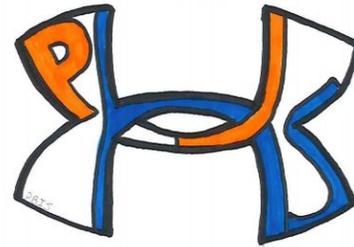




**Pana Junior High
Juletta Ellis, Principal
Report to Board of Education
September 2016**



Protect This House

Enrollment:

6th Grade: 112

7th Grade: 89

8th Grade: 93

Total: 294

Attendance:

6th Grade: 98%

7th Grade: 97%

8th Grade: 97%

Total: 97.33%

Meet the Principal Nights were well attended. The August 9th date had 63 total attendees and 30 parents. A Meet the Principal Night was also held for 7th and 8th grade parents prior to Open House. Thirty students' families were represented with 71 in attendance.

Open House was a successful event with 150 of our students represented and a total of 396 students and family members in attendance. Thank you to Mrs. Kallal and Mrs. Smith for collecting attendance information and surveys from families.

Mrs. Miller has been a great help in deploying Chromebooks to students and following up with parents and guardians as needed.

The PBIS team has been hard at work to revamp and reinvigorate PBIS within the school. The theme this year is "Protect This House," and students are expected to be responsible, be respectful, and be ready in all areas of the school. Successes are celebrated with Shout Outs during morning announcements, bricks are handed out when students exhibit positive behaviors (bricks build strong foundations for our house), and drawings are held on Fridays for students who earn bricks. A 1st quarter celebration is planned as well, which will be a powder puff football game. Thanks to the members of the PBIS team, Mrs. Sowarsh, Mrs. Hilbert, Mrs. Schutt, and Mr. Matthews and to the Lincoln PBIS team for their work on this initiative.

The SAP (Student Assistance Program) team created and put on a great skit to introduce kids to the services provided, which include supports for academic, behavioral, and social/emotional success and well-being. The SAP team is identified by their "home security" badges (which relates to our PBIS theme) outside their rooms and offices so that students can seek assistance at any time. The team continues to meet to review students in need and make plans of action to address those needs. The team also held its first fundraiser, a hat day, on September 2nd, which raised over \$100 for our SAP closet. Team members include Mrs. Sowarsh, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Kallal, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hilbert, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Mayhall, Mrs. Pauley, Mrs. Ade, and Mr. Schmitz.

Mrs. Keeling has formed a new team this year for students. It is a robotics team that incorporates the use of Legos. Students will utilize science, engineering, math, and imagination to design, build, and program a Lego Mind-Storm Robot. These students will compete with their robots with other schools in the Decatur region. Mrs. Keeling was also able to secure funding through a grant from Caterpillar.

MAP testing was administered on September 9th. Thank you to Mrs. Sowarsh and Mr. Schmitz for ensuring that testing ran as smoothly as possible.

We are gearing up for Student-Led Conferences on October 6th. Mrs. Beyers, Mrs. Spears, Mrs. Schutt have taken the lead on revisiting and distributing resources to teachers to help prepare students for the conferences.

Upcoming events include a Title 1 Informational Night. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Kallal have come up with an entertaining way to share the information with parents, Late Night with Dr. David Lett(erman). Thanks Dr. Lett for humoring us and participating! We are also looking forward to the gym completion and will plan a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate with students and staff.