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Elementary School Board Report
Jennifer Moravetz, Elementary Principal

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- **November Character Trait**
  - November's character trait focus is Responsibility. Students are learning to demonstrate responsibility by making positive choices, taking ownership of their actions, following school expectations, and respecting others. These expectations are reinforced throughout the school day in classrooms, hallways, the lunchroom, and on the playground. Responsibility is also connected to our Arrow Way expectations and Portrait of a Graduate, helping students develop accountability and contribute to a safe and respectful school environment.
- **Student Focus Meetings**
  - Student Focus Meetings were held on November 6th and 9th. The principal, dean, counselor, and social worker met with classroom teachers to review individual student needs. Discussions included academic progress, social-emotional well-being, behavior, student strengths, and areas requiring additional support. These meetings provided an opportunity to collaborate, identify student needs, and discuss strategies and supports to promote student success.
- **Chef at the elementary**
  - We welcomed Chef Brian from Taher to PAS Elementary for a fun and engaging learning experience! Students had the opportunity to learn more about food, nutrition, and meal preparation. Some of our 4th-grade students even got to roll up their sleeves and work alongside Chef Brian in the commons as they did some cooking! It was a wonderful hands-on opportunity to explore new skills, learn about healthy eating, and see the creativity that goes into preparing meals. A big thank-you to Chef Brian for sharing his time and expertise with our students!
- **Veterans Day Program**
  - PAS Elementary students and staff joined our school community for a Veterans Day program on November 11 in the MS/HS gym to honor and recognize the men and women who have served our country. A special thank you to Mrs. Wielenberg for organizing a wonderful program.
- **4th Grade Concert**
  - Our fourth grade students shared a wonderful Veterans Day concert on Tuesday, November 17th, showcasing their musical talents and honoring the brave men and women who have served our country. Students have been working hard to prepare for this performance. Thank you to Miss Davis for her dedication and preparation and to our fourth-grade students for representing PAS so well.
- **Book Fair**
  - Our Fall Book Fair took place November 18th and 19th.

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences**
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 19th, from 1:00–7:30 p.m. Teachers will share information from classroom assessments, report cards, DIBELS, and CAPTI data to help families better understand their child's academic progress and areas for continued growth.
- **American Education Week - November 16th–20th**
  - During American Education Week, we recognize and celebrate the incredible educators and staff members who make a difference in the lives of our students each day. I am incredibly grateful for the dedication, commitment, and teamwork demonstrated throughout PAS Elementary. From our teachers and paraprofessionals to our office staff, custodians, food service team, nurse, and student support professionals, every individual plays an important role in creating a school where students feel safe, loved, valued, supported, and heard. Thank you for the countless ways you show up for our students and one another. The work you do matters, and I am proud of the team we have at PAS Elementary!
- **POG: Collaborator**
  - PAS Elementary has transitioned from the Communicator trait to the second Portrait of a Graduate trait, Collaborator. Students are learning and practicing the skills of effective teamwork, including sharing ideas, listening respectfully, including others, staying positive, and working toward a common goal. Teachers are providing opportunities for students to learn, model, practice, and reflect on collaboration in the classroom.
- **Attendance Update**
  - **Goal:** By the end of the 2026 - 2027 school year, students in Junior Kindergarten through 5th grade will achieve an attendance rate of 94.5% or higher.
    - Our current attendance rate is 95.7%.