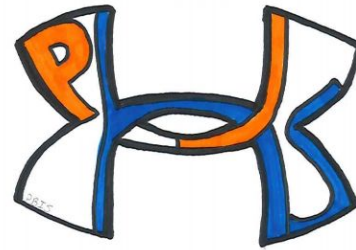




**Pana Junior High
Juletta Ellis, Principal
Report to Board of Education
October 2016**



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Enrollment:

6th Grade: 115

7th Grade: 89

8th Grade: 94

Total: 298

Attendance:

6th Grade: 96.20%

7th Grade: 96.66%

8th Grade: 96.76%

Total: 96.52%

Ms. Steiner had 7 students from the junior high audition for the Illinois Music Education District 5 Band festival. Those students were: Trinity Carlyle, Lauren Phillips, Alexis Evrley, Serenity Eilers, Izzy Miller, Oari Ade, and Olivia Burrell. Special congratulations to Trinity Carlyle who was selected to play flute in the festival at Eastern University on November 19th.

The 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Tourney went well. Thanks to Gary Ade for organizing it and ensuring things ran smoothly. Also thanks to Sarah Crosby and the PJHS Student Council for running the concession stand each night, and to the Sports Boosters, coaches, and fans.

Our Fall Fundraiser has come to a close. Overall, the 6th grade sold the most goods, and our school will receive approximately \$3600 for various student initiatives!

Thank you to the PJHS Student Council and Mrs. Sowarsh for organizing a New Student Welcome Committee. These students put together care packages and greet new students to help them become oriented and feel comfortable at PJHS.

PJHS participated in activities prior to Veteran's Day. Students in Mrs. Keeling's and Mrs. Ade's classes created thank you cards for service members to be included in care packages sent through the Operation Gratitude organization. In addition, all students participated in a Veteran's Day Ceremony on the 10th. We gathered around the flagpole for a presentation of the colors by the American Legion. We recited the pledge and the choir sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," and Mr. Higgins was made a singing appearance with the choir performing "God Bless the U.S.A." The American Legion also performed a flag folding ceremony in which they explained the meaning behind each of the 13 folds. Following the flag folding ceremony, students were able to Facetime with 2nd Lt. Zach Konstanzer, a friend of Ms. Wernsing, who is currently stationed in Kuwait. Students brainstormed questions within their homerooms and nominated to students to ask them. The students were attentive and respectful and seemed to take a lot away from the conversation. They asked a variety of questions about the weather, about life in Kuwait, about the ROTC program, and even about recent events like the Cubs winning the World Series and the Presidential election. It was a truly great opportunity for the kids!

Upcoming events include:

- Progress Reports on 11/23
- Tim Ryan Motivational Assembly with the High School on 12/2
- 5-12 Holiday Concert on 12/9
- Junior High Chorus Concert on 12/13
- Student Council-sponsored Winter Wonderland Dance on 12/16
- 12/21--End of 2nd Quarter PBIS Celebration