

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

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

**FastBridge Testing** - We have just completed our FastBridge testing and have met with teachers to analyze the data and put students into appropriate groupings. Students now will be challenged at their ability level.

**Student Concerns** - Our Student Concerns Committee meets weekly to discuss any students of concern whether that be academic or social. We consider all students, including those students who perform at a higher level. This weekly meeting keeps us informed about our students and helps ensure that all students are getting the support, challenge or help that they need.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

**Geography Bee/Spelling Bee** both competitions are being held this month with the winner advancing to the next level of competition. These competitions are held in grades 3-6.

**Math Meet** – Students in 5th and 6th grade from both elementary schools will participate in Math Meet this month. At the actual Math Meet, challenging math problems are presented to teams of students in a competitive format. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to extend their learning.

**Battle of the Books** – This will be held again this year at the third through sixth grade levels. Students are encouraged to read books from a list of selected books. Questions requiring knowledge of the stories are presented to teams of students on a competitive basis. The general goal is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading and it is also intended to broaden their reading interests and provide them the opportunity to meet others who enjoy reading. Fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Taylor, is the coordinator for Battle of the Books this year.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments** - I would like to thank reading specialist, Shirley Wagand, and Art teacher, Beth Dobberstein, for facilitating the Geography Bee and Spelling Bee competitions. Also thanks to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Muth for facilitating Math meet and Battle of the Books.

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

**January**

**20 - No School - Inservice**

**24 - Progress reports sent home**

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

**News and Noteworthy**

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

- Winter Concerts (5K-3 and 4-6th)
- Hour of Code
- S.T.A.R.S. Holiday-Sing-A-Long

**Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

On December 13th Eagle Elementary Students participated in “Hour of Code” in the EES computer lab and Makerspace. This is a national movement to get kids excited about computer science.

December is a busy month for assessments. Teachers administered the aReading and aMath FastBridge Assessments, along with reading and math Curriculum-Based Measurements, and Fountas and Pinnell Running Records. 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.

**Professional Development**

On December 12th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Eagle Elementary School conducted a lockdown drill. Teachers and students were notified in advance, with extra consideration for our special needs students. All teachers were instructed to talk with their class prior to the drill and let them know that we will be having a school safety drill and to emphasize that this is just a drill. Just like a fire drill or a tornado drill.

All classroom doors were locked and lights were turned off. All students and staff in classrooms were out of sight from the outside hallway. I was able to knock on classroom doors without a response from inside the classroom. The Eagle Police Department, the Palmyra Police Department, and the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department were present at that time. This is the second time that we had law enforcement other than the Eagle PD.

**Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- I would like to acknowledge and thank Lucy Wrenn and Brittany Pfaff for their efforts in directing our Holiday Concerts. As always students were well prepared and sounded great!
- I would like to thank the S.T.A.R.S. group for organizing our Holiday Sing-A-Long event. This was a lot of fun and helped us spread holiday cheer throughout the school.

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

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

We are approaching the end of first semester and high school final exams will be held on January 15, 16 and 17. These exams provide students and teachers an opportunity to wrap up a semester and to assess students' progress in classes. We also provide exam exemptions for students who meet attendance, tardy and discipline requirements. This semester less than 50 students did not meet these requirements. That means over 150 students have missed less than 40 hours of school this semester. This allows students to have a tremendous amount of face to face classroom time with their teachers which is truly how we help them to be successful.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

Donations were made to several local organizations with the profit from the Friendsgiving T-shirt sales. \$450 was given to the Healthy Community Network, \$200 to the Eagle Food Pantry and \$200 to the Palmyra Food Pantry. This along with the large donations of food by the student councils will go along way towards supporting local families in need.

As is our tradition leading up to winter break we were able to help about 50 families in need and to hold a raffle where we gave away over 75 prizes. This is all possible with donations from our Jeans team, student groups, and staff members. It is a great way to help make students' holiday season a little brighter.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

Congratulations to boy's basketball coach Duey Wilde who was recently honored with a ceremony dedicating the naming of the high school gym floor after him and all his accomplishments. He was also recently able to achieve his 300th career victory. Congrats Duey!

Thanks to Tammy Anderson and Renee Cookstrom who help coordinate the field trips for the middle school students and the junior class the day before winter break. Students always appreciate these experiences and as usual, the chaperons had nothing but positive things to say about the students.

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

- 1/15 - 1/17 - Final Exams
- 1/21 - Start of 2nd Semester
- 2/10 - Trailways South Honors Band

**5. Miscellaneous**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**District Wide**  
**Director of Special Education and Pupil Services - Beth Jones**  
**January 14, 2020**

**Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- The juniors will be taking the ACT early this spring. Students with a 504, Individual Education Plan (IEP), or ILP (Individual Learning Plan) can apply for testing accommodations on the ACT that they normally receive during the school year. All ACT accommodations have been submitted to ACT. Approvals or denials from ACT for those requests have not been received.
- RDA PCSA update: Student level corrections have been made and verified with DPI. Individual groups of teachers have volunteered their time to work on creating systems and supports to ensure continued compliance when writing IEPs. These items include but are not limited to a department handbook, checklists, and bullet point reminders.
- ACCESS testing is almost completed with students in our EL program. The testing window closes at the end of the month.

**Professional Development**

- A small percentage of students in special education are on alternative state standards. The special education teachers who are the case manager for these students will be participating in a Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) training on January 13th. The DLM is an alternative state assessment for these students.
- The same group of special education teachers will be going through follow-up training on January 22nd of the Unique Learning System curriculum and resources. This curriculum directly aligns with the alternative state standards.

**News and Noteworthy**

- Bridging Brighter Smiles provided services to students in both elementary students in December and will be back in January for students at the middle and high school. About 30 students are participating in the program district wide.

**Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- A thank you to Sara Rivers, Shelby Nickles, Jodi Jonas, Greg Deets and Kelly McConnahay for volunteering their time to assist in creating the district resources to ensure continued IEP compliance as apart of the RDA PCSA process.