

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

Holiday Concerts a Success

Another year of holiday concerts were a success - a special thank you to Ms. Batterman, Ms. Schirger, and Mr. Natzke (tech and sound) for their time and dedication to supporting our students in the area of music. 4K had their own performance on Friday, December 14th in the ES cafeteria. Parents and families attended to watch and listen to the children sing. The performance was followed by cookies and hot chocolate being served to everyone. Activities were on the tables for families interested in participating. Monday, December 17th K-4 students hosted their concert in the Varsity Gym. Students were on the bleachers the entire time where they sang various songs at different times. The concert concluded with a large group sing along. Grades 5/6 and 7/8 had their concerts on separate dates this year. Our holiday season was filled with tunes from every grade!

Pottery Students Working Hard

Mrs. Doering's Pottery students have been continuously working on making bowls for our annual Empty Bowls event on March 12, 2019. Students in Grades 6-12 are invited to join the club. The students started making bowls in October and will continue to do so until March. They meet once a week from 3:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. along with a Saturday each month. Many hours are put into making the beautiful ceramic creations. Mrs. Doering continues to grow professionally by making items other than bowls!

Student Council Develops Leadership Skills by Hosting Hot Chocolate Station

Ms. Molitor's student council members (Grades 4-8) met and decided to help host a Hot Chocolate station at lunch on Friday, December 21st. The members helped the younger students mix their hot chocolate and add toppings as they went through the line. There was a fun, festive photo booth at the end so students could take some fun photos! It was a great way to kick off winter break. A special thank you to the Student Council for sponsoring this event and assisting our younger students.

Wax Museum Comes to Life

Learning about Project Based Learning this summer, teachers are implementing projects into their classrooms this year! The third grade teachers - Ms. Blaser, Mr. Hahn, and Mrs. Niehaus hosted a Living Wax Museum in the cafeteria on Friday, December 14th from 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. to showcase their students' learning. 3rd graders read different biographies and studied the lives of

famous people. They each made a poster and dressed in costume like the famous person they studied and became that person when visitors stopped by their station.

Innovation and Recognition

Christmas Shop Raises Money for PANS

Our 4th Annual Christmas Shop was a great success. From December 10-14, 2018, students were able to shop for Christmas gifts for their family members right here at school. All items were priced from a quarter to \$2.00. Volunteers help students shop for their families, then the gifts are wrapped and delivered to classrooms for the students to take home. This year the Christmas Shop raised \$1300.00 for PANS (the local food pantry). On Wednesday, December 19th, Shirley Kolar, Lisa Denniston, and Michelle Abel accepted a check on behalf of PANS from Pittsville Elementary School during our Golden Awards Assembly. We would like to thank all the community members, staff members, and students who helped make this event a success once again.

Candy Cane Sale Raises Money for School-wide Events

New this year, in December, there was a candy cane sale to support school-wide events for the students at the ES/MS. Students could purchase a candy cane for a friend or themselves and attach a holiday message knowing the sweet treat would be delivered at a later date. The Holiday Panther and Ms. Raygo delivered all the candy canes to the students in their classrooms on Wednesday, December 19th. The sale raised about \$550 to be used for school-wide events that benefit all students 4K-8. It was a great way to spread holiday cheer! The students were very excited to be surprised by family and friends.



Looking Ahead

Collaboration Meetings Continue

Our staff members continue to meet for all-team collaboration meetings (about every 6 weeks). These meetings consist of the principal, special education director, reading interventionists, math interventionists, and classroom teachers getting together to share data and student learning progress. These meetings ensure we are looking at all students in the grade level to determine which students need intensive intervention.

Wisconsin Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week

January 14-18, 2019 is a week we recognize and thank our adult crossing guards. During the week of December 17th, donuts and coffee were delivered to Mr. George Duerr while he was on morning duty. He is invited to the Golden Awards Assembly on January 29th to be recognized by our students. Each class decides on how they will honor our crossing guard. We appreciate Mr. Duerr keeping us all safe.

