

Elementary School Board Report

Heather Friday, PK-8 Principal

July 8, 2019

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

Changes to Improve Student Learning

- 1st/2nd Grade Looping Classroom was eliminated so grade level teams could begin collaborating together
- Response to Intervention: a schedule was created so interventionists could support grade levels at different times. Prior to this schedule change, WIN time was the same 42 minute period for the entire school. Students are no longer pulled out during instructional time to receive intervention.
- Teacher Leader Groups: Shared Leadership was started to create a culture of school-wide communication; PLC Leaders assisted with PLC implementation, goals, and an action plan; SAIL Team with HS
- Collaboration: K-3 teachers have common planning time each week built into their schedules; more data-focused collaboration is happening; formative assessments are implemented in many grades (on-going goal); All-Team Collaboration Meetings happen every 6 weeks (principal, SPED Director, teachers, interventionists bring data to discuss student growth / academic progress); Interventionists / Principal meet to discuss most struggling students.
- Implemented Lucy Calkins Reading and Writing Workshop Model
 - 2019-2020 Kindergarten will be implementing Writing Workshop
 - Literacy Team attending Lucy Calkins Workshop to implement with fidelity / support teachers
- Full-time Math Interventionist works with students K-8
 - Implementation of Dream Box (Math Interventionist)
- Math schedule transitioned from quarterly block classes to every other day block
 - 2019-2020 Grades 6-8 will have math class every day for 42 minutes
 - Grades 6-8 math classroom instructional practices have changed
- Updated Math Curriculum resources (From 2012 to 2016 Envision Math)
- Focus on grade levels determining their essential standards
 - I Can statements
- Removal of intrinsic rewards
- Restorative Justice / Discipline

Innovation and Recognition

Children's Theatre

Prairie Fire Children's Theatre was a success again! This year, there were 45 students in the production of Alice in Wonderland. Performances were on Friday, June 28th and Saturday, June 29.

Parade

This year the Elementary Staff had a float in the parade. A special thank you to the staff who helped decorate the float and for walking in the parade. It is a great way to see connect with the families!

Looking Ahead

Math Curriculum Work

July 15th, 16th, and 17th, teachers (representation from teachers K-12), along with Dr. Porter and myself, will be working on developing a K-12 scope and sequence for math, focusing on the standards and vertical alignment.

Golf Outing Fundraiser for Pittsville

July 23rd is the Women Helping Out Golf Outing at RiverEdge. A special thank you to the local businesses, staff, and community members who have supported this event. We are honored to have been chosen for the proceeds from this event.

Substitute Training in August

August 5th from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. we will invite substitutes to come to the ES Library for their annual training.

New Teacher Inservice / Training

On August 5th from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 we will invite new teachers to join us for orientation and information to kick off the school year. We currently have one new teacher, Mr. Bertino, Band Teacher.

