

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

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- A new master schedule for the 2017-2018 school year has been developed for the upcoming school year that includes intervention and enrichment times for all students. This will include explicit grammar instruction, as well extra support in reading and math instruction for all grade levels.

Professional Development

- Chris Ketterhagen and Matt Abshire collaborated with the 5th and 6th grade teachers at Palmyra Elementary to begin rolling out implementation plans for the new social studies textbooks.
- Justine Haima attended a three day Readers Workshop Professional Development Workshop, so that she could better support the literacy needs of teachers at Eagle Elementary next fall.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would like to thank Kelmann Restoration for the great work they have done to this point in preparing Eagle Elementary to be ready for a successful 2017-2018 school year.
- I would also like to thank Sara Scheel for all the work that she has put into the Eagle Elementary School Registration. We are looking forward to meeting with new families and assisting them in the Registration process.

Upcoming Events and Activity

- August 16th- Eagle Elementary School Registration at the Eagle Municipal Building- 1:00-5:30
- TBD- Eagle Elementary Open House

Palmyra-Eagle Area School District

School Connection Report

Wednesday, July 12, 2017



Summer School Planting Project-

- The 4 year old Kindergarten and 5 year old Kindergarten students really enjoyed planting in the Nature Trail.
- Thank you to the Weedman's for your time as well as providing a planting bucket for each student.
- Thank you to Stephanie Schroeder for taking pictures of the students and uploading them to the school districts Facebook account. (www.facebook.com/PEPpanthers)

Eagle Elementary School Bulletin Board-

- A portion of a bulletin board in the front entrance of the school has been dedicated to the Eagle Nature Trail. This includes the Eagle Nature Trail Mission Statement, an informational brochure, as well as pictures of the Nature Trail.

School District Website-

- A link with information about the Eagle Nature Trail has been added to the Palmyra-Eagle Area School District Website.
- It can be accessed by clicking on the "community" tab on peasd.org and then selecting "Eagle Nature Trail"

Eagle Elementary School Liaison-

- Tammy Mueller, who is a third grade teacher at Eagle Elementary School, will be representing Eagle Elementary School as its liaison starting this September. She will be working with the Eagle Nature Trail Committee to support outdoor learning projects for students.

9-11 Assembly-

- Eagle Elementary School students and staff are planning on doing a 9-11 Assembly on Monday, September 11th. This assembly will give students an opportunity to learn about the tragic events that happened on September 11th, 2001 as well as visit the Eagle Nature Trail's Oak trees that were planted from acorns in New York.

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Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
August 8, 2017 - 7:00pm

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Data retreat - Samantha Crary, Jennifer Quella, Tami Harpster and I spent an entire day this summer pouring over PES student data from this past year. We asked several questions to help us analyze our data. We asked ourselves what our data findings were, what patterns we observed and we tried explain what it was about our best teaching practices that might explain the data results. We identified our strengths and weaknesses, and our next step is to meet again to develop building goals for the upcoming school year and to prepare a presentation to share with the staff to explain our findings.

Lucy Calkins Training – I will be attending a week-long training to learn more about our elementary reading and writing initiative in New York along with Mrs. Jennifer Quella and Kathy Retzke. I am very excited about the direction we are moving and hopefully this initiative will increase our students’ academic abilities after its full implementation.

2. News and Noteworthy

PES Registration - We are holding registration for the upcoming school year at PES for new-to-the-district families on August 8th from 1-5:30 p.m. Families already in attendance have the opportunity to register on-line. If they are in need of additional assistance they may come in during the in-person registration for new families and assistance will be provided.

Teacher Hires - All of the positions open at PES have been hired for the upcoming school year. The PES hiring committee was very happy with the candidates chosen. I am confident that the new teachers will all be successful in their new positions.

Summer Reading Program -Students had the opportunity to read books over the summer and met with several of our teachers to discuss their books in an effort to reduce what we call the “summer slide.” We have been doing this for two years now and we think our program has been very successful.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

I would like to thank Randy Martinson and the rest of the PES custodial staff for working around the new floor installation in the hallways and still getting our school ready for the new school year. They are very patient, dedicated individuals and the rooms are looking great!

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

August 28 – New Teacher Orientation

August 29 – Staff Reports

August 30 – PES Open House 5-7 p.m.

September 5 – School Starts!

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
August 8, 2017

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

The Olweus group has met and wrapped up the plan for the first month of school. This group has worked hard this summer to be ready to start this program. We feel it will have a very positive impact on school culture and relationships between students. This program will also give teachers a common language and process for dealing with bullying and potential bullying situations between students.

The Laude System, which will replace traditional class rank, has been presented to the Curriculum and Policy committee and a parent meeting will be held in early September. This program will decrease some of the competition that happens between students for class rank and GPA, while encouraging students to take more rigorous courses.

2. News and Noteworthy

Fall sports have started or will be starting soon. You can see the school website for all the dates for fall sports.

On-line registration is currently open and we will be holding two days of registration at the PEHS/MS building for parents. New student registration will be on 8/8 and current student registration will be held on 8/9.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Thank you to the Olweus committee of Luke Pedersen, Kim Leal, Dustin Burg, Ernesto Bautista, Pat Keelty, Renee Cookstrom, Mary Ann Pronschinkse, Amanda Jones and Nick Jones who have put in 4 days of work this summer to ensure this program starts out the right way.

Thanks to Andy Pickett for all his work to get the fall sports coaches and athletes the paperwork and information they need to be ready to start practicing day one.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

First varsity football game of the year will be vs. Poynette on August 18th at 7:00

PEHS/MS Open House - August 30th 4:30-6:30

7th grade orientation - 5:00

9th grade orientation - 5:30

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building –District-Wide
Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -
Amanda Jones
August 8, 2017

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- All interventionist staff, principals and myself will be trained on the upgraded Aimsweb Plus 2.0 platform at the August in-service, as we move to enhance our progress monitoring of students, as well as benchmark testing that is incorporated in the new platform. This upgraded format will help interventionists and classroom teachers and teams make informed decisions around student academic progress.
- Intervention at the Middle and High School will expand into further tiered levels of support, including formal staff training and utilization of intervention methods and programs in the 2017/18 school year.

2. News and Noteworthy

- The middle/high school Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) has met twice since becoming “trained” and have a full day training planned for staff during in-service, as well as a scope and sequence for student Kick-Off and staff involvement/support. We are excited and looking forward to the positive impact this will have on our staff and students alike.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thank you to all staff also involved in Olweus Training: Renee Cookstrom, Kari Timm, Nick Jones, Luke Pederson, Dustin Burg, Ernesto Bautista, Kim Leal-Tortomasi, Mary Anne Pronschinske, as well as the Palmyra Librarian, Laura Gest, as she is an integral community partnership.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Three staff (two special education and one regular education) members will be trained on August 22nd on utilizing the Sondag System, a research-based multi-sensory intervention system. This system has proven effective for students with disabilities at Eagle Elementary over the 16/17 school year, and will be broadened to be utilized in specially designed instruction and intervention supports.

5. Miscellaneous

- A few of the Career and College Ready (CCR) forms have been updated by DPI and further professional development will occur with special education staff in this area surrounding Results Driven Accountability.