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

#### **News and Noteworthy**

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

- Interpretive Reading
- Math 24
- 100th Day of School Celebrations
- 4K/5K New Family Meeting

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

- Second trimester report cards will be sent home this week. Teachers have been working hard at making sure they have all assessments wrapped up.
- This month Parent Teachers Conferences will be held by parent request.
- In February, every classroom had students perform for the Interpretive Reading Contest. Congratulations to everyone that participated. On March 1st, we put on a Read Across America Week Assembly, where we announced the top three winners in each grade. The winners of the Interpretive Reading Contest will be performing in Fort Atkinson this month against other students from the region. We are excited for these talented young readers and wish them all luck at the contest!

#### **Professional Development**

Throughout February, Eagle Elementary teachers had the opportunity to read the book "A Teacher's Guide to Reading Conferences" by Jennifer Serravallo. This book was purchased for each classroom teacher and will help promote the "Building a Reader's Life" focus that we have been working on as a Professional Learning Community. As a collective group, we read and discussed our thoughts on each collection of chapters and how they relate to increasing reading engagement at the elementary level.

#### Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would like to acknowledge Kathy Retzke and Justine Haima for organizing Read Across America Week. I really appreciate their help, which allowed us to celebrate and promote literacy at the elementary level. Kids had a blast as always with the different daily themes.
- Thank you to Maria Schmidt, Ashley Cook, and Sara Scheel for there help in making the 4K/5K New Family Meeting a big success. It was great meeting so many new families!

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

#### 1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

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Course registration for the 2019-20 school year has been completed. The next steps are to create sections and begin the process of building the master schedule. From there, student schedules will be created and conflicts will be addressed. As always the plan is to have student schedules for the 2019-20 school year out by mid-May. This provides time to make changes before the June 15th deadline for schedule changes.

## 2. News and Noteworthy

Junior ACT makeup testing will be held on March 12th. The original plan will be followed for all other high school students. The window for Forward Exam and ACT Aspire testing open in April and plans for those assessments will be determined shortly.

Congratulations to winter sports coaches and athletes on their successful seasons. It was great to see the excitement surrounding the basketball, wrestling and dance programs. An extra congratulations to the dance team for their 2nd place finish at state and the boy's basketball team on their back to back conference championships.

# 3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

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Thanks to Scott Hein for all his hard work in planning the New Orleans band trip. Scott will be taking over 60 high and middle school students with him on the trip, which leaves on March 12th and returns on March 17th. He has done a great job coordinating a trip that will show the students wide variety of things. Organizing a trip of this magnitude is never easy and his time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

# 4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- March 11 HS/MS Band Concert 6:30 pm
- March 22 Last day of 3rd guarter
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## School Board Report and Update District Wide

## Director of Special Education and Pupil Services - Beth Jones March 12, 2019

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

- ACT Aspire Accommodations are entered for 9th and 10th-grade students.
- All test preparation and training has been completed for the Dynamic Learning Map (DLM). This assessment is an alternative assessment to the Forward Forward Exam for students with significant intellectual disabilities.

#### **Professional Development**

- The SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) committee has been meeting to discuss new ways to continue staff learning and growth with the newly adjust schedule due to weather events.
- Kay Leigh Sockrider and Renee Cookstrom will be attending the School Threat Assessment Conference on March 18th and 19th. This conference will feature national presenters discussing best practices in threat assessment. Tentative presenters include Steven Driscoll, Lead Social Science Research Specialist with the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center, and Dr. Peter Langman, a psychologist who specializes in preventing school violence.

#### **News and Noteworthy**

• We have completed the Transition Readiness Grant application. If PEASD receives this grant it will help to financially support new transition opportunities for students in our 18 to 21 year old program.

#### Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

• Thank you to Sara Rivers, high school special education teacher, and Amy Richardson, Occupational Therapists, for their continued work on expanding post-secondary skills for students with significant needs.