

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Mr. Matt Stich, Principal
Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 PM

News and Noteworthy

- Open House was a big success. It was great to see all the smiling faces of our Eagle Elementary students and families. I am very proud of our amazing Eagle Elementary teachers and staff for getting their classrooms ready and looking better than ever. We are all excited to begin a successful new school year.

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- A first trimester action plan has been developed and shared with all Eagle Elementary staff members. This plan will guide us as focus on our school learning objectives. This year we will continue utilizing a professional learning community to increase staff collaboration and support professional development.

Professional Development

- On September 5th the assessment team will lead a staff meeting dedicated towards reviewing our year long assessment calendar and an updated literacy binder filled with resources that will support literacy instruction. This will ensure that all staff members are on the same page across the building and maintain consistency from grade level to grade level.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would like to thank Bill Lean for his continuous hard work over the summer in preparation for the upcoming school year. Among his many projects and responsibilities, he had spent a great deal of time cleaning each classroom and the school as a whole. The shine in the floor certainly represents the pride that he puts into his job.
- I would also like to thank Sara Scheel for all the work that she has put into the Eagle Elementary New Family Registration and Open House.
- I would also like to thank all Eagle Elementary teachers for their hard work that they put into getting your classrooms ready to go. Each classroom looks fantastic!

Upcoming Events and Activity

- September 11th 9-11 Assembly and Tree Memorial at Eagle Nature Trail
- September 28th Doughnuts With Dads
Guild Gathering.

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
September 5, 2018 - 7:00pm

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Many of the faculty and I have been involved in extensive FastBridge Training the past two weeks. FastBridge is an assessment we use to screen and progress monitor our students in math and reading. We use these results to place students into ability groups and for planning appropriate individual student interventions. This test replaces AIMSweb and MAP, and gives us additional individual academic information that we did not have before.

2. News and Noteworthy

Through the efforts of many people the first day of school went very smoothly. The faculty and staff were very well prepared and the custodial staff had the rooms looking great. I visited all the classrooms the first day of school and each classroom was very friendly, caring and extremely understanding of the students being nervous to return to school.

The newly hired faculty and aides are exceeding my expectations. The “new to education” teachers act as if they have been teaching for years and the new “veteran teachers” have been very helpful and jumped right in.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

A special thank you to two of our custodial staff at PES. Pam Colburn and Cindy Luerssen noticed that the building wasn't quite ready for the first day of school opening so they came in during Labor Day weekend to make sure the building was clean and ready to go on the first day of school.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

Sept. 11	Home & School Meeting
Sept. 18	Home & School Fundraiser kick-off
Sept. 20	Picture Day

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
September 11, 2018

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Inservice was a success with a lot of time put into explaining things for the upcoming school year. Teachers were able to attend small group sessions on Olweus, Equitable Multi-Level Systems of Supports, 9th hour/FlexiSched and Go Guardian. These small group settings allowed for teachers to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the information. Teachers also met as a full group to talk about information for the upcoming school year. They had a good balance of meetings and work time to get their classrooms ready to start school.

The plan for 9th hour study hall for high school will start on Monday, September 10th. During the first week of school students were trained in the program we will be utilizing to help with teacher and student access to extra academic support. Juniors and seniors were also informed about open campus procedures. This model will provide invaluable access to students and allow teachers time to meet during the school day. As we move forward with Learning for All and our standards based grading initiative this time is key in the success of the program.

2. News and Noteworthy

All staff members were in place to start the 2018-19 school year. We are very excited about the skill set and new ideas that new staff are bringing to their positions. We know they will provide our students a high quality educational experience.

Open house. 7th and 9th grade orientations were a big success. A lot of families attending the evening, got a chance to meet their teachers, walk their schedules and put things in the lockers. Open house helps ease the transition for new students to the district and to the middle or high school.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Thank you to Amanda Jones for the coordination and set up for the training in our new benchmark screener and progress monitoring tool Fast Bridge. In our first training we became clear that this program will be very user friendly and time effective for use at the middle and high school level.

Thanks to Mary Ann Pronschinske and Kathy Retzke who help facilitate the Chromebook handout process. Over 95% of the Chromebooks were handed out by the end of the 2nd day of school. This was in big part due to their help in running check out times during inservice week.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

Fall sports are in full swing, check out the school website for dates and times

Homecoming week is October 1st - 5th with the dance taking place on October 6th. Student council is well into the process of planning a wide variety of events to fill up the week.

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – District-Wide
Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -
Amanda Jones
September 11, 2018

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- All interventionist staff, principals and myself received FastBridge webinar training Benchmark Screening in both Reading and Math. On September 13th, an additional training will be held on Progress Monitoring. The district RtI team researched and determined at the end of last school year that we would be moving forward with FastBridge instead of Aimsweb 2.0, for a variety of reasons. To date, the trainings have been extremely beneficial and the new platform and capabilities have staff very excited to move forward. Additionally, FastBridge syncs with the EduClimber system every night, linking the data automatically making it easy and accessible. FastBridge will be the district's benchmarking screener three times per year for students in 4K through grade 10, with progress monitoring for students in need of tier 2 and 3 interventions.
- Future use of the Social/Emotional screener portion of FastBridge will be determined by the Social Emotional Committee, with training to follow.
- Intervention and multi-level systems of support at the Middle and High School levels have continued to grow in its systemic function as well as training for staff to develop and implement interventions at the tier 2 and 3 levels to meet each individual student's need. Nick Jones has led the middle/high school intervention team toward a common framework and support for all students.
- Continued professional development was provided for middle/high school staff during inservice around DPI's updated Framework for Equitable Multi-Level Systems of Support. There was a lot of great discussion around this new framework and how our various initiatives such as Learning for All, Academic and Career Planning, and Social Emotional Learning all fit into this framework. We will continue this work throughout the district in future professional development.
- Beth Herman, DPI Consultant for Social Emotional Learning, presented to all district staff (including paraprofessionals) to introduce Social Emotional Learning and the new Social Emotional Learning Competencies that were released last school year. We were fortunate to have Beth come and share her expertise with us here at PEASD. The Social Emotional

Committee is excited to continue to provide professional development opportunities for all staff throughout the course of the school year around this area. We will be focusing on the 'What' and 'Why' this school year, so as to build foundational knowledge around it and then branch out to further Tier 1, 2, and 3 implementation identification as we move toward the end of the year into next. The importance of Social Emotional Learning is directly tied to Equitable Multi-Level Systems of support for all students, as well as Learning for All.

2. News and Noteworthy

- Lisa Jensen (district nurse) and I have been working with our medicaid billing system to begin implementing documentation of Attendant Care Services for students who are Medicaid-eligible. Lisa and I have researched and trained on this with Kinney Systems and have introduced it to special education teachers and paraprofessionals. Continued professional development and implementation of this data collection and reporting system will take place throughout the school year. These reimbursable medicaid services are a way in which the district can recoup some of the cost of direct activities of daily living skills associated with servicing our students.
- Staff in need of refresher and full-day training for Nonviolent Crisis Intervention will be trained by November by our staff "NVCI Trainers". Thank you to Nick Jones, Matt Stich and John Knoot for your time in training our staff and remaining updated in your own professional NVCI training to be our district "trainers".

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

- Thank you to all staff as the start of the school year can feel chaotic until routines are established. Your flexibility in new training, professional development, meeting student needs, etc. is not only acknowledged and noticed, but very much appreciated.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- I will be attending a legal seminar by Boardman & Clark on September 14th in Madison for the morning.

5. Miscellaneous

- Special education staff will again be meeting monthly as a team to address career and college readiness with a focus on co-teaching and

inclusive practices and how that fits into supporting Learning for All and EMLSS (Equitable Multi-Level Systems of Support).

- Pupil service staff have been busy meeting with students and staff to start the year off strong and support all learners academic, behavioral, and social/emotional needs.. Ongoing monthly pupil service meetings with begin in September again.