



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

Staff Birthday Corner

Diane Williams- November 4
Rebecca Dagen- November 10
Tammy Deere- November 13
Kim Hahnenkamp- November 14
Elaine Litton- November 29

Current Enrollment: PREP/EC=72; Kindergarten= 62; Grade 1=79; Grade 2=81
Attendance: PK 90.74%, Kindergarten 95.06%, Grade 1 97.14%, Grade 2 96.56%

Mrs. Jones 1st Grade class was the monthly Dilly Bar Attendance winner with a 97.44% attendance for the month!!! Way to go Mrs. Jones class—YOU ROCK!



The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Chase Clements, Olivia Martell, Jack VanUytven, Easton Coleman, Brylee Goff, Waylen Beck, Lilly Hankins, Kouper Brooks, Alawna Haines, Rowen Moon, Chase Price, Jase Cravens, Aliana Kohute, Maddox Hubbartt, Emma Burget, Bailey Mathis, Dallas Haines, Avery Pope, Vincent Lebon, Syllis Anderson, Channing Allen, Graysen Meadows, Treyson Presnell, Kallee Cox, Lillian Schmitz, Savannah Patient, Hudson Durham, Willow Oreskovich, Remy Klein, Hudson Sims, Camden Allen, Carrigan Boykin, Kinley Moore, Aubree Bird, Chase Price, Colten McFarland, Keagan Weddle, Landon Rochkes, Raelyn Beveridge, Jaylee Allen, Samuel Rauch, Kameron Durham, Abigail Moore, Wyatt Bauman, Damon Gatons, Ayris Denton, Tollin Bartley and Keagan Pope. A special award went to Iris Budds this month. In recognition of their positive behaviors, each student was awarded a book. Congratulations to all of these students and thanks for being examples of good behavior in action!!

The Kindness Counts winners for the month of September were: Keagan Weddle, Jerzee Peck, Easton Morgason, Raelynn Beveridge, Morgan Litz, Sophia Lees, Jocelyn Dudra, Havyn Jerrell, Kinlee Bennett, Alawna Haines, Leah Compton, Zayden Powyszynski, Faith Stokes, Hunter Daniels, Lettie Ann Ginger and Elias Smith. During our PBIS assembly we discussed positive Character Traits and talked about what it means to be Kind and also to be Responsible. Responsibility means: Thinking before you act or talk and what will happen because of it, do only good things, Fix your mistakes- clean up your own messes, Do your jobs and do your best, finish your work before you play, and KEEP TRYING- never give up! At the end of October, we will celebrate one student from each class who has shown true character and kindness during the month! We will be watching for random acts of kindness and demonstrations of responsible behaviors!!

Washington School, Lincoln School and Pana Junior High School staff worked together to host their Annual Title 1 School-Wide Meeting on October 1, 2019 @ 6:00pm. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the School-Wide Title I programs to the parents/guardians of students that attend all

3 Title I Schools. We prepared for the students to play Bingo and their parents watch a power point presentation. A short survey of 6 questions was used as an exit ticket. Studies show that children do better in school when parents are involved in school functions, so a big applause goes out to any parent who makes their child's education a priority. Please note; the Plans/Policies for the schools were discussed at this meeting. You will be able to find and view these documents as well as other resources on the Pana Schools webpage (www.panaschools.com) by December 1, 2019. Please contact Mrs. Wysong or the Title I teachers if you have any questions or comments.

Staff continues their professional development each Wednesday as they focus their attention on the development of new experiences to engage students and improve learning. Many experiences have been added to help address skill development that is highlighted in the reading series program. Additionally, ties have been made to coordinate skill development addressing the standards in math and science.

The Mobile Dentist was here on September 25th. They were able to do check-ups on many students and make referrals for students who need cavities filled. Sealants were put on many baby teeth to help protect them until it is time for them to come out. This is a valuable service to our families who don't have dental insurance or access to dental care. Thanks Miles of Smiles for coming to see us!

Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday October 10th. We had a really good turnout, with 95% of parents seeing teachers that day/night and a few left to finish this week. We hope to achieve 100% by the end of next week!

On Friday October 11th, we attended the 2019 ROE Fall Conference at the PJHS/PHS complex. The speaker was very engaging and I heard lots of positive comments about his message about enjoying what you do and not letting the fun go out of teaching.

The Second Grade students went to the Okaw Valley Apple Orchard near Sullivan on October 15th. The students took a tour of the orchard and learned about growing and harvesting apples. Each student got to harvest four apples. There were also tours of the apple cider room and the sorting room. A live honeybee hive was observed through a glass case. Each student got an apple sipper filled with apple cider and an apple donut. There was also time for a picnic and playing on the playground. It was a great trip, and thankfully they had beautiful weather!

October is Fire Prevention Month. The students have practiced moving quickly and quietly out of the building in anticipation of impressing the fire men on their visit. The day came on October 9th. The firemen surprised the children with a fire drill, and although they have practiced many times with their teachers, this was the first time Kindergarten and Pre-school children have ever heard the alarm.... It was LOUD!!! After the all clear was given, the Kindergarten students were treated to a fire truck ride! After the rides, the firemen spoke with the Kindergarten students about fire safety and making good choices when near matches or fire. The firemen also showed them the gear that firemen wear when they are on duty so that the students would not be afraid if they were ever in such a dangerous situation. The firemen made time to answer student questions. Thanks go out to these men who gave their time to talk to our students about safety and make this a special event for them. ** Also a special thank you to the Pana Fire Department who sponsored the purchase of fire hats and fire prevention information for kiddos! We sent home the reminders about the Open House at the fire station and the firemen are returning on Monday Oct 21 to visit the Pre-school classrooms.

On October 7th, the first grade classes visited the Pana Fire Station. They were able to see the many different trucks that the firemen use in an emergency, including the NEW TRUCK! Students learned about some of the dangerous things that could start a fire and what to do in case of a fire. They got to take their own ride on a fire truck that day! The students had so much fun and were so excited to receive workbooks and fire safety packets!! Many children told us that they went home and shared what they had learned with their parents! A big thanks to the Pana Fire Department for all the time put into the first grade tour and the grade level appropriate presentations – the kids learned so much!

Bus Safety Week is celebrated during the 3rd full week in October each year. The students at Washington School have practiced safety precautions during their PBIS training and were able to show what they know during the evacuation procedures drill on October 7th for Mr. Stauder. We think we are prepared in case of emergency!!

The Grade 2 students continue to put in their laps in pursuit of the “100 mile club”. We have many students who are over the 15 mile mark, with one student who has surpassed the 20 mile mark since the beginning of the event..... Lifelong healthy habits are developing here at Washington School!!!

Reminder: soda tabs and box tops continue to be collected for worthy causes. Please send your donations with a student or drop them off at Washington School during school hours.

Reminder: Please see our web site for photos of more fun things going on at Washington!

**“Working in partnership, PCUSD #8, students, parents
and community members will each do
his or her part to ensure
learning and success.”**



Thanks to Mr. Schmitz for the advice concerning dry ice, County Market for providing it, and the staff at Washington School for an event filled exciting Bosses Day!!!