

# 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**

### ***Parent Teacher Conferences***

Parent Teacher Conferences were held on October 11th and October 16th this year. This year the elementary school staff hosted 650 conferences (32 staff members - average of 20.31 conferences per staff member). 2017-2018 we hosted 684 conferences (33 staff members - average of 20.73 conferences per staff member). *\*Please note: total number of students enrolled in the school isn't taken into consideration in this data.*

### ***Project Based Learning***

Teachers received an introductory training on Project Based Learning this summer so the goal is for each grade level to implement one project during the 2018-2019 school year. 5th Graders paved the way as they already completed a project that was focused on learning about their bodies and the different systems within their bodies. They presented their projects to the 4th graders when they were done. Great work to our 5th grade teachers and students.

### ***Honey Queen Visit on October 31st***

Honey Queen, Kayla Fusselman, of Pennsylvania, visited our 4th and 5th graders in the auditorium on October 31st where she taught our students about honeybees and the importance of the honeybee pollination. She was here for 30 minutes and covered topics including types of honeybees and their functions, the job of the beekeeper, and more. The teachers stated it was a very educational experience for the students.

### ***ACP Advising Brings Guest Speakers to School***

During this month's ACP (Academic and Career Planning) session, our 7th and 8th graders had the opportunity to listen to people speak about their personal experiences within the career strand that interested them. There were a variety of careers represented on the various panels. The speakers shared their career paths and answered questions that were asked from the students.

## **Innovation and Recognition**

### ***Helping Hurricane Victims: Change War***

Empowering our students and giving them a voice are goals of the elementary school. Our first graders asked Ms. Raygo, School Counselor, if our school do something to help the victims of Hurricane Michael. Ms. Raygo and the students decided on, planned, and implemented a Change

War the week of October 22-26, 2018. Students were asked to bring pennies and silver change in. The silver change was placed in other grade levels' buckets to subtract that amount from their total. As a school, we raised \$565.00 and donated it to the victims of Hurricane Michael. I am very proud of our students for caring about and wanting to help others.

### ***PTO Partnership: Fundraisers and Pie in the Face***

The PTO kicked off the start of the year with two fundraisers - Little Caesar's Pizza Sale and Pasta with Personality. Together, along with the No Pizza/Pasta Sale, the PTO raised \$7526.00. To celebrate the success of our profits, the PTO hosted a Pie in the Face Assembly on Thursday, November 1st. Each student who sold or donated money was eligible to be drawn to throw a pie at a staff member or community member. Thank you to all the teachers, staff, and community members who made this a memorable day for our students.

### **Looking Ahead**

#### ***Reaching for the Stars***

Our young actresses and actors in Grades 3-8 are busy practicing each night to be ready to star in this year's production of *The Knights of the Rad Table* by Pat Lydersen. The school-wide performance is on Thursday, December 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. The performance for families is on Friday, December 7th at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

#### ***Christmas Shop***

The Christmas Shop will be in Room 106/108 this year and it will run from December 10th-13th. Students will have the opportunity to holiday gifts for the family members at a low cost. We are accepting donations now until the start of the Christmas Shop. All items not sold this year will be donated.

#### ***Music Performances***

Sunday, December 9th - 5th/6th Grade Holiday Concert at 5:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

Monday, December 10th - 7th/8th Grade Holiday Concert at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

Friday, December 14th - 4K Concert at 9:00 a.m. in the ES Cafeteria

Monday, December 17th - K-4 Holiday Program at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Varsity Gym

