

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Mr. Matt Stich, Principal
Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 PM

News and Noteworthy

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

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Read Across America Week
- Math 24
- Interpretive Reading

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Eagle Elementary students in Grades 3-6 will be participating in the Forward Exam this spring. Our school is scheduled to take the exam April 15th-24th.

The Forward Exam tests students in the areas of English-Language Arts and Mathematics. Fourth grade students will additionally be tested in the areas of Science and Social Studies. One or more subtests may be administered daily during the identified time frame and it is very important that your son or daughter be in school during this time. Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a makeup test prior to the close of the testing window.

Professional Development

In an effort to promote building a reader's life, Eagle Elementary teachers have been continuing to collaboratively share their thoughts as a Professional Learning Community to inform and adapt their classroom practice for all students while reading the book "*A Teacher's Guide to Reading Conferences.*" This has helped ensure that classroom practices are aligned to meet all student's individual strengths and needs, which makes it possible to provide engaging and highly effective reading instruction.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would like to thank all staff members for the time and effort they put into meeting with parents for conferences. I really appreciate teachers developing these relationships with the goal of helping kids.
- I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Chris Ketterhagen for the time that he put into preparing 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students for this year's Math 24 Tournament. We are all very proud of the students that participated.
- Thank you to Justine Haima and all classroom teachers for another great year of supporting interpretive reading. I really enjoyed seeing each student's hard work and practice pay off for them.

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
April 12, 2019 - 7:00pm
Steve Greenquist

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Forward Exam - We started preparing our students for the state Forward exam. Teachers were given practice materials to use so the students have some familiarity with the test before they take it. We start administering the exam the week of April 15th.

PAW Groups - All students have PAW time at least three times a week. During this time students are either receiving intervention, additional academic practice, or are extending their learning, working in small groups or receiving individualized instruction. We are currently meeting with all teachers to discuss where each student is academically and then decide which groups they will be in. This is a great way to individualize instruction and give each student what they need to improve their own academic abilities.

2. News and Noteworthy

Interpretive Reading - Students at each grade level chose books that they enjoyed reading and could entertain an audience with. Students practiced their books to make sure they could read a portion of it smoothly, while giving their audience eye contact and entertaining the audience with their voice and facial expressions. Students then performed their Interpretive Reading pieces to their classmates and teachers. Teachers used a rubric and point system to assess their student's interpretive reading and identified the top two finalists in each grade level. The top two students had the opportunity to perform their piece in front of the school during an Interpretive Reading Assembly. Then, 1st place students from each grade level attended the South Kettle Moraine Reading Council Interpretive Reading Contest at Barrie Elementary School in Fort Atkinson. Palmyra's 1st place students completed with grade level peers from surrounding schools in front of their families and judges. Each student from Palmyra received an "Excellent" rating for their performance in Fort Atkinson.

The 1st and 2nd place finishers for Palmyra Elementary School's Contest were:

1st Grade: 1st place- Brooklynn White, 2nd place- Maya Feiker

2nd Grade: 1st place- Joseph Thayer, 2nd place- Mila Sockrider

3rd Grade: 1st place- Madison Anton, 2nd place- Jack Thomas

4th grade: 1st place- Ave Schlueter, 2nd place- Aubrie Pfeiffer

5th grade: 1st place- Michelle Stroh, 2nd place- Ryan Brodzik

6th grade: 1st place- Corwin Alva, 2nd place- Willson Jones

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Thanks to the Home & School for sponsoring our first ever Movie night. We had a full house and everyone had a good time!

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

April

- Apr. 08 Music Concerts - Grades K-2-(6:00 p.m.) & Grades 3-4 (7:00 p.m.)
- Apr. 09 Home & School Fundraiser Kick-off
- Apr. 11 Fifth Grade Science Fair - 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 12 Math Training K-3 in the AM (7:45-11:00) 4-6 in the PM (12-3)
- Apr. 15-24 Forward Exam!
- Apr. 16 Fifth Grade Field Trip - Capitol and Vilas Zoo - 8:00-2:45 p.m.
- Apr. 19 Good Friday - NO SCHOOL!
- Apr. 24 Book Fair!
- Apr. 25 First Grade Field Trip - Botanical Gardens in Hales Corners - 8:30-2:00 p.m.
- Apr. 26 Fourth Grade Lock In!

Have a Great Spring Break!

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
April 4, 2019

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Teachers have started the process of peer observation. The decision of the staff was to have administration pair the teachers. Each pairing was designed to offer teachers an opportunity to see a teacher in a content area different than their own. Through this process, we are asking teachers to focus on learning targets and clarity in instruction. The opportunity to observe a colleague and have professional conversations will further strengthen our professional learning community.

ACT Aspire and Forward testing windows are now open. Testing schedules will be finalized in the next few weeks and testing will be conducted in a manner to provide the best testing environment and to continue academics for other students.

2. News and Noteworthy

National Honor Society is currently in the process of accepting applications from potential new members. NHS is one of the highest academic honors a student at PEHS can achieve and we are looking forward to inducting new members for the 2019-20 school year!

Mikayla Peardon was honored as the Palmyra-Eagle representative at the annual DAR luncheon on March 7th. Each year, the schools in Jefferson County can acknowledge a member of their student body who goes above and beyond as a leader and positive role model. Mikayla is the epitome of these characteristics.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Thanks to Chelli Taylor for all the hours of work she put into the district production of Shrek the Musical. The musical was a great way to show off the talents of the students in the district. Congratulations to everyone involved!!

Over 80 students, parents, and chaperones recently were able to take a 5 day band trip to New Orleans. They were provided a wide variety of musical and educational experiences, including taking a master class at Loyola University and a performance in the French Quarter. This was a great opportunity for PEHS/MS students and they did a great job representing the Palmyra and Eagle communities.

A group of 10 students enjoyed a 10 day trip to Europe that included France and Spain. The students had the opportunity to see some of the most historic landmarks in Europe, and to

directly interact with the French and Spanish languages that they have been studying for the past 4 years.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Spring sports will be starting soon - check the school website for upcoming events
- April 16th - Trailways South Honors Banquet
- May 4h - Prom

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
District Wide
Director of Special Education and Pupil Services - Beth Jones
April 4, 2019

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- All Forward Exam accommodations have been entered into the eDirect portal.
- Special education staff will be administering the DLM (Dynamic Learning Map) alternative assessment for students with significant disabilities through the month of April.
- Sara Rivers and Amy Richardson have started taking the transition class to a variety of colleges that provide programs for students with significant needs during post-secondary education. Some of the colleges include Cutting Edge at Edgewood College, Shepards College, Bethesda College at Concordia University, and PACE at National Louis University.

Professional Development

- The Social Emotional Learning (SEL) team have organized times to complete the staff training on the remainder of learning competencies. These learning opportunities for staff will be done with individual buildings due to the school calendar changes related to weather-related closings.
- On April 25th, all elementary school special education teachers will receive training on the general education math curriculum. This training will parallel the training related to math understanding, standards, and best practices provided for elementary general education teachers earlier this year.

News and Noteworthy

- Early Childhood screening day will be held on April 12th in the morning. This screening is for any child ages 3 to 4 ½ years old who may be showing signs of delayed development. Fliers will be hung around Palmyra and Eagle with information for families to schedule a screening time.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- Thank you to Greg Deets, Beth Friemel and Sara Rivers who are scheduling and administrating the DLM assessment.

Upcoming Events and Activity

- Beth Hemmer, Renee Cookstrom and Kay Leigh Stockrider will be attending the Homelessness Summit to further information and understanding on how to best support and identify homeless families and students within our district.
- Beth Jones will be attending the Jefferson County Transition Network on April 8th. This allows PEASD to connect with programs around Jefferson County to better support students transition needs.
- Beth Jones will be attending the WCASS Spring conference from May 1-3 in Wisconsin Dells. The conference sessions will focus on mental health, the effectiveness of paraprofessionals, due process, threat assessment, updates in Special Education law among other topics.