

**School Board Report and Update**  
**Eagle Elementary School**  
**Mr. Matt Stich, Principal**  
**Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00 PM**

**News and Noteworthy**

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

- Interpretive Reading
- Math 24
- 100th Day of School Celebrations

**Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- Second-trimester report cards will be sent home next week. Teachers have been working hard at making sure they have all assessments wrapped up.
- This month Parent Teachers Conferences will be held by parent request.
- In February, every classroom had students perform for the Interpretive Reading Contest. Congratulations to everyone that participated. On Friday, March 6th we will be putting on an assembly where we announced the top three winners in each grade. The winners of the Interpretive Reading Contest will be performing in Fort Atkinson this month against other students from the region. We are excited for these talented young readers and wish them all luck at the contest!
- On March 2nd, we put on a Read Across America Week Family Fun Night and we had a great turnout.

**Professional Development**

On February 24th, Palmyra-Eagle Elementary staff received in-service training related to student trauma. Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) is a hot topic in K-12 education. The feedback that I received from staff members was positive.

**Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- I would like to acknowledge Rachel Bennett, Kim Kleich, and Katie Severson for coordinating the Read Across America activities, which allowed us to celebrate and promote literacy at the elementary level. Kids had a blast as always with the different daily themes.

**Upcoming Events**

Monday, March 16	3:30-7:30 p.m. CONFERENCES
Tuesday, March 17	3:30-7:30 p.m. CONFERENCES
Wednesday, March 18	Spring Picture Day
Friday, March 20	2:30 Guild Gathering
March 23-27	SPRING BREAK

**School Board Report and Update**  
**Palmyra Elementary School**  
**March 10, 2020 - 7:00pm**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

**Forward Exam** - I met with all teachers who will be administering the state Forward Exam. We discussed procedure, accountability, test security and administering practice test items for the month of March. We will be testing in the month of April.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

**Interpretive Reading Contest** - Palmyra Elementary School is partaking in a school wide Interpretive Reading Contest. Interpretive reading is the art of reading aloud from the printed page. Our students were given the opportunity to choose a book, practice reading aloud in the time frame given per grade level ( first and second grade: 1-3 minutes, third through sixth grade: 3-5 minutes) and read in front of their classmates. Judges determine one Interpretive Reading winner per grade. The winners from each grade level read to our VIPs on March 3rd at an all school assembly. Winners were: Damien Butler (first); Brooklyn White (second); Emma Aranda (third); Madison Anton (fourth); Oliver Zimmerman (fifth); and Jeremiah Schmid (sixth).

**Math 24** - Several of our fourth graders travelled to Townville Elementary on Thursday, February 27th for the Math 24 competition. Top finisher for Palmyra Elementary was Jackson Thomas. Ryan Brodzik and Omar Aranda also participated.

**Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** - Our monthly PBIS assembly was held in the gym last week. The students set a goal of 100 acts of kindness for the month of February. After reaching this goal the entire student population had the opportunity to Limbo in the hallways as a reward. The kids, especially the sixth graders, had a great time seeing how low they could go!

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments -**

Thanks to Mrs. Muth and Miss King for facilitating after school Math 24. The group met weekly for the past two months. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

**March**

March 7th-Southern Kettle Moraine Reading Contest, Barrie Elementary

March 10th- Breakfast and Books 7:15 AM

March 13th- Report Cards go home with students

March 16th and 17th- Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 PM

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School**  
**Principal – Kari Timm**  
**March 10, 2020**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

We are currently working to finalize the course catalog with the plan to have the document in the hands of students by March 18th. From there, students will have time to pick courses they would like to take next year and we will work on creating the master schedule and getting students' schedules done by the end of the school year. A big thanks to Renee Cookstrom who has help with this process and worked to create a new look for the document that will provide even more information to students and families.

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, the juniors completed their ACT plus writing state assessment. A big thanks to all the proctors who helped ensure that the juniors had the best possible testing environment. The sophomores were able to take part in a practice ACT during this time and those scores, along with a breakdown of the results and things to focus on. The freshmen were able to attend the challenge course at Madison College where they spent the day working on leadership and team-building activities.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

Congratulations to Jake Pronschinske who was a sectional champion and qualified for the WIAA individual state wrestling meet.

Congratulations to several PEHS students who qualified for state Solo and Ensemble. These students will be doing their state hall walk prior to the state event at the end of April.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

Thanks to Scott Hein for planning the weekend band trip to Chicago on March 14th and 15th. The students take in several different activities in their short 48 hour trip to the windy city.

Thanks to Joel Torotomasi for again working to make sure that winter sporting events ran smoothly and provided an opportunity for our students to display their athletic talents. Joel does a great job of scheduling and rescheduling events when the weather makes things difficult for him.

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

- 3/14-3/15 - Band trip to Chicago
- 3/17 - HS/MS Band Concert
- 3/19 - HS Choir Concert
- 3/23 - 3/27 - Spring Break

**5. Miscellaneous**

## **School Board Report and Update District-Wide Director of Special Education and Pupil Services - March 4, 2020**

### **Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- ACT testing was completed with all 11th graders 3/3/2020
- Kayleigh Sockrider and Shelby Nickels attended an LEA training to learn best practices for LEA representatives, IEP meetings and College and Career IEPs.
- Jodi Jonas, along with 5 other district teachers, attended a Standards-Based Learning & Grading Conference led by Tom Guskey in Wisconsin Dells Thursday, Feb. 27. After Guskey's presentation they were able to break out into small group sessions:
  - Creating Standards-Based Grading, Interactive Gradebook and Mobile Phone App for Standards-Based Grading, Growth Mindset, Alignment and Communication, Honing Assessment Practices within Standards-Based Grading, The Curse of Zero, Communicating With Parents and Students Around SBG, Grading Students With Special Needs, Making the Shift from Points to Standards, Target Based Learning and Grading: One District's Journey to Shift Instruction Through an Innovative Approach to Assessment

### **Professional Development**

- SEL - The Social-Emotional Learning Committee conducted district-wide professional development on 2/24/2020. The committee gave a whole group presentation about Trauma-Informed Care and being a trauma-sensitive school. The staff then rotated between four breakout sessions targeting self-care, shifting perspectives, breaking the barriers of trauma, and how to conduct circles in the classroom.
- SEL will continue talking about educator self care and trauma at the next inservice held on April 13th, with a live webinar with Tina Boogreen. Tina is a former teacher, instructional coach, professional developer, and author of many books including The Beginning Teacher's Field Guide (which is being used for New Teachers), Take Time for You: Self-Care Action (HS/MS book study) and 180 Days of Self Care for Educators.
- Lisa Smith attended a conference on Effective Strategies for Working Successfully with Difficult and Disruptive Students put on by the Bureau of Education and Research on 3/2/2020 and will be relaying what she learned with the rest of the special education team.

### **News and Noteworthy**

- Sara Rivers and her students will be holding a t-shirt sale during the month of March. This is our way of raising Ability Awareness. The entire district (employees) voted on what the t-shirt will say and "Ability outweighs disability" won. We should have order forms out by the end of the week and have them ordered and delivered by April 3rd.

### **Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- Thanks to everyone who supports the High School Special Education Class (Alternative Ed) with our Weekly Coffee Shop - Panther Grounds. We have had steady staff and student support which allows our students to learn valuable, real-world employment skills. Panther Clouds also had a successful Valentine's Day delivering balloons to staff and students.