Current profession/occupation:
Superintendent/Principal/Director of Athletics at
Vienna Public School District #55 in Vienna, IL
**How did Palmyra-Eagle positively impact
your future?** There are so many outstanding
PEHS alumni – really outstanding people
and professionals who continue to make a
significant impact within their respective fields,
organizations and communities. Every day is a
great day to be and have been a PEHS Panther!
Beyond the academic and social-emotional
foundations provided to think and work
forward, my PEASD experience truly expanded
my capacity to lead and develop my growth
mindset. Reflecting back, we were blessed
with excellent professional educators (teachers,
coaches, and staff) who guided us with high
expectations, continuous accountability, and
who were passionate about making our
growth intentional. This was also true of the
communities that we lived in. This “winning”
culture set the stage for a great deal of success
during our time at PEHS and continues to be a
key ingredient for our all of accomplishments
today and tomorrow.

Jill Kincaid Oelslager

Class of 1998

Journey after High School:
UW- Oshkosh 1998 to 2004 - Bachelor's Degree
in Secondary Science; Collegiate Track and Field
athlete four years; 8 All-American titles; National
Champion in the triple jump in
1999; Burlington High School
- High School Earth Science
teacher 2004 - 2012; Cardinal
Stritch University 2010 Masters in
Educational Leadership, Principal
and Curriculum & Instruction



license; Burlington High School – Assistant
Principal 2012; Cardinal Stritch University
2016 - Ph.D, Doctorate in Leadership for the
Advancement of Learning and Service
Current profession/occupation:
Middle School Principal at Karcher Middle
School in the Burlington Area School District.
**How did Palmyra-Eagle positively impact
your future?** Being in a smaller school district
was beneficial as I had the ability to get to know
all of my classmates and all of my teachers.
A smaller school has a sense of community
where people look out for one another. I also
remember having the ability to participate in
numerous extra-curricular activities because
it was a smaller school and the staff and
coaches were flexible and willing to “share”
between each other. For example, I remember
participating in track while also having to go to
musical practice and the coaches and directors
were all supportive and encouraged all of us to
participate and put ourselves out there. What
I truly remember the most about school was
Sue Fischer. She was my math teacher, physics
teacher, volleyball coach, and track & field coach.
She continuously would tell me she believed in
me and having someone believe in your abilities
is what builds ones' confidence moving forward,
Sue Fischer created a ripple. She ignited my
passion for education and has assisted with
who I am as a person. The ripple educators
have on others extends much farther than one
realizes; an educator is the rock that creates the
ripples. I am grateful for the experience I gained
within the Palmyra-Eagle School District as my
experience provided me with the start of my
ripple.

**We are proud to recognize
our alumni!**

Links for complete alumni stories
and more information about this
feature can be found on the
“Alumni Spotlight” page of the
district website: www.peasd.org.

Please email candidate
nominations to pr@peasd.org.

Shane Roethle

Class of 1996

Journey after High School:
Graduated from the University of Wisconsin-
Stevens Point in 2001 with major in Wildlife
Ecology and minor in Biology; While working
as Biologist and Agronomist for The Monsanto
Company ('02-'08) they funded my graduate
work at the University of Illinois in the field of
Crop Science.



Current profession/occupation:

I am currently the “Sr. Biologist and Founding
Partner” of Hageman Reserve, which is the most
elite private sporting club in the country. I've
lived on this 15,000 acre reserve for the last
10 years while developing the project from the
ground up. I simultaneously oversee my land
management and consulting business which
is doing club work and habitat developments
across the country, specializing in waterfowl.
**How did Palmyra-Eagle positively impact
your future?** Palmyra-Eagle enabled me to
excel as a leader, with the confidence to excel
in every facet of personal and professional
life. I was lucky to be surrounded by coaches,
teachers, and administrators who truly cared
about every one of us and our families. Their
pride and confidence in us is the thing I'll always
carry with me, which instills my core belief in the
value of relationships.



Ryan Shea

Class of 1991

Journey after High School:
UW-Whitewater - graduated in
1995 with a Psychology Major &
Music Minor; UW-Madison Law

School – graduated in 1998 – J.D.; Alpine Valley
Music Theatre – worked in the concert business
Current profession/occupation:
Vice President of Operations for House of Blues
Entertainment, a division of Live Nation, and
based in Chicago, Illinois.

**How did Palmyra-Eagle positively impact
your future?** Palmyra-Eagle gave me a
really strong intro to music, starting with my
teacher, John Whitney. I still play saxophone
professionally and have a career in the concert
business. The small size of PEHS allowed me
to participate in many different extracurricular
activities which allowed me to figure out what I
was good and passionate about.

Dear Community Members,

We are very pleased with our Department of Public Instruction
State Report Card score at Palmyra Elementary. This score has steadily
increased over the last three years, and although the measures
have not been exactly the same in this span, we
have continued to improve. Our teachers do a
wonderful job preparing our students for this exam.



Administration, teachers
and specialists meet every
other week to discuss and
plan for each student. This
includes making plans
for intervention as well as for enrichment
opportunities. These plans are based on
individual needs. There is still more work
to do, but we have a plan in place and look forward to watching the
continued success of our students.

Sincerely,
Steven Greenquist, Palmyra Elementary School Principal



PBIS at PES!

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) helps promote
positive behavior throughout our school. It is a system of teaching
and positively reinforcing behavioral expectations at school and is an
elementary-wide program here in Palmyra-Eagle. The goal of PBIS is to
improve student performance and increase teacher instructional time by
providing explicit and consistent instructions on appropriate behavior.

Palmyra Elementary School has 3 school wide expectations: Be
Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe. At the beginning of the year, the
6th graders helped teach and review how to be safe, responsible, and
respectful with rotations around the school. Some stations included the
playground, the hallway, the computer lab, the cafeteria, and more.

Each month PES has an assembly to focus on a different positive
pillar. These include responsibility, etiquette, respect, diversity, choices,
friendship, cooperation, and citizenship. Each month a different grade puts
on the presentation to teach and review 1 pillar. At the assembly we also
celebrate the positive behaviors and the PAWs that were earned.

The PBIS committee also has continued an incentive to earn small
PAWs for being safe, responsible and respectful. Students can earn them
individually and as a whole class. These PAWs go towards a monthly goal
as a classroom and as a school. If classrooms earn their monthly goal, they
as a class decide on a class reward. Some examples have been extra recess,
extra craft, or even a movie. As a school, if the classrooms earn their goal,
we also have school wide rewards. Some rewards include: an extra recess,
dress fancy day, hat day, limbo party, and sunglasses day.

Over the last two months PES has begun to implement All School PBIS
Goals. In January, the school focused on being respectful, responsible
and safe in the lunchroom, and in February, the school focused on being
respectful, responsible and safe in the hallway. A goal of earning 50 PAWS
per grade level was set. The incentive for meeting the goal was an extra
recess. All grade levels earned the extra recess in January and February.
Way to go PES!

Palmyra Elementary Geography Bee

23 students at Palmyra Elementary recently participated in the school's
second annual Geography Bee. The competition was open to 4th – 6th
grade students. Students began preparing for the event several months
prior to the formal competition during school and at
home. After multiple days of competition and several
tie-breakers, 4th grader, Jeremiah Schmid, was declared
the school's winner.



The National Geographic Bee is open to students
in the fourth through eighth grades and is practiced in
thousands of schools across the United States and in
the five U.S. territories, as well as in Department of Defense Dependents
Schools around the world. Champions at the school level advance to the
next level of competition, a qualifying test to determine state competitors,
which must be
completed prior to February 2,
2018. All state
champions are
eligible to win
the national
championship and
its first prize, a
\$50,000 college
scholarship.



PALMYRA ELEMENTARY 4K/5K REGISTRATION

4 year old and 5 year old kindergarten registration is now open for the
2018-2019 school year! Please call Rachel Deporter at 262-495-7103 or
email her at rdeporter@peasd.org with your intent to register your child.
A 4K informational parent meeting is scheduled at Palmyra Elementary
on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP for the event at the
aforementioned office phone number. If you wish to schedule a tour or
have any further questions, feel free to call at any time.

Making Way on the Makerspace

This summer, Palmyra Elementary School was honored with a grant
from the Palmyra-Eagle Scholarship and Education Foundation for the
amount of \$5,000.00. This grant was awarded to three staff members -



Jen Quella, Amy Muth and Kathy Retzke to develop
a Makerspace room at the school. The Makerspace
will allow students to become engrossed in STEAM
learning. STEAM is an educational approach
to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and
Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue and
critical thinking.

STEAM is an integrated approach to learning which requires an
intentional connection between standards, assessments and lesson design/
implementation. The ladies have been working on analyzing the current
Science Curriculum for opportunities for hands-on learning experiences
that will utilize this space. This will not only benefit the teachers at PES but
also those at EES who have a similar space within their building. Activities
will be available for each grade level for students to engage in experiential
learning.

Throughout the early months of this school year a plan was created to
modify a current computer lab into this learning space. The configuration
of the room is being changed to allow for more open space for hands-on
projects and collaboration to take place. Jen Quella has been instrumental
in receiving donations from Home Depot to assist in the transformation of
this space. Money from the grant will be used to purchase electronics kits,
magnetics kits, Legos, building components, coding kits and a wide variety
of materials. We appreciate the recyclable materials that families have
been sending in to help supplement the activities that will take place in the
future.



Kiss A Critter!

In culmination of National FFA Week, February 17-24, the Palmyra-Eagle FFA members rounded up four brave staff volunteers to "kiss a critter", which were pets of several of our PEHS students. Mrs. Mary Ann Pronschinske & Mr. Dustin Burg kissed dogs, Mr. Mark Valdovinos smooched a rabbit and lucky Mr. Rodrigues-Pavao was a great sport and puckered up to a calf, rabbit and the two dogs! A penny war during the week raised \$50 in support of the event and was donated to the Jefferson County Humane Society. FFA members also organized dress up days for the week and organized fun events during the lunch hours such as "Milk Chug", "Pie Face", "Oreo Eating Contest", "Egg Toss" & "Frozen T-shirt Challenge".

Mr. Panther Pageant Returns

After a hiatus last school year, the Palmyra-Eagle High School Student Council brought back the fan favorite, Mr. Panther pageant. The event featured seven senior boys (Javier Dixon, Lonnie Garlock, Chris Hinrichs, Griffin Isaacsen, Austin Kwiat, Shannon Luedtke & Tyler Molloy) competing against each other all for the enviable Mr. Panther title. The contest included a formal wear presentation, question and answer session and talent portion which included juggling, dancing, singing and milk-chugging. After the judges tallied their results, Griffin Isaacsen was declared the winner.



Scholarship Season

The Palmyra-Eagle High School Class of 2018 has been busy applying for a variety of scholarships. The district has benefited from a history of tremendous support from local businesses and organizations. Over the past 5 years, an average of 64 local scholarships totaling \$42,000 annually, were awarded to senior class members. When college and state scholarships are added, Palmyra-Eagle classes have been awarded on average 75 scholarships netting \$355,000 per year over the last 5 years! Local scholarships are presented at the annual Senior Awards Night which will be held this year on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00 pm in the high school gymnasium. There is still time for current seniors to apply for many of the available scholarship opportunities. Please contact the high school guidance office or visit the district website for details: <http://www.peasd.org/high/financialaidscholarships.cfm>.



Tech Ed Talent

After receiving a request from Officer Blount of the Palmyra Public Safety commission, students in the high school technology education program built new lockers for the organization. Juniors, Jacobey Koutsky, Bryce Oliver, and Stephen Kowalksi (not pictured) worked on the project. They recently presented the lockers to Officer Liu before installing them.

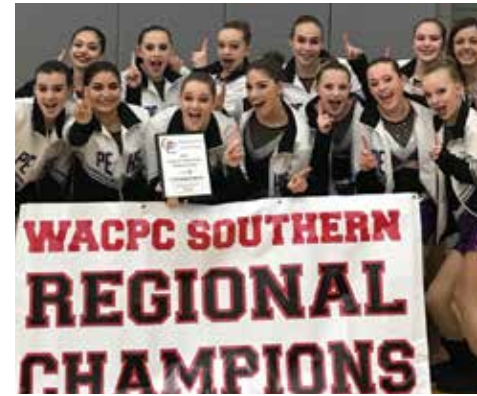
Courses Galore!

The 2018-2019 Course Catalog was recently revised and improved. In addition to all the mandated core classes, students in PEASD have a wide variety of elective opportunities to explore and pursue their interests. Changes and updates were made in the technology education, I.T. and media courses, and offerings were added to the music, computer and agriculture fields. Some of the newest classes include: Agriculture Food Science II: Farm to Table, Companion Animal Care and Introduction to Veterinary Sciences, Advanced Plant: Sharpening your Green Thumb in Horticulture and Landscape Design, Introduction to Photoshop, Intro to Robotics, and more. Several popular electives remain unchanged including: Spanish I-IV, French I-IV, Medical Terminology, Introduction to Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Business and Personal Law, Broadcast Media, Social Issues, and a multitude of others!

Palmyra-Eagle now offers 8 Advanced Placement (AP) programs which allow students to enroll in college-level courses while in high school, and gives them the opportunity to show mastery by taking an AP exam. Based on the exam score, students may earn college credit. AP Classes currently offered in the district are: AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Art 2D Design, AP U.S. History, AP Psychology, AP Calculus, AP Chemistry and the newest option, AP Statistics.

In order to guide students in their future planning, Mrs. Cookstrom, the middle/high school guidance counselor, meets with each student on an individual basis during their 8th grade and 11th grade years. These consultations ensure that students stay on the correct course for success in their desired post-secondary goals.

The complete Course Catalog can be found on our website or by visiting the guidance office.



Dance Team Regional Champs

The Palmyra-Eagle Dance Team had another very successful season. The ladies took 1st place in Division 5 Pom at the regional level competition. They then moved on to finish 3rd at the state competition held in La Crosse in February which was the highest placing the team had ever received. Way to represent Palmyra-Eagle ladies!

Boys Basketball

The Palmyra-Eagle boys' basketball program continues to reach levels of success that haven't been seen since the late 1980's.

The varsity team coached by Michael Meracle ended its season with a 19-5 record. The Panthers claimed their first conference title in 28 years, going 11-1 in winning the Trailways South Conference. The team was rewarded with four all-conference selections: juniors Morgan Carpenter and Revin Schneider were selected to the 1st team by league coaches, while senior Austin Kwiat and sophomore Brandon Wilde were voted honorable mention all-conference. The Panther's JV1 and JV2 teams coached by Tony Loftin and Dylan Hoskins both ended their seasons with winning records. The success didn't end with our high school teams however, as the program had winning teams at every youth level. The 7th grade team coached by Doug Landess finished 14-1 and became the 3rd Palmyra-Eagle team in the last 5 years to claim an ESYBL tournament championship. The 5th/6th grade team coached by Chad Garlock and Tom Schroeder completed their season with a 13-4 record (a 12 win improvement from last year). And not to be outdone, the two 3rd/4th grade teams coached by Michelle Thomas and Jeff Ratajczyk went a combined 15-1, with the only loss coming when they played each other.

Thank you to the 82 student athletes that were part of the basketball program this year. Your hard work, dedication and commitment were rewarded with a successful season.

A big thank-you goes out to our unpaid volunteer parent coaches. Your knowledge, patience, and expertise continue to lay the foundation for many more years of success.

For information on the boys basketball program you can email head coach Michael Meracle at mmeracle@peasd.org or like our Facebook page- Palmyra-Eagle Boys Basketball.

Girls Basketball

It was a record setting season for our girls' basketball program. The Varsity team fought hard all season long which lead to us winning conference for the first time in almost 20 years. Varsity finished with an incredible record of 17-6 with many more goals for us to chase next season. The JV girls had an amazing season of their own by winning conference and finishing with a record of 14-5. A lot of our success this year stems from the heart and effort these girls put in every day during the season. I can't thank them enough for the enjoyment and happiness they have brought me these past 4 months. Also, I want to thank everyone for all the support during this great season: parents, teachers/staff, community members, Lady Panthers Hoops Club, and more. The Lady Panthers Hoops Club does so much for our high school and youth programs: from buying new shooting shirts for the high school program to



setting up camps and leagues for youth girls to play. The Hoops Club is truly helping us reach a new level as a program. Lastly, special thanks to our seniors: Gina, Lauren, and Syd. These three have done so much for this program over the years. They will be missed and we wish them the best of luck in the future. Only 245 days until next season starts and I will be counting the days until we can try to be back to back conference champs.

Thank you everyone!! - Coach Burg



Panther Wrestling

According to first year head coach, Matt Abshire, the wrestling season had its ups and downs. The team numbers changed throughout the season due to injuries and priorities. The most consistent team was comprised of 2 seniors, 2 juniors, 3 sophomores, and 1 freshman. Their success was measured on effort and individual wins. The biggest high-light was senior Ricky Smith qualifying for Sectionals for the third time in his career. Another positive outcome from the season was that the younger wrestlers received a lot of valuable experience. The juniors now know what it will take for them to succeed as seniors. Additionally, Coach Abshire has a year under his belt and ideas on how to improve and grow the program next year.

