

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Mr. Matt Stich, Principal
Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 PM

News and Noteworthy

March is usually a busy month at Eagle Elementary School and that was certainly the case prior to the closing of the school. Students and staff participated in:

- Read Across America Week
- Family Fun Night
- Math 24
- Interpretive Reading

Professional Development

In an effort to improve student writing, several Eagle Elementary teachers worked as a Professional Learning Community to inform and adapt their classroom practice for all students while reading the book *“A Teacher’s Guide to Writing Conferences.”* by Carl Anderson. 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 writing instruction. As a group, we had our last book club meeting on Wednesday, March 4th. I would like to thank all the teachers that participated and improved at their craft.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would like to thank all staff members for the time and effort they put into creating instructional packets and communicating with families throughout the whole process. Many teachers have been providing virtual check-ins and communications through Google Classroom, See Saw, SplashLearn, and more!
- I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Kim Kleich for the time that she 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 Kim Kleich 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.
- Thank you to Rachel Bennett and Kim Kleich for organizing Read Across America week and Family Fun Night. What a great way to promote a lifelong love of learning for children and their families!

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
April 14, 2020 - 7:00pm

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Life has obviously been very different the past few weeks due to COVID -19. It has been very challenging to say the least, but I am very grateful for the effort everyone has put in to make sure our students are being educated to the best of their abilities. We are on our second round of getting educational materials to our students. Grades 4-6 continue using Chromebooks to educate and converse with students and recently third grade has joined them, providing third graders with Chromebooks and other educational materials. Specials teachers have prepared a selection of activities for students to do that are art, music, physical ed. and guidance related as well. Teachers are checking in frequently with their students and are doing the best they can under the circumstances.

2. News and Noteworthy

All but eight of our students have picked up educational materials that have been prepared for them. We will attempt to touch base with them to provide another opportunity to pick up these materials.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

We are doing the best we can to educate our students at this time. This doesn't happen without the combined efforts of all stakeholders. Custodians are doing their part by deep cleaning the building and having the building ready for occupancy once we are able to return to school. Our paraprofessionals need to be thanked for helping teachers get educational materials ready for the students and for helping to get these materials to our families. Some of the aides are helping the custodial staff clean the building as well. Thanks go out to food service personnel for preparing free lunches everyday for all interested families. Parents have also helped a great deal by providing assistance to their children at home. It is amazing to see what great lengths everyone is going for the benefit of all our students.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

Looking forward to getting back to a more normal schedule, but nothing is planned from this point until we understand more about COVID-19.

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
April 14, 2020

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Virtual learning is fully up and running as of March 18, 2020. Teachers are working to provide students with meaningful academic opportunities that can be accomplished in a virtual format. We have gone to a rotating schedule of 4 hours two days a week and we use Friday for as catch up time. This has allowed students to focus their efforts and it has also decreased the amount of communication to students daily which was very overwhelming when dealing with 8+ classes. We have been holding weekly virtual meetings to stay on top of the situation and share ideas.

Course catalog and registration information went out to 2020-21 high school students this week. Renee Cookstrom and I have come up with a plan to have students register and be able to work with them in this process. Renee has set up a calendar where families can pick a time and date to work with her via video on the process. I am also working on a video to share with 8th graders who are new to the registration process.

2. News and Noteworthy

Staff members have been working day and night to make email, chat and video contact with students. The amount of time they are working to help students be successful goes above and beyond anything, I would have ever imagined.

In addition, I want to acknowledge special education teachers and paraprofessionals who are spending hours a day support kids and teachers. They are doing an amazing job!

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Thanks to Annette Kozlowski for working to provide lunches to students during the school closure. I appreciate her willingness to expand this and provide a meal for all students.

Thanks to all the custodial staff who has been working to clean the building from top to bottom to ensure safety if we are able to return to school.

Thanks to Ann Popp, Gigi Laine, Karen Milligan and Mary Ann Pronschinkse who have been helping to make contacts to families and students about their progress in virtual learning.

Thanks to the staff members who submitted pictures for our video to students. We tried to include as many teachers and staff members as we could while keeping the message powerful.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- The end of Safer at Home
- Senior Awards Night
- Graduation
- Other end of year events as possible

5. Miscellaneous