



Pana Junior High School

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Report to Board of Education

November 2023

Enrollment as of 11/14/2023:

Grade	Enrollment	Attendance	Alternative Educational Setting
6th	82	96.83%	1 - St. Pats; 1 - Taylorville Jr. High
7th	75	95.67%	2 - Nokomis - Cornerstone; 2 - Menta Taylorville; 1 - Memorial Elementary (FACES); 1 - Taylorville Jr. High
8th	94	96.63%	1 - Nokomis - Cornerstone

Good Things at PJHS

- 1st Quarter Honor Roll
 - 91 students - Honor Roll
 - 53 students - High Honor Roll
- The *PJHS Eco Team* competed at Lake Shelbyville and placed 9th! Great job Megan Hudelson, Alyssa Pieper, Jeff Scoles, and Greyson Bauman! And thank you to Mrs. Schutt for setting this opportunity up for our students!
- The following students auditioned for and will participate in the *Illinois Music Education Association District V Honor Band* on Saturday, November 18 at Eastern Illinois University.
 - Karlee Hooper, Flute
 - Nancy Presnell, Oboe
 - Milo Martell, French Horn
 - Alyssa Pieper, Clarinet
 - Brynlee Tipword, Trumpet
 - Dace Jones, Tuba
- Red Ribbon Week - Building Healthy Habits
 - While students had fun with various dress up days this week, they also discussed ways to build healthy habits. Topics included healthy online habits, finding balance, avoiding negative thinking traps and digital drama by unplugging from technology.
- Last week Mrs. Ruppert took ten students from her Intro to Ag class to the *Fall Middle School Conference* hosted at ICC. Members interacted with other students from across the state,



participated in team building and leadership activities, learned about various Career and Leadership Development Events and opportunities in FFA. Students were also given a tour of the ag segment of the college and career opportunities in the ag industry.

2023 Report Card Highlights

- Summative Score - 73.52 - Commendable
 - Up 5.03 points since 2022
- ELA
 - 55.2% of students showed growth from 2022
 - Proficiency above state average in 7th & 8th grade
- Math
 - 46.1% of students showed growth from 2022
 - 6th & 7th grade students - 6 points growth from 2022
- Chronic Absenteeism
 - Down 15.50% from 2022
- Moving Forward
 - Teachers have spent time reviewing data specifically looking at *Evidence Based Statements*. This data provided information on what type of questions and standards were part of the IAR and the percentage of students who were able to answer the question successfully. They are taking this information and making adjustments to their Curriculum Maps this year. In addition, they began discussions with their content teams on ways to fill in the gaps.
 - Two content areas have new textbooks this year. The science and math teams are meeting regularly to align, plan, and implement these new resources.
 - The ELA team is developing a school-wide writing assessment framework. Their goal is for every student to be able to develop a well-written five-paragraph essay by the end of their 8th grade year.

Student of the Month

- 6th Grade
 - Lucy Ishmael and Corbin Perry
- 7th Grade
 - Brynlee Tipsword and Zander Hawker
- 8th Grade
 - Alyssa Pieper and Carter George

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