

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

Forward Exam Results Presentation

See Google Presentation

Assessments at the Elementary School

This year, Grades 4K-1 will be administering the PALS Literacy screener. Grades 2-8 will be administering Aimsweb. The test window this year is September 16 - 27, 2019. Teachers will analyze this data along with using classroom observations and knowledge of students to create WIN groups to help students receive targeted instruction. Grades K-3 will set AGR goals and monitor those goals (fall, winter, spring).

Summer Institute Attendance

August 12 - 16th, Mr. Natzke, Ms. Molitor, Mrs. Stone, and I attended the Summer Reading Institute at the Teachers College (Columbia University, NYC). The teachers received intensive training on their grade level units of study while I received intensive training on the leadership aspect of implementing readers workshop school-wide. The readers workshop model focuses on teaching reading strategies, giving opportunities for children to practice, and setting goals with high expectations. Each unit of study takes about 4-5 weeks. While attending the workshop, our literacy leadership team set our PES expectations and reviewed, discussed, and received feedback from staff about how readers workshop will look at our school. Teachers will receive feedback on their instructional practices from their colleagues during their Peer to Peer Coaching time and from me when I am observing in their classrooms. The literacy team and I will be facilitating / hosting an optional monthly session after school - called "Let's Talk Workshop." The goal of these conversations is to learn from one another and share what works in his / her classroom.

Innovation and Recognition

Students are Back in Session

The teachers and students had a successful first day of school - filled with teaching routines, building relationships, and introducing academics. New this year: There was not a school-wide assembly.

Teachers spent that time with their students in their classrooms.

Looking Ahead

Collaboration

Wednesday, September 11th will be the first district-wide collaboration meeting from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30. Staff will be focusing on developing their SLOs, their Peer to Peer Coaching expectations of their team and scheduling their first round of observations, and working on essential standards / content curriculum development with their colleagues.

School-Wide Principal Project

This year, I will be reading the book *Scribble Stones* by Diane Alber to students in Grades 4K-8 and then each student will be painting a rock that represents them. Once all the rocks are done, they will be displayed in the garden area by the primary playground. I am working with Mrs. Abel's Service Learning Class to help clean up that area. The rocks will help create a special, meaningful path in there for the students to see. My goals for this project: connecting with all the students in a positive way, modeling the love of reading, fostering creativity, and sharing the message that alone we do great things, but when everyone works together, we can do even better!

Crystal Apple Kick Off

September 24th the Crystal Apple representatives will be visiting the district to kick off this year's teacher recognition process.

