

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

News and Noteworthy

April was a busy month as Eagle Elementary teaching staff made the shift from paper packet-based instruction to a new virtual at-home learning format.

Starting April 27th, and for the remainder of the school year, we are teaching new material. Students will again receive educational materials as we have done the past few weeks, but a weekly schedule will also be designed by teachers that will outline specifically what material will be taught, and what the student expectations are for that week. This will include a weekly video message and a Friday virtual whole group student/family check-in meeting. Due to the fact that at-home learning preparation requires an increased amount of planning and is outside of our normal routine for our teaching staff, every Monday will be reserved for teachers to prepare lessons, scheduled assigned work, and prepare for the upcoming week of at-home learning. Teachers will continue communicating with parents to explain weekly expectations.

Parents were able to pick up their children's materials on Monday, April 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We extended the use of Chromebooks to second-grade students as well. Chromebooks for second-grade students were made available during this pick-up time.

Every child in the school received a tee shirt and many children received instructional materials or locker belongings during the pickup. Belongings and materials varied by grade level. Pick up was done outside the main entrance. No students or family members were allowed to enter the building because Eagle Elementary cleaning staff have been working tirelessly to disinfect the entire school.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

During this Staff Appreciation Week, I would like to thank and acknowledge the great work our staff does every day. Staff Appreciation Week is a special time, as we reflect on the lifelong impact that we make on a diverse range of students, our school, and the Palmyra-Eagle community as a whole.

We depend on our staff members each day to prepare the next generation of innovators, thinkers, artists, entrepreneurs, researchers, teachers, politicians, and engaged citizens. I know the challenges they face in their roles have never been greater, but despite these challenges, they recognize that every child deserves their best. I hope they all remember that the work they do does make a difference. During this Staff Appreciation Week, I would like to applaud our staff members for the commitment, selflessness, and dedication that they continue to devote each day towards helping Palmyra-Eagle students grow and thrive.

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Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
May 12, 2020 - 7:00pm

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

I continue to be extremely impressed with the effort our teachers are putting in while continuing to educate our PES students. The lesson planning and the time and energy they are putting in meeting with students on Zoom or Google Classroom is exceptional. Teachers are also meeting with individual students, again using zoom and Google Classroom, to give them the attention they need to be successful. This does not replace the classroom experience, but it is as close as you can get. Our SEL Committee has been providing excellent opportunities for students and are assisting teachers with any concerns they may have as well.

2. News and Noteworthy

A conference call will be scheduled with our teachers to discuss the closing of the school year. We will be discussing report cards, student material pick up and packing up to close Palmyra Elementary. We are running out of time, but I feel confident that we can end the school year successfully.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

I am extremely thankful for being given the opportunity to help interview for the new superintendent, business manager and elementary principal. The candidates were awesome and I feel confident that those selected will help move the district forward. I also want to thank the Board members, teachers, and support staff for volunteering their time to help with such an important task.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

Planning for next year will be my priority. Whatever I can do to help close Palmyra Elementary and bring needed materials over to Eagle will be a priority and if I can help transition the new principal I would be more than happy to.

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
May 12, 2020

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

The PEHS/MS staff has continued to have weekly staff meetings to assess virtual learning. The teachers have continued to provide quality instruction in this uncertain time. Teachers and special education aides have spent countless hours on video calls and chatting with students. They have worked to support them academically and provide a little bit of normal to their day to day lives. We have decided the best grading option for middle and high school students is to allow them to choose by class if they want to take their letter grade or a pass/fail option. We feel this allows students to take the current situation into account when deciding how grades impact their GPA. Students and teachers will work to finalize their grade selections closer to the end of the semester.

Students have completed the course registration and with the help of secretarial staff they are being entered into Skyward. As soon as this process is completed we will begin working on the master schedule and student schedules for the 2020-21 school year.

2. News and Noteworthy

Senior yard signs were delivered to all senior homes last week. It was great to be able to see so many of the students and their families. Senior spotlights have also begun and will continue through the end of the school year.

Locker clean out schedules have been created and students are signing up to come into the building. Social distancing guidelines will be closely followed and we appreciate the staff willing to help out with this process.

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 and will continue to as we move into locker clean out and teacher classroom clean out.

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.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Two possible dates have been established for senior awards night and graduation
 - June 18 - Senior Awards Night
 - June 19 - Graduation practice
 - June 21 - Gradation
 - Or
 - July 16 - Senior Awards Night
 - July 17 - Graduation practice
 - July 19 - Graduation

5. Miscellaneous