

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

**News and Noteworthy**

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

- Interpretive Reading
- Math 24
- 100th Day of School Celebrations
- Genius Hour

**Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- Second trimester report cards will be sent home at the end of this week. Teachers have been working hard at making sure they have all assessments wrapped up.
- Next week Parent Teachers Conferences will be held by parent request.

**Professional Development**

- On Monday, February 27th, Eagle Elementary teachers collaborated with Palmyra Elementary teachers to continue working on developing unit plans for Discovery Education Science.
- On Saturday, March 25th, Carly Gunst and Mackenize Clark will be attending a Professional Development Conference to support their instruction of Handwriting Without Tears.
- Eagle Elementary Teachers have been receiving ongoing Readers Workshop professional development from Tami Harpster. Tami has been helping to coach these teachers in running a workshop that honors the fidelity of the Lucy Calkins program.

**Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- I would like to acknowledge Kathy Retzke for organizing Read Across America Week. I really appreciate her helping us celebrate and promote reading at the elementary level. Kids had a blast as always with the different daily themes.
- I would also like to recognize Jill Blaedow and Tammy Mueller for leading Interpretive Reading this year. They organized this event and filled in our new teachers on how this event works.

**School Board Report and Update**  
**Palmyra Elementary School**  
**Steve Greenquist**  
**March 14 - 7:00pm/PEHS/PEMS**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

We are continuing with professional development opportunities at the elementary schools. Our next early release is going to focus on our new science initiative and representatives from Discovery Education will be here to answer any questions teachers may have about the program. This past month teachers were developing necessary materials to teach each science strand.

We are planning on sharing the revised technology curriculum with staff this month so they can prepare over the summer to teach for the upcoming school year.

We purchased a handwriting curriculum, “Handwriting Without Tears”, which will be introduced to the faculty later this month.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

We are in the process of sending out a survey (email / paper) to our families to find out their perception of Palmyra Elementary and how we can include them as partners in education. The survey asks about communication, volunteer opportunities, and the school’s atmosphere. Our hope specifically is to improve communication with our parents and to find areas of improvement.

Our Poverty Action Team is interested in offering breakfast to those student unable to get one at home. They are pursuing all avenues to make this happen.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

Thanks to Amy Muth for facilitating Makerspace Club which takes place every week. Our students are having fun and learning at the same time!

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

March 14 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 14 - PEASD Board listening session - PES - 5-6 p.m.

March 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 27 - K-3 Music Concert

**5. Miscellaneous**

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

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

ACT plus writing and ACT WorkKeys testing for the current juniors has been completed. We had 2 kids not present for the ACT, who will be taking test during the make-up date. All of the students were present for the WorkKeys testing. The activities planned on the ACT test day for the other high school students were also very successful. The sophomores took the ASVAB test, which is a career aptitude test, that will be utilized during during junior guidance meetings with Renee.

The statistics class is collecting data from the juniors on their experiences with ACT prep class offered during resource. We will use this information along with the results of the ACT to determine what will happen next year with ACT prep course offerings for the juniors.

March 22nd we are holding our 2nd registration information night for the incoming 7th graders. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to get information about PEMS, tour the building and meet staff and administration.

Kathy Retzek and Tori Franz had a second full day of curriculum work with the social studies department. They were able to develop their benchmarks the are universal for the entire social studies department. They have also looked at materials to purchase to meet their needs.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

66 band kids and 26 chaperons left on March 7th at midnight for their 5 day trip to New York City. Students had a full schedule of events including a master class at Montclair State University. Lindsay Jonas has been in countless hours of working getting the trip arrangements made.

The 3rd annual 4th grade lock-in will be held on Friday, March 17th. Renee and the NHS students have been working hard to plan a diverse agenda to keep the students active during the lock in.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

Thanks to Andy Pickett for the completion of another successful sports season. Thanks also to the winter sport coaches for all the time and effort they put into helping their student athletes be successful.

Ernesto Bautista, Pat Keelty, Joel Tortomasi, Megan Nicoud, Steve Armin and Megan Nicoud that ran the ACT prep during resource. They took the time to help students work in the program and to stress the importance of working hard in the program.

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

- March 17th - NHS Blood Drive
- March 17th - 4th Grade Lock In
- March 20th - Forward Exam Window Opens
- March 24th - End of the 3rd quarter
- April 3rd - HS Choir Concert
- April 10th - 14th - Spring Break

#### **5. Miscellaneous**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School/Building –District-Wide**  
**Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -**  
**Amanda Jones**  
**March 14, 2017**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- English Learner instructional materials are being evaluated. Curriculum and materials to supplement students' current educational materials are being reviewed and will be purchased with current Title III money.
- Special education staff will be administering the DLM (Dynamic Learning Map) alternative assessment for students with significant disabilities through the month of April, after the March 20th window has begun.
- Accommodations for the Forward Assessment have been inputted. I will continue to work with principals and special education staff to ensure seamless administration.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

- The second Early Childhood screening took place on Friday, March 10th at Palmyra Elementary for the district. This is an extra attempt to ensure we are meeting our Child Find requirements as a district for any children, age 3-5, with suspected developmental delays/concerns.
- On March 8th, I attended a legal seminar for Section 504/ADA and IDEA Updates in difficult compliance issues.
- The RtI team continues to meet monthly to address tiered interventions and gain sustainability and collaboration amongst staff in all buildings surrounding the implementation and documentation around tiers 1, 2, and 3.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

- Thank you to all special education teachers and paraprofessionals for their time and dedication at the February 27th in-service. All staff participated in a collaborative team training for student success with Brian Kenney and Kathy Tuttle from Transition Improvement Grant.

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

- MERT (Medical Emergency Response) team members in all buildings will be receiving updated CPR training on March 20th and 22nd.

#### **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.