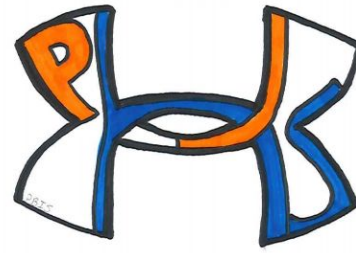




**Pana Junior High  
Juletta Ellis, Principal  
Report to Board of Education  
March 2017**



**Protect This House**

Enrollment:

6th Grade: 113

7th Grade: 86

8th Grade: 91

Total: 290

Attendance:

6th Grade: 95.56%

7th Grade: 94.93%

8th Grade 95.07%

Total: 95.19%

The PARCC infrastructure test was March 2nd. Overall, the practice test went smoothly and we were able to gather information to help us better troubleshoot when testing officially begins. Thanks to Dara Thompson, Heath Strom, Jessie Miller, and Scott Savage for their roles in the test. PARCC testing will begin March 27th.

The Student Council hosted the “Third Time’s a Charm” dance on Friday, March 3rd. Thanks to Mrs. Crosby and the StuCo members for decorating and providing refreshments as well as a DJ. Thanks also to the teachers who helped supervise.

A tornado drill was held on Tuesday, March 7th. All procedures were followed and the drill ran smoothly.



The 3rd Quarter PBIS reward was held on Friday, March 10th. Students were treated to a “Teachers Got Talent” live show organized by Mrs. Hilbert’s Step-Up class. Acts included a “math”gician, a mad scientist, the inventor or the water bottle flip, musical performances, dramatic poetry readings, “knife” throwing, and dancing, among others. The winner of the contest, as voted on by the students, was Mad Scientist Schmitz. We held a big brick drawing at the end and 3 students won an Easter basket full of goodies. The drawing had the most bricks of any quarter to date with 2058.

As host Ian Rickett put it, thanks to the teachers “who sacrificed their dignity for the entertainment of students” and thanks to the Step-Up class and Mrs. Hilbert for organizing a great afternoon!



The 7th grade Girls' Volleyball team recently concluded their season. They fell short of a regional championship, but can be proud of the growth they made. The 8th grade Girls' Volleyball team won the Regional Championship over Auburn and the Sectional Championship over Roxana. They play in the first round of the State Championship Series Saturday, March 18th against Morris-Saratoga.



Congratulations to Coach Cothorn, Coach Ade, and the girls!

The Spring Book Fair was held March 13th through 17th and over \$1000 was raised. Thanks to Ms. Beyers for organizing the fair and its volunteers.

The Spring Band Concert was held on Tuesday, March 14th. Students and staff showcased their musical talents. Continued thanks to Ms. Steiner and Mrs. Strom for their contributions to the music program.

Report Cards were sent home at Parent Teacher Conferences on the 15th and with students on the 16th. Students created short digital portfolios to share with their parents regarding their progress toward goals they set for themselves first semester. Parents were required to sign off that their students had shared the portfolio. Teachers were also available for face-to-face conferences at the parent's' request.

Track season is underway and coaches and athletes have begun practicing. The first meet will be Tuesday, April 4th at Central A&M.

The PJHS Gym and Auditorium were the host sites for the Pana Pride Town Meeting. This group has been working since the fall with the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs from Western Illinois University on building an action plan for the future of Pana. The four goal groups include manufacturing and industry, beautification, retail and dining, and community events and activities. Several members of the school district have committed time to this community endeavor in hopes of building upon strengths and improving the town of Pana. Those

members include: Dara Thompson, Regina Hilbert, Denise Dameris, Jenna Wernsing, and Mary Grace Holthaus.