

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

Stick Together Against Bullying: Kindness Chain

Academic Spotlight - Stick Together Against Bullying is a program sponsored by Duck Tape that Ms. Raygo and I presented to students in Grades 4K-8 (We met with each grade level separately). We differentiated for the different age groups, but all students received the same message - stick together with positive people and stand up to bullying. Students discussed kindness, viewed a kindness chain video, and then signed a pledge/banner (using Duck Tape) to stick together against bullying. Students received a special bookmark and a pledge sticker as a reminder to do the right thing. Spending time with all the students in the school to focus on kindness is an important way to start the school year.

Spelling Pilot

Grades 1-6 teachers are piloting two spelling programs: Words Their Way and Everyday Spelling. Teachers are implementing these programs into their classrooms and we are meeting on a regular basis to determine the pros and cons of each curriculum resource. We are using this year to determine what resource matches our needs the most.

Aimsweb Assessments Help Determine WIN (What I Need) Groups

All students in Grades 1-8 participated in the AIMSweb Assessment this fall (1st and 2nd Grades no longer are participating in PALS because Aimsweb gives similar information to teachers). The tests are all completed and the All-Team Collaborations have begun. The interventionists, classroom teachers, Special Education Director, and myself participate in meetings to analyze the data, along with using teacher expertise and observation, and determine the students who need intensive intervention with our three interventionists.

Innovation and Recognition



School-Wide Project: Wanda's Roses

Students in Grades 4K-8 participated in our annual school-wide project. This year I read Wanda's Roses to all the students and they created a flower for

our flower garden. Pictured above is a display that will be up all year. The goal of the project is to remind students they have a special place in our school as an individual, but together we make a beautiful school family.

Looking Ahead

Honoring Our Local Veterans

Our Veteran's Day assembly will be on Friday, November 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

Elementary School Play is Soon on its Way!

The Elementary School Play will be Thursday, December 6th at 1:00 p.m. for the student body and Friday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. for parents and other family members. This year's play is *The Knights of the Rad Table* and is open for students in Grades 3-8. Auditions begin Monday, October 8th.

Parent Teacher Conferences Scheduled

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled on October 11th and 16th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30.

4th Graders Chosen to Test in February

We received notification from DPI that a sample of our 4th graders are required to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) math and reading assessments on 2/27/2019. The state will choose the sample of students and I will notify individual families.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION: PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE FOR 2018-2019: KIRSTEN KISSNER

I recommend Kirsten Kissner for the permanent substitute position for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year. Kirsten has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education with a Minor in Early Childhood Education Special Education from UW-Stevens Point. She also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology from UW-Stevens Point. She holds the Early Childhood - Special Education (1809) License. She taught kindergarten in Nekoosa for one year, she was a long-term substitute in kindergarten in Auburndale for one year. She was an americorps member in Auburndale and subbed in Auburndale from 2012-2016. She has coached volleyball in Spencer. She has been substituting for Mrs. Stone in first grade since August 2018.

