

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Mr. Matt Stich, Principal
Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 PM

News and Noteworthy

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

- S.T.E.A.M. Night
- Geography Bee
- Student and Staff Spelling Bees
- WISN Meteorologist Lindsey Slater K-3 Assembly

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

January was a busy month for assessments. Teachers administered the Reading and Math MAP test assessments, AIMSweb progress monitoring, and Fountas and Pinnell Running Records. These assessments will be used to check on the growth and progress of students, as well as influence instructional decisions for the remainder of the school year. Staff meetings and Professional Learning Community time has been devoted to helping determine which students need increased academic interventions or enrichment opportunities if students are performing above grade level expectations.

Professional Development

Throughout February, Eagle Elementary teachers will have the opportunity to read the book *On Your Mark* by Thomas Guskey. This book was purchased for each staff member and will help promote the Learning For All initiative. There will be three sessions, which coordinate with chapters of the book. As a collective group we will read and discuss our thoughts on each collection of chapters and how they relate to our grading and assessment practices at the elementary level.

On January 22nd, EES teachers received professional development and training on the PEASD Wellness Program, Peardeck software training, an overview of our updated Grammar Curriculum, and a presentation on Learning For All.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would like to thank Kathy Retzke, Ryan Jonas, Tracie Fehrm, and Tami Harpster for their help with making the January 22nd Inservice a productive day of learning.
- I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitments of Greg Deets and Justine Haima for their efforts with the 2018 Student and Staff Spelling Bees. These events were a big hit!

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
February 13, 2016 - 7:00pm/PEHS/MS

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

We are already gearing up for taking the Forward Exam in April. Teachers will be given test preparation guides along with student tutorials, administration guides, practice tests and sample items, to help prepare and familiarize our students with the exam.

2. News and Noteworthy

Drama Club - Mrs. Taylor is directing the play Junie B. Jones, and the cast will include students from both Palmyra and Eagle Elementary schools. The play will be held March 9-10. Students not only act in this play they sing, learn set design and sound. Something for everyone! Please mark your calendars, this is not an event to be missed!

Geography Club - Former principal and educator, Carolyn Markson, will be facilitating a Geography Club at Palmyra Elementary starting in March. The club will meet at Palmyra Elementary during the rest of this school year, and will move to the public library during the summer months. There is already quite a bit of interest for joining the club. This will involve our 4th-6th grade students.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

ABC Team - All their hard work has really paid off as far as meeting to discuss individuals who may need additional supports and devising a plan to help those students. I feel we really understand where are students are at academically and socially.

Leadership Team - Forward Preparation - I appreciate all of the time and effort Tami Harpster, Tracie Fehrm and Jennifer Quella have put in helping to prepare our teachers and students to take the Forward exam. Their willingness to assist is very much appreciated. They are truly “team players.”

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

February

- 14** Happy Valentine’s Day!!
- 15** Lifetouch Group and Candid Pictures for the Yearbook
- 26** No School - Teacher Inservice

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
February 13, 2018

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Department meetings were very successful. I was able to have great conversations about curriculum and courses with each department. A lot of revisions were made to the course catalog to give the students more information on the classes they are taking. Overall we are very excited about the process of improving curriculum and instruction using the Learning for All principals. Teachers are also looking forward to being able to meet and be part of professional dialog bi-weekly next year.

We are entering the start of testing season at the middle and high school. The first assessment will be the junior ACT and WorkKeys assessments the end of February. We have continued to provide updates in regards to the incentives that were put forth for the juniors in ACT prep. We are working on a plan to provide leadership opportunities for the freshman, have the sophomore students take the ASVAB and all the seniors the day to apply for colleges, work on scholarships or apply for summer jobs.

2. News and Noteworthy

We are working on a trial of the behavior matrix for 3rd quarter. All teachers were encouraged to pick on class to try the matrix on. We will collect data and feedback at the end of the quarter. All classes will utilize the matrix for 4th quarter. We will be sending it home and introducing it to parents. Over the summer we will make adjustments before rolling out the finished product next fall.

We again held our annual registration night for the incoming 9th graders. The turn out was over 50% and we were very pleased with that. Renee Cookstrom uses this night as the start to the registration process for the 8th graders. From then she meets with students and parents if possible to set up a students 9th grade course schedule. These meetings are the start of intintial course planning in the high school to make sure that students are set up on a track to meet their post-high school goals.

Congratulations to the girls basketball team on their Trailways South conference championship. The girl's basketball team on their Trailways South Conference Championship. The girls clinch the outright conference title with a victory over ALCS/St. Ambrose on Tuesday 2/6. Congrats to them and coach Dustin Burg on their first conference title since 1999.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Thanks to Carrie Dampier for her hard work with the credit recovery and GEDO2 students. Carrie has had a lot of success since starting the program a year and half ago. She

has helped dozens of kids get credit recovery credit and improve their graduation track. In addition Carrie was able to have 3 students complete the GED02 program at semester. These students more than likely would not have received a high school diploma without Carrie's hard work and dedication.

A big thanks to Carolyn Loveless, Lee Wurzbach, Vic Boos, Gail Harding and Cathy Baker. These ladies serve as paraprofessionals to all the special education students in both the middle and high school. They work with content from Literature 7 to Chemistry to Algebra II and they do a great job providing support and resources to students and staff. At times their work goes unnoticed, but they are without a doubt a very valuable part of the PEHS/MS teaching staff.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- 2/12 - Trailways South Honors Band
- 2/17 - Solo & Ensemble @ PEHS
- 2/19 - 2nd semester PT Conferences
- 2/26-2/27 - ACT and ACT WorkKeys Testing
- 3/2 - NHS Blood Drive

School Board Report and Update
School/Building –District-Wide
Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -
Amanda Jones
February 13, 2018

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- Training and preparation for Dynamic Learning Map (DLM - alternative assessment to Forward Exam for students with significant intellectual disabilities) is being completed with staff. Testing window March 19 - May 4, 2018.
- Further work on the English Learner Program Guidebook continues, per the guidelines outlined by DPI. This includes categories such as identification, screening, progress monitoring, assessment, and program model as an overall umbrella of areas identified within the plan. The board will have an opportunity to look over and approve this plan before it's final approval to the state.
- Special education staff continue to discuss and move forward with how Learning for All can allow this team of educators to promote collaboration between special education and regular education staff. This foundation has been laid with special education staff and they will continue to move forward by having collaboration time to outline current programming and utilization of data and collaboration through the district to better inform and identify areas of improvement to promote successful student outcomes.
- The newly released Co-Teaching Toolkit will be introduced at the February Special Education meeting. Further co-teaching resources, plans and pilot implementation will be discussed for the 2018/19 school year.
 - <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sped/pdf/co-teaching-report.pdf>
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- Accommodations for Forward Exam will begin being inputted and finalized in preparation of the spring assessment (window March 19 - May 4, 2018). Collaboration with elementary staff and Andy Pickett will continue to meet all of these individual student's testing accommodation needs.

2. News and Noteworthy

- Pupil service staff met with Dr. Bloom after multiple meetings in regards to mental health needs in our district. Discussion was had around trauma and mental health. Collaboration with the Jefferson County Mental Health participants and other area Pupil Service Directors will continue as we look into how we can continue to meet the needs of our students in this area.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- I would like to acknowledge Beth Hemmer, Elementary School Counselor, and Renee Cookstrom, Middle/High School Counselor as part of National School Counselor Week (week of February 5-9). Thanks for all you do to support PEASD students, staff and families!

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Lisa Jensen, District Nurse, and myself will be attending the Jefferson County Mental Health meeting February 12th. This is the second meeting we have attended. This collaborative group consists of Jefferson County Pupil Service Directors, Jefferson County Health and Human Services staff, and Fort Healthcare/Behavioral Health staff.
- Sharon Llanas and myself will be attending the Federal Funding Conference on February 26 & 27 in Wisconsin Dells. This has multiple sessions around federal ESSA and state funding changes, Title allocations, IDEA/Flow Through/Grants, etc.

5. Miscellaneous