

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

**News and Noteworthy**

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

- Winter Concerts (5K-3 and 4-6th)
- Hour of Code
- S.T.A.R.S. Holiday-Sing-A-Long

**Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

On December 7th Eagle Elementary Students participated in “Hour of Code” in the EES computer lab and Makerspace. This is a national movement to get kids excited about computer science.

December is a busy month for assessments. Teachers administered the aReading and aMath FastBridge Assessments, along with reading and math Curriculum Based Measurements, 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.

**Professional Development**

On December 5th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Eagle Elementary School conducted a lockdown drill. Teachers and students were notified in advance, with extra consideration for our special needs students. However, one difference from last school year was that staff did not know the exact time of the drill. All classrooms were instructed to talk with their class prior to the drill and let them know that we will be have a school safety drill and to emphasize that this is just a drill. Just like a fire drill or a tornado drill.

All classroom doors were locked and lights were turned off. All students and staff in classrooms were out of sight from the outside hallway. I was able to knock on classroom doors without a response from inside the classroom. The Eagle Police Department, the Palmyra Police Department, and the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department were present at that time. This is the first time that we had law enforcement other than the Eagle PD.

**Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- I would like to acknowledge and thank Sarah Mickelson and Brittany Pfaff for their efforts in directing our Holiday Concerts. As always students were well prepared and sounded great!
- I would like to thank the S.T.A.R.S. group for organizing our Holiday Sing-A-Long event. This was a lot of fun and helped us spread holiday cheer throughout the school.

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**Palmyra Elementary School**  
**January 8, 2019 - 7:00pm**  
**Steve Greenquist**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

**FastBridge Assessments** - During the first round of FastBridge testing, a team of four specialists who were familiar with FastBridge went to each room and administered the tests to each class. This time around we provided individual teacher training so the teachers could give the tests themselves. All grades K-6 have now taken their FastBridge assessments and we are almost done analyzing the results.

**Data meetings** - We will be done with our data meetings this week and our new groupings will start next week. Not only do we analyze the data, but teachers reviewed effective tier one strategies and methods.

**Math Representative** - A representative from our math series, who is very well known in math circles, came to visit our school. She had the opportunity to visit all of the classrooms and then met with the PES Leadership Team and offered advice for improvement.

**ABC Process** - This process helps us plan for any individual struggling academically or socially and formally plans for that student. The ABC process was explained to our new teachers to help familiarize them so they have a working knowledge of what to do with that particular population.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

**Math Meet** – On January 15th, many students from grades 5 - 8 grade from both elementary schools and the middle school will participate in Math Meet. At the actual Math Meet, challenging math problems are presented to teams of students in a competitive format. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to extend their learning. Teachers John Knoot and Erin Rossman are the PES advisors.

**Battle of the Books** – This will be held again this year at the third through sixth grade levels. Students are encouraged to read books from a list of selected books. Questions requiring knowledge of the stories are presented to teams of students on a competitive basis. The general goal is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading and it is also intended to broaden their reading interests and provide them the opportunity to meet others who enjoy reading. Second grade teacher, Mrs. Taylor, is the coordinator for Battle of the Books this year.

**Drama Auditions** - This is a district wide play for 3-12 grade students. Auditions are being held this month for the play, “Shrek, the Musical.” The play will take place in March. Chelli Taylor is the director.

**Geography Bee** - The National Geographic Bee is an annual competition organized by the National Geographic Society, designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Students in grades four through eight (4-8) from 10,000 schools across the United States will compete in the 2018 National Geographic Bee for a chance to win college scholarships and the glory of being the National Geographic Bee Champion. The official PES Geography Bee will take place on Thursday, January 17th at 2:00 pm. Retired principal, Carolyn Markson, is the advisor again this year. During the final school competition there is a preliminary portion to reduce the finalists to 10 and then the final competition. The final winner will receive a National Geographic medal and the opportunity to take the state qualifying exam. T

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

Thank you to all of the advisors to the many clubs and activities we have scheduled this year for our PES students. Without their enthusiasm and efforts these would not be taking place.

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

#### **January**

- 2 - Play Auditions**
- 4 - PBIS Assembly in gym**
- 8 - MakerSpace Club**
- 10 - Chess Club**
- 15 - Math Meet**
  - MakerSpace Club**
- 17 - Geography Bee**
  - Chess Club**
- 22 - MakerSpace Club**
- 24 - Chess Club**
- 29 - MakerSpace Club**
- 31 - Chess Club**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School**  
**Principal – Kari Timm**  
**January 8, 2019**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

Tori Franz and I met with the 'Learning for All' pilot group to get an update on the school year. We talked a lot about the gradebook and making sure that we have a good understanding of how grades are calculated. Teachers liked the way the semester is being looked at as a whole. They feel it shows a true representation of students abilities over time. We will continue to meet with the group and they are also planning to present to the full staff.

We are started work on the 2019-20 course catalog. Teachers will be looking at course descriptions and offerings to make sure that we have everything in place for the end of January when we will begin the scheduling process.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

NHS will be hosting a 'Parent's Night Out' on January 11th. This event is an opportunity for families to drop off their children for the night. NHS students will run a variety of activities for the students.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

We gave out over 100 gift cards and prizes to students and families before winter break. This money is raised by the 'Jeans Team', student council, other outside donations and a large number of donations from staff members. It is great to be able to touch lives during the holiday season.

Through several different events, we were able to raise over \$2,000 for the DePorter family who tragically lost their home to fire before the break. It is great to see community members and students come together to help someone in need.

Thanks to Amanda Jones for all her hard work and dedication to the district over the last three years. We wish her luck in her new endeavors.

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

- January 11 - NHS Parents Night Out
- January 14 - Middle School Choir Concert
- January 16-18 - Semester 1 Final Exams
- January 21 - No School - In-service
- January 22 - Start of 2nd Semester

**5. Miscellaneous**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School / Building - District Wide**  
**Director of Special Education and Pupil Services - Beth Jones**  
**January 8, 2019**

On January 2, 2019, Beth Jones, assumed the role as Director of Special Education and Pupil Services. Beth is working with all district staff to become acquainted with the district initiatives as well as individual school, staff, and student needs. All staff members have been welcoming and helpful during this transition.