

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

Portfolio Night

On Monday, March 25th the elementary school hosted spring portfolio night. Portfolio night is an opportunity for students to share their learning with their families. These student-led conferences empower our students to take ownership of their learning. Families were encouraged to stop in the office for a snack before or after they visited their classrooms.

Lucy Calkins Summer Institute

Mr. Natzke and I have been accepted into Lucy Calkins Summer Reading Institute. We will be attending the week-long workshop in New York City August 12-16, 2019. Two other teachers in our school applied, but were not accepted so they were placed on the waiting list. Ms. Molitor and Mrs. Stone are on the waiting list, so there is a possibility they will be able to attend. Grades 1-7 use Lucy Calkins Reading and Writing Workshop units as a curriculum resource. Kindergarten will be transitioning to utilizing Lucy Calkins next year. Our goal is to gain a better understanding of the Reading Workshop Model and for me to continue to grow in literacy leadership.

Honor Roll Recognition

3rd Quarter honor roll students:

6th Grade - 17/46

7th Grade - 8/42

8th Grade - 14/44

Innovation and Recognition

Empty Bowls, STEM Night, Learning Fair, and Art Show

Our annual Empty Bowls event on March 12, 2019 raised \$4000 for PANS. We would like to say *thank you* to all the families, community members, staff, and students who helped with this event. We also had STEM activities available for families to participate in. There were 33 students who participated in the learning fair. Throughout the halls and in the administrative lobby area, artwork from students of all ages was displayed.

PTO Brings Another Production to Pittsville

The PTO has done a lot of work this year to bring live productions to Pittsville. It is a great way for our students to be able to watch these plays without traveling to other locations. On April 2nd,

TheatreWorks performed *Dragons Love Tacos & Other Short Stories*, performed for our 4K-5th graders.

Looking Ahead

PTO Brings Another Production to Pittsville

On April 12th, ArtsPower will be coming to Pittsville to perform *My Heart in a Suitcase* for students in Grades 4-8.

On April 17th, the kindergarten, first, and second graders will participate in Arbor Day activities with Mr. Wolff and Mr. Minor. All students will receive a free tree to plant.

On April 18th, Mr. Dostal and the kitchen staff host a Beach Party during lunch. Students are encouraged to dress for the beach and to bring a towel to eat lunch on.

On April 25th, Officer Duerr will be presenting information on the dangers of drugs to our 6th-8th graders.

April 26th is the JH Math Competition.

On May 2nd, Tianna Vanderhei, Miss Wisconsin, will be visiting.

