

# Elementary School Board Report

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## ***Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:***

Our Vision: Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships.

Our Mission: Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community.

## **Student and Staff Notable Learning**

### ***AGR Reporting - See document***

### ***6th Grade Historical Fiction Zigzag Project***

6th graders in Ms. Molitor's and Mr. Winters' classes participated in a mid-unit activity: a Historical Fiction Zigzag Project. Students chose a book to read as part of their book club and then students who read the same book worked together to create individual "zigzag posters" to show their understanding of historical fiction. Students included the title / author of their book; description of the main characters using descriptive words and a drawing; a summary of important parts / events in the book; problem and solution using words and symbols; timeline of the novel that events a minimum of ten events; positive and negative feelings included in the book; a book review as if the students were book publishers which included their opinion; setting that included a map drawn by the students; the learning about what happened in the time period in which the book was written which included comparing the information in the novel to events during the time period; and an event's cause / effect using words and symbols. A rubric was included to provide students with clear expectations of the project. Students shared their projects in small groups and they were displayed in their classroom.

### ***4th / 5th Grade Science - Inherited Traits***

Students learned about what traits they inherited from their parents and have learned about dominant and recessive genes. Students participated in a hands-on activity in class to learn about characteristics / traits of themselves and then went home to compare their characteristics / traits with parents.

## **Innovation and Recognition**

### ***4K-5 Golden Awards Assembly***

On January 22nd, Grades 4K-5 had their quarterly Golden Awards Assembly. New this quarter, we recognized the students in Grades 4 and 5 who had qualifying grades for the Junior High Honor Roll. We presented our Christmas Shop Donation of \$1200 to Mrs. Lisa Denniston, who was there as a PANS representative.

### ***Junior High Golden Awards Assembly and Honor Roll Recognition***

During the 2nd quarter Junior High Golden Awards, teachers reviewed the Panther Traits by leading a discussion about how they display these traits throughout the school day (Respectful, Responsible, Honorable, and Engaged). Students who are involved in Basketball, the Geography Bee, and the School Play were recognized. Congratulations to our overall Geography Bee winner, 7th grader Dylan Havlik. Safety Patrol honored 2 students as Safety Patrol of the Semester. Chase Baker and Myles Gray were honored with certificates. The PTO served cinnamon rolls and milk to the students that earned honor roll for the 2nd quarter. 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Numbers: 8th Grade: 11/41 or 27%; 7th Grade: 18/45 or 40%; 6th Grade: 9/34 or 26%; Total: 38/120 or 32%

### ***Acknowledgement of the School Board***

During School Choice Week, students celebrated our school. Staff and students recognized the School Board by creating videos, cards, and more. *Thank you to all the School Board members for supporting our school.*

### **Looking Ahead**

#### ***College Days for Kids on May 1st***

Mr. Schultz and five of our 6th grade students will be traveling to UW-Stevens Point on May 1st to attend the annual College Days for Kids. College Days for Kids is an enrichment opportunity for talented 6th graders. The purpose of this event is to expose 6th graders to the offerings and resources of a university and to also provide enrichment activities beyond the traditional classroom. The 6th grade students will “enroll” in three “college” classes, taught by UW-SP faculty and staff. Students will attend classes, eat lunch, and receive a t-shirt and backpack. Mr. Schultz selects students on academic achievement and behavior. If there are more than 5 students who meet his criteria, those students are drawn randomly.

#### ***Summer School Information***

Summer School will be 6 weeks with classes running Monday through Thursday. Summer school will go from June 1st - July 16, 2020. There are no classes the week of June 29th. Teachers have started planning what summer school classes they would like to teach. Brochures are sent home with students at the beginning of April. June 21 - 27, 2020 Children’s Theatre will be coming to Pittsville and the students will be performing *Snow White*.

