

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

**News and Noteworthy**

November was a busy month at Eagle Elementary School. Students participated in:

- S.T.A.R.S. Food Drive
- Eagle Business Association came for D.E.A.R.
- Veteran's Day Assembly
- PTO Christmas Movie Night

**Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

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

Teachers have been busy wrapping up their first trimester assessments. Reports cards went home home on December 7th.

**Professional Development**

On Friday, November 16th teachers had inservice training on updated mandatory reporting requirements related to Act 143. We also went over FastBridge Assessment data and review how to implement these assessments for the upcoming December assessment window.

On November 27th and 28th, I attended training along with other PEASD staff members on Adolescent Mental Health. I learned valuable strategies to help support our young learners and also received updates from the newly developed Office of School Safety.

**Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- I would like to acknowledge and thank Tammy Mueller and Sara Scheel for all the hard work and effort they put into making our Veteran's Day Assembly a big success.
- Thank you to Katie Severson and Greg Deets for organizing this year's S.T.A.R.S Food Drive. They once again collected a great deal of needed items for the Eagle Food Pantry.

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**December 11, 2018 - 7:00pm**  
**Steve Greenquist**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- We have just recently administered the My Saebers/Saebers screeners to our 2nd-6th grade students. These screeners survey students and teachers and help identify students who are socially and emotionally at risk. These surveys both use a 20 item rating scale that students complete about their social, academic, and emotional behaviors. We are learning a lot about our students and are making plans to address those students at risk.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

- **Home & School:** We welcome Santa's Secret Workshop back to PES. This is a place for students to purchase Holiday gift items for their family at a very reasonable cost. The store is open during the school day and it will be open before and after the Holiday concerts as well. This is an opportunity to have students shop for gifts for the family at very affordable prices.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention training is being provided by administrators along with PES teacher, John Knoot, who is to be commended for assisting in facilitating this training. We hope to continue the training with additional staff members later this school year.
- Sarah Mickelson and Brittany Pfaff are to be commended for their preparation and for the awesome student performance at the Holiday concerts this month. They continue to get our students to perform at a very high level. Parents have been very complimentary about the enjoyment they have at these concerts.

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

**December**

- 3 - Grades K-3 Holiday Concert
- 5 - PEASD Referendum informational meeting
- 7 - Report cards sent home
- 10 - Grades 4-6 Holiday Concert
- 12 - PEASD Referendum informational meeting
- 21 - Early Dismissal
- 24 - Winter break begins

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

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

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

At the November inservice day we were able to take part in a Mindfulness lesson by Carrie Dampier, our alternative education teacher, who has been trained in Mindfulness and has been utilizing it in her GEDO2 and competency based programs. Carrie did a great job of explaining the benefits for individuals and what she has personally seen in her classroom. As we continue to focus on the aspects of Social Emotional Learning for staff and students. Topics like Mindfulness will continue to be at the forefront of our professional development.

Tori Franz and Julia Lightbody are going to start giving the Acess assessment to our EL students. In addition, we have started the process of preparing for the ACT and ACT WorkKeys in February. Renee and Kari have been watching webinars to be up to date on any changes to the test or procedures. ACT prep update emails were sent to each student and their parents. In the email updates about prep materials, test dates and individual ACT exam exemption goals were given.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

Our homerooms have started their individual Olweus community service projects. These projects are very diverse, but all have a positive impact on the community. The focus of the Olweus team this year is on improved culture within the building and community. Mr. Wilde's homeroom collected hats and gloves and donated them to Eagle Elementary to have on and for kids in need.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

A huge thanks to our MERT (medical emergency response team) who responded amazing well to a very serious medical situation this week. The team, lead by school nurse Lisa Jensen, was able to respond in a timely and effective manner so that along with help from Palmyra Public Safety Department were able to literally save a life. It is something that we will not forget for a long time and confirms that we have the right tools and plan in place to handle these types of situations.

We appreciate the efforts of Karla Kostein, Renee Cookstrom and Gigi Laine who are working to coordinate help for families during the upcoming holiday season. They go out of their way to ensure each family has a happy holiday season and it is greatly appreciated.

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

- December 13th - HS/MS Band Concert - 6:30 pm
- December 18th - HS Choir Concert - Palmyra Methodist Church - 6:30 pm
- December 24th - January 1st - Winter Break

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

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- The Social Emotional Learning team continues to meet frequently to plan professional development around SEL components for the remaining in-services of the 2018-19 school year. The January in-service will focus on Self-Management, and we will be partnering with Fort Healthcare (thank you Lisa Jensen for the networking opportunity) around providing staff stations of self-management and regulation so that they can see and have hands-on approaches to strategies that can be carried over in the classroom (mindfulness exercises, zumba and body movement, organization, etc).
- Administration of the ACCESS for English Learners has begun. Students who are English Learners (as identified through a screening process and serviced through the EL program) take this assessment on a yearly basis to assess their English proficiency in the areas of reading, speaking, listening and writing. This is an online assessment for students in grades 1 through 12, while Kindergarten students take the assessment 1:1 with a test proctor in a more hands-on approach.
- ACT accommodations will be finished and submitted by the end of December for all juniors with IEPs and 504 plans.
- Preparation of updated teacher Dynamic Learning MAP (DLM - Alternative Assessment) teacher refresher training has begun as well as roster uploads and student updates for test administration for the spring testing window.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

- Thank you to Tori Franz for her efforts in ACCESS coordination and administration for English Learners.
- Special THANK YOU to Lisa Jensen, district nurse, for her oversight and expertise during a recent medical emergency. Her presence and lead enabled the team to work quickly and effectively together.
- Thank you to the MERT team (Lisa Jensen, Kari Timm, Nick Jones, Sue Fischer, Luke Pederson) who responded so quickly in a recent medical emergency. Your efforts are tremendously appreciated.

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

**5. Miscellaneous**