

**School Board Report and Update**  
**Eagle Elementary School**  
**Mr. Matt Stich, Principal**  
**Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 PM**

**News and Noteworthy:**

**S.T.E.A.M. Night**

There was a great turnout for the Eagle Elementary S.T.E.A.M. Night. The event incorporated a Genius Hour component that emphasized students researching topics that they are passionate about along with a fun Makerspace element. Thank you to all who participated!

**Math Meet**

Sixteen Palmyra-Eagle 5th-8th grade students participated at the Southern Lakes Math Meet held at UW-Whitewater. Over 200 students from more than 30 area schools attended the competition. All of our students represented the district well. The 5th/6th graders finished tied for fourth out of nine schools that competed in the Medium Division and Lauren M., a 6th grader from EES, finished 3rd overall out of 36. Way to go Lauren and congrats to all the participants! Congrats to all who took part: Michael, Lauren, Kaylee, Aubrey.

**Geography Bee**

Seven 4th-6th grade students participated. After a series of challenging questions in a variety of formats, 4th grader Matthew H. claimed the 1st place victory. Great job to all who took part (Arden, Haley, Lauren, Brock, Matthew and Tylie).

**One School, One Book**

One School, One Book educates families and schools on the benefits and importance of reading aloud. Each Eagle Elementary Family received a copy of “The One and Only Ivan” by Katherine Applegate. Mr. Ketterhagen read aloud to all students while they enjoyed a popcorn snack provided by the Eagle Elementary School PTO, who also funded the cost of the entire program. Students are asked to read a certain number of pages each day, there will be daily trivia questions and prizes! Thank you to all for making this possible!

**National Gallery of Art**

In partnership with the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC, as part of the Uncovering America program, the 3rd grade students from Palmyra and Eagle Elementary will have their artwork on display depicting: People and Their Environment.

Location: Kettle Moraine Southern Unit State Forest Headquarters  
W39091 WI-59, Eagle, WI 53119

Date: Beginning on January 26th - February 23rd.

Reception: Sunday, January 27th at 2:00- 3:30 PM. Light refreshments served.

Come see beautiful watercolors and ink prints of Wisconsin birds inspired by John James Audubon, black and white photography of the The Eagle Nature Trail, inspired by Ansel Adams and nature sculptures. The students will also use art to share the results of their bird watching research project.

### **Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

Teachers will begin administering the Fountas and Pinnell Running Records and in 4K the Early Reading Assessment will begin soon. 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**

On January 21st, EES teachers received professional development and training on Social Emotional Learning. Additionally, teachers had time to work on reporting student progress to families in time for progress reports to go home on January 25th, as well as time to work on Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and Personal Professional Goals (PPGs) as part of their Educator Effectiveness requirements.

### **Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- I would like to thank Kathy Retzke, Tori Franz, and Fort Healthcare for their help with making the January 21st Inservice a productive day of learning.
- I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitments of Katie Severson and Mackenzie Clark for their efforts in making S.T.E.A.M. Night a fun-filled family event.
- Thank you to Chris Ketterhagen for his involvement with preparing students for this year's Math Meet.
- I would like to recognize Beth Dobberstein for the amazing job that she does with putting student artwork on display within the Palmyra-Eagle community.
- Lastly, I would also like to thank Kathy Retzke for her part in making Geography Bee a success for the second year in a row. What a fun new tradition and way to promote student learning in geography.

**School Board Report and Update**  
**Palmyra Elementary School**  
**January 8, 2019 - 7:00pm**  
**Steve Greenquist**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

SAEBERS/MYSAEBERS. The SAEBRS (Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener) is part of the FastBridge suite and is a tool for universal screening of student risk for social-emotional and behavioral problems. Our teachers screened their students and are in the process of analyzing the data and are identifying those students at risk. Part of the screener allows the students to self-assess their social, academic and emotional behavior. At this time we are in the process of familiarizing our teachers with the various reports that are available to help us evaluate student performance against local norms to give us valid information on each student.

What I have found to be most valuable are the self assessments. Students answer questions in three area:

- Social - are the students respectful, do they argue, do they cooperate with others?
- Emotional - Are the students sad, worried, withdrawn?
- Academic - Do the students feel they are prepared, interested and engaged?

This information gives us instant information about any student at risk emotionally or socially. We don't have to wait until something happens to find out a student is having difficulties with his or her emotions or social interactions.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

Our Spelling Bee took place last week Friday. Ms. Annette Widell facilitated the competition that was held for students in grades 4-6. Winners names were not available at the time of the writing of this report.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

The work that Rachel DePorter does as secretary of Palmyra Elementary School cannot truly be expressed in a report to the Board, but I will give it my best shot. Over the years Rachel has established positive relationships with teachers, students, support staff, parents, and community members. She not only is a key communicator for PES, she takes care of students who are sick, she is a mentor to students who need that extra support and of course she make sure that everything I need her to do is complete and done on time. I would be hard pressed to find someone who could do her job and someone who would be willing to go above and beyond expectations as she does on a daily basis.

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

<b>February 12</b>	<b>MakerSpace Club - 3:00-5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>February 14</b>	<b>Chess Club - 3:30-5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>February 15</b>	<b>Referendum Information Q &amp; A (Powers Memorial Library)</b>
<b>February 18-19</b>	<b>Classroom Interpretive Reading Competitions</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>MakerSpace Club -3:00-5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>February 21</b>	<b>Chess Club - 3:30-5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>February 22</b>	<b>Referendum Information Q &amp; A (Alice Baker Library)</b>
<b>February 25</b>	<b>Teacher Inservice - NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>February 25</b>	<b>SE Regional Youth Art Exhibit Ceremony - 6:00-7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>February 26</b>	<b>MakerSpace Club - 3:00-5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>February 28</b>	<b>Chess Club - 3:30-5:00 p.m.</b>

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School**  
**Principal – Kari Timm**  
**February 12, 2019**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

We are going to slide the focus of PLC meetings to instruction over the next few months. We will work to help teachers implement tier 1 instructional strategies in their classrooms. As part of this process, the teachers will be introduced to the Optimal Learning Environment model, which is part of the New Teacher Network that Tori Franz and Kathy Retzke have been attending. Teachers will work in pairs to do co-observations. The teachers will be able to use PLC time to have pre and post conference meetings and provide feedback to each other.

Freshman registration information night was held for the class of 2023 on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. This night is an opportunity for parents and students to gather information about the scheduling process as they begin their transition to high school. Information was presented and students were able to leave with the course catalog and registration paperwork. Over the next few weeks students and parents will meet with Renee Cookstrom, when possible, to talk about their schedule and goals as they enter high school.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

Junior students will start the state assessment cycle with the ACT plus writing and ACT WorkKeys on February 20th and 21st. Plans are being finalized to provide quality experiences for the other high school students. This year we will continue our leadership activities for the freshmen, and provide a practice ACT for the sophomores. This practice ACT will be scored and analyzed by an outside company. Feedback on the results will be provided to families, students and staff.

Congratulations to Mikayla Peardon who was chosen as the Palmyra-Eagle DAR Good Citizen for the Jefferson country chapter of the DAR. Mikayla will be recognized at the DAR luncheon on March 7, 2019.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

Thanks to Renee Cookstrom for her help with the freshman registration night presentation and for conducting 8th grade meetings to work on planning for transition to high school. These events help students and parents feel more comfortable as they enter the high school environment.

Thanks to Joel Tortomasi, Mary Ann Pronschinske and former wrestling coach, Glenn Bolli, for their hard work in setting up and running the Trailways Conference Wrestling meet on Saturday,

February 2, 2019. With the help of many staff members, families and students we were able to host a very successful meet with 13 school and almost a hundred wrestlers participating in the meet.

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

- February 18 - 2nd semester PT conferences
- February 20 - ACT plus writing - all juniors
- February 21 - ACT WorkKeys - all juniors
- March 1 - NHS blood drive

#### **5. Miscellaneous**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**District Wide**  
**Director of Special Education and Pupil Services - Beth Jones**  
**February 12, 2019**

**Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- Training and preparation for the Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) is being completed for staff. This is an alternative assessment to the Forward Exam for students with significant intellectual disabilities. The testing window is from March 18 - May 3, 2019.
- Accommodations for the Forward Exam will begin being inputted and finalized in preparation for the spring assessment. The testing window is from March 18 - May 3, 2019. Collaboration with elementary staff will continue to meet all individual student's testing accommodation needs.

**News and Noteworthy**

- PEASD will be completed the Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment (PCSA) during the 2019-2020 school year. Preparation to ensure compliance has begun.
- Family engagement surveys will be sent on February 15, 2019. These surveys will be sent to families with a child receiving special education as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities. This is done in collaboration with DPI.

**Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- The week of February 4 - 8th was National School Counseling Week. I would like to acknowledge everything Beth Hemmer, Elementary School Counselor, and Renee Coostrom, Middle/High School Counselor, do to support the students, staff, and families of PEASD!

**Upcoming Events and Activity**

- Beth Jones attended the WCASS Winter Conference (Feb 6-8). The conference focused on school mental health, school culture, the impact of behavior on learning, instruction, and special education update.
- Sara Rivers, Middle/High School Special Education Teacher, and Beth Jones will be attending the Jefferson County Transition Network Meeting on February 13th. They are hoping to make some connections for students in ages 14 and older to expand transition opportunities.
- Sharon Llanas and Beth Jones will be attending the Federal Funding Conference on February 25 & 26 in Wisconsin Dells. This has multiple sessions around federal ESSA and state funding changes, Title allocations, IDEA/Flow Through/Grants, etc.