

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Mr. Matt Stich, Principal
Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 PM

News and Noteworthy:

HAWS-No More Bullying Program

The Humane Animal Welfare Society has worked with Eagle Elementary this year in both grades 3 and 4. This program is an innovative bullying and anti-violence prevention program. A dog is brought into the classroom and correlating these concepts with animals, causes children to pay better attention and be more empathetic. While the main focus is teaching children to treat their peers with respect, the connection with treating animals with respect empathizes their important idea. A special thank you to Khris Erickson, HAWS Humane Education Manager.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Zachary Hoff in 3rd grade on winning the 2020 Eagle Elementary Spelling Bee! We are very proud of all the participants. It takes a lot of courage to stand up in front of your peers and spell out loud. Way to go!

Math Meet

On January 14th, the PEASD 5/6th grade Math Team members made up of students from Palmyra Elementary and Eagle Elementary competed at the Regional Math Meet at UW-Whitewater. The competition is a morning-long session with a variety of events; both individual and team. Schools are broken up into categories based on their student population and you only compete against schools similar to your school. We competed against other medium schools. The students that represented EES were Matthew Hoff, Tylie Wolter, Kaylee Lebanowski, and Noah Spencer. All of our students did their best work, showed resilience, and persevered. Way to go!

Geography Bee

Seven 4th-6th grade students participated. After a series of challenging questions in a variety of formats, 5th grader Tylie Wolter claimed the 1st place victory. Great job to all who took part.

One School, One Book

One School, One Book educates families and schools on the benefits and importance of reading aloud. Each Eagle Elementary Family received a copy of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” by Roald Dahl. I dressed up as Willy Wonka to read aloud to all students while they enjoyed a popcorn snack provided by the Eagle Elementary School PTO, who also funded the cost of the

entire program. Students are asked to read a certain number of pages each day, there were daily trivia questions and prizes. Thank you to all for making this possible!

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Teachers will begin administering the Fountas and Pinnell Running Records soon. These assessments will be used to check on the growth and progress of students, as well as influence instructional decisions for the remainder of the school year.

Staff meetings and Professional Learning Community time have been devoted to helping determine which students need increased academic interventions or enrichment opportunities if students are performing above grade-level expectations.

Professional Development

On January 20th, EES teachers received professional development and training on Run, Hide, Fight procedures. This training represented a refresher on school safety procedures and protocols.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- Thank you to Kim Kleich for her involvement with preparing students for this year's Math Meet.
- Lastly, I would also like to thank Beth Dobberstein for her part in making Geography Bee a success for the second year in a row. What a fun new tradition and way to promote student learning in geography.

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February 18, 2020 - 7:00pm
Steve Greenquist

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Lucy Calkins Training - Four of our new teachers attended a two day conference facilitated by Stephanie Witte to learn more about readers workshop. This conference also dovetailed easily with our Lucy Calkins Readers' and Writers' Workshop model. Our first grade teacher Taylor Hanley also attended a conference on Self-Regulation in Children. Taylor has already taken ideas she learned from the conference and is implementing them in her classroom.

2. News and Noteworthy

Geography Bee - Last month Palmyra Elementary held its annual Geography Bee. In first place was sixth grader, JJ Thomas. The second place winner was sixth grader, Jeremiah Schmid and in third place was fifth grader, Dominic Madelin. JJ Thomas had to take an online qualifying exam and we will find out March 2, 2020 to see if he advances. Good luck JJ!

Spelling Bee - On Friday, January 17th, Palmyra Elementary recognized its top spellers during our annual Spelling Bee. Each class in third through sixth grade held classroom competitions and sent two top spellers to participate in the schoolwide competition. In all, twelve students competed in the Palmyra Elementary Spelling Bee. First place winner, sixth grader, Harmony Gall, represented our school at the the regional Spelling Bee and lasted until the fourth round! In second place was third grader, Ava Bolgardwent and in third place was fourth grader, Evelyn Baumann. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Youth Art Month - Five students from Palmyra and Eagle Elementary will have their artwork on display at the regional Youth Art Month Exhibit. The opening reception and award ceremony will take place on February 14th at 6:00 pm at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts. The students' work will join art from 8 other counties. From these five works, 3 pieces will go on display at the State Capitol on March 6th. Our PEASD family is encouraged to come out and show our Panther Pride. Way to go Kiera, Thomas, Tyler, Nyaia and Kennedy!

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments -

Thanks to second grade teacher, Jane Denali for facilitating a rocketry club at PES. Over 40 students attended the first meeting and they are looking forward to blasting off rockets in the near future.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

February

- 11 Makerspace Club meets
100th Day of School Celebration
- 14 Regional Youth Art Exhibit
- 18 Makerspace Club meets
- 21 Home & School Movie Night
- 24 No School - Teacher Inservice

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School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
February 18, 2020

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

We had an opportunity to send 6 teachers to a [standards-based grading conference](#) with Thomas Guskey. He is one of the foremost experts in the area of standards-based grading and his model was what we utilized when we started our Learning for All initiative 3 years ago. The teachers are all invested in moving forward with these ideas and implementing them in their classrooms. I am excited to see what they bring back to share with other staff members.

Recently we have partnered with eDynamic to have a handful of students taking online elective courses. The students can choose from two libraries - [CTE and career](#) or [Elective](#) library. This is a program we plan to utilize next year to offer students elective courses that either extend current content offerings or can help explore an interest in a possible career field. We are also working on getting the course catalog together for the 2020-21 school year. The hope would be to have this out by the end of February and to start registering students shortly after that.

2. News and Noteworthy

The boy's basketball team has clinched at least a share of its 3rd consecutive Trailways conference title. What a great accomplishment for the boys and their coaches. We hope to see their success help them to make a deep run into the WIAA playoffs.

Congratulations to the PEHS dance team who finished 2nd at regionals and again representing our district proudly at the state competition in LaCrosse. The dance team finished 4th amongst what was some of the toughest competition in years. Great job ladies!

Congratulations to Jake Pronschinske and Austin Pogreba who both finished 3rd in their weight class at the Trailways Conference wrestling meet.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

The middle school student council raised \$530 with a bake sale and hat day for a family in the community. Thanks to Tammy Anderson and Vico Boos for arranging this event and continuing to find ways to support students, families and the community.

Middle and high school students will represent both the band and choir programs at Solo and Ensemble on Saturday, February 15th. Thanks to Scott Hein, Amy Schwartz, and all the student musicians for the hard work they have put in getting ready to showcase their talents at this event. In addition, Scott Hein took 8 high school band students to participate in the

Trailways Honors band clinic and performance on February 10th. This was a great opportunity for these students to play with students from other schools in a large ensemble.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- 2/24 - PEASD Inservice - SEL team presents
- 3/3 - ACT plus writing - All juniors
- 3/9 - NHS Blood drive
- 3/14-3/15 - Band trip to Chicago
- 3/17 - HS/MS Band Concert
- 3/19 - HS Choir Concert

5. Miscellaneous

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District Wide
Director of Special Education and Pupil Services - Beth Jones
February 11, 2020

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- ACT accommodation requests for juniors who either have an IEP or 504 have been submitted and approved. These accommodations help those students be successful during the testing of the ACT.
- ACCESS testing has been completed with all students who are currently receiving EL services.

Professional Development

- Training and preparation for the Dynamic Learning Map (DLM) has been completed for staff. This is an alternative assessment to the Forward Exam for students with significant intellectual disabilities. The testing window is from March 23-May 1.

News and Noteworthy

- PEASD has verified assurance of the RDA: PCSA corrections with DPI. The department will use the new items implemented to help ensure continued compliance with all IEPs.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- The week of February 3rd-7th was National School Counseling Week. I would like to acknowledge everything Beth Hemmer, Elementary School Counselor, and Renee Coostrom, Middle/High School Counselor, do to support the students, staff, and families of PEASD!
- Thank you to Shelby Nickels, Jodi Jonas, Kelly McConahay, and Greg Deets for their assistance in creating documents to help ensure continued IEP compliance in coordination with the RDA: PCSA process.