

School Board Report and Update
Eagle Elementary School
Mr. Matt Stich, Principal
Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 PM

News and Noteworthy

- Open House was a big success. It was great to see all the smiling faces of our Eagle Elementary students and families. I am very proud of our amazing Eagle Elementary teachers and staff for getting their classrooms ready and looking better than ever. We are all excited to begin a successful new school year.

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- September is a busy month for establishing routines and procedures. In addition, all grade levels will be assessing students, so that proper intervention services can be delivered to any students not meeting PEASD benchmarks.

Professional Development

- New teaching staff from both PES and EES took time on New Teacher Orientation Day to receive professional development on Reader's' Workshop instructional practices. Thank you to Kathy Retzke for organizing this learning opportunity and getting new staff on the same page with PEASD literacy practices.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- I would also like to thank all Eagle Elementary teachers for the hard work that they put into getting your classrooms ready to go. Each classroom looks fantastic!
- Thank you to Mackenzie Clark, Brittany Pfaff, and Katie Severson for serving as mentors

Upcoming Events and Activity

- September 11th 9-11 Assembly and Tree Memorial at Eagle Nature Trail
- September 27th Doughnuts With Dads
Guild Gathering.

School Board Report and Update
Palmyra Elementary School
Steve Greenquist
September 10, 2019 - 7:00pm

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Many of the faculty had a day of Lucy Calkins Reader's and Writer's Workshop training. With so many new staff we felt it necessary to spend some time training them before the students arrived at school.

2. News and Noteworthy

Through the efforts of many people the first day of school went very smoothly. The faculty and staff were very well prepared and the custodial staff had the rooms looking great. I visited all the classrooms the first day of school and each classroom was very friendly, caring and extremely understanding of the students being nervous to return to school.

The newly hired teachers are doing very well. They are asking a lot of questions and we are doing our best to accommodate their needs.

Most hiring is done. I was able to hire a reading specialist who has experience with the Lucy Calkins workshops. She has over 20 year experience as a teacher and reading specialist. My final hire will be a part time regular education aide and I hope to have this person on board as soon as possible.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

A special thank you to our maintenance and custodial staff at PES. Kevin Drays has been exceptional at getting work orders done both here and at the high school. He also installed replacement components on our playground, which was a huge project. You ask him to do something and he will have it done before the day is over. The cleaning crew also did a great job with making sure the school looked great before Open House.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

Sept. 12	Picture Day
Sept. 17	Home & School Fundraiser

School Board Report and Update
School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School
Principal – Kari Timm
September 10, 2019

1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

Inservice time was utilized to help staff up to speed on the start of the school year. PLCs were also given time to meet, set their meeting norms for the school year and work complete a self assessment of teaching strategies. This will lay the foundation for teacher professional practice goals and professional development during the school year.

New teacher inservice provided the middle school ELA teachers time to work on planning units using the Lucy Calkins workshop model. All other new middle and high school staff members work with their mentors in the classrooms familiarizing themselves with school policies and procedures.

2. News and Noteworthy

Kathy Retzke, Shelby Nickels and Amy Muth will be working with the teachers and mentors to ensure that all new teachers have the tools they need to be successful in the classroom. They are working to provide teachers as individualized experience that will help them in their specific content area.

3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments

Thanks to Sue Fischer, Tammy Anderson, Mary Kutz, Lance Pedersen, Shelby Nickels and Beth Dobberstein who have agreed to serve in a mentor team to new teachers this school year.

There are no words to express thanks to Barb Stachowski for her 28 years of service to the students and staff at Palmyra-Eagle Middle School. It has been an honor to be a colleague of Barb's and her impact at PEASD is everlasting.

4. Upcoming Events and Activities

- 9/12 - Picture day
- 9/30 - 1st quarter progress report grades posted

5. Miscellaneous

School Board Report and Update
District Wide
Director of Special Education and Pupil Services - Beth Jones
September 10, 2019

Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

- RDA PCSA update: We are currently completing Step 1 and finalizing an Ad Hoc Committee. Within the next few weeks the Committee will meet to discuss a plan for reviewing the documents and moving into Step 2 of the process.
- The SEL team has met and started to plan out professional development and supports for staff to use with students for the upcoming school year. The team also discussed supports the staff will need throughout the year and how we can best support both students and staff moving forward. The team will meet monthly throughout the year.

Professional Development

- A variety of special education staff, regular education staff, and administrative staff participated in the Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Prevention Training prior to the school year starting. This training focuses on de-escalation techniques to help students as well as provides proper training should any seclusion or restraints be needed. This training ensures the safety of students and staff.
- Special Education teachers, related services staff, and the school psychologist completed the RDA PCSA training. This required a significant amount of time and dedication during their first week back.

News and Noteworthy

- Amy Richardson and Beth Jones are putting together bi-monthly newsletters that are focused for families of students with special needs. The topics will be relevant to new changes at the federal, state and district level as well as provide general information and resources. The first newsletter is included in your board packet.

Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments

- Thanks to Matt Stich for leading the Non-violent Crisis Intervention Prevention Training for staff.
- Thanks to all the staff in their flexibility as the new year gets underway. The start can feel chaotic until student and staff routines are established.