

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

Recognizing Ms. Kate Van Haren

Ms. Van Haren attended the National Social Studies Conference (NCSS) Thursday, November 29 through Sunday, December 2nd. Ms. Van Haren received a First Timer Scholarship for "Local social studies teacher who shows dedication to implement the C3 framework into their classes." Ms. Van Haren was also chosen to present and share the Ethiopian Lesson Plan that she developed as part of her Fulbright Fellowship. She presented with a fellow high school teacher from Auburn, ME. The two of them shared how their African plans could be implemented from an elementary to a high school level. They presented in a one-hour workshop format to teachers and curriculum developers from across the country. Throughout the course of the weekend, Ms. Van had the opportunity to attend other workshops and was able to listen to nationally recognized speakers and presenters from around the world. Great work, Ms. Van Haren. Your innovation and dedication is appreciated!

Junior High Honor Roll Recognition

First quarter, 42/128 (33%) students were recognized at the Junior High Golden Awards Assembly for making the honor roll. Honor roll requirements are As with no more than 3 Bs per report card. Students are recognized in front of their peers and the PTO offers them a special treat!

Crystal Apple Winner at the Elementary School

Congratulations to Mrs. Michelle Abel. Nominated by staff and students, Mrs. Abel was nominated as Pittsville Elementary School's 2018-2019 winner. A principal recommendation will be completed and sent in and Mrs. Abel will be interviewed. This will determine the five winners that will be recognized in May 2019. Good luck to Mrs. Abel. We are proud of your accomplishment.

Innovation and Recognition

Elementary School Play

Ms. Van Haren and Mrs. Garrels directed the play, *The Knights of Rad Table* by Pat Lydersen on Thursday, December 6th for the student body and Friday, December 7, 2018. Over 30 students, Grades 3-8, participated in the play this year.

Tom Thibodeau Visits the District

A special thank you to Mr. Figueroa for setting up a district-wide visit from Mr. Tom Thibodeau, a professor from Viterbo University. On Tuesday, December 4th, Tom visited the elementary students in Grades 1-8. He spent time with each grade level separately and then Grades 6-8 together in the auditorium. His focus was sharing information on servant leadership, believing in oneself, and being kind and uplifting people instead of bringing them down. His time with the students was inspiring and empowering. He had lunch with the ES Student Council Leadership Group (representatives from Grades 4-8). The staff and students appreciated the visit and his message was positive, inspiring, and empowering. He shared how kind and respectful the students of Pittsville School District are. We should be proud!

Looking Ahead

PTO 4 THE ARTS

The PTO subcommittee, PTO 4 THE ARTS, is bringing our first live presentation to the Margaret Worchel Fine Arts Center on Thursday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Pittsville Elementary students, Grades K-8, have been invited to attend *A Dickens Tale*. A special thank you to the subcommittee for all their research, time, and dedication to bringing live presentations to our school.

K-4 Holiday Music Concert

On Monday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m. the students in Grades K-4 will perform their holiday concert at 1:00 p.m. for the student body and 6:30 p.m. for families in the Varsity Gym. Thank you to Ms. Schirger and Ms. Batterman for all their work, organization, and time spent preparing for all of our music concerts.

