



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

Staff Birthday Corner

Lila Stumpf- August 23	Jenny Lehn – September 3	Cheri Wysong- October 15
	Stephanie Beyers- September 9	Kelly LeDuc- October 16
Dorothy Murrell- August 29	Linda Cross- September 22	Rebecca Mahnke- October 20
Lori Harlow- August 31	Amber Ginger- September 29	Melissa Durbin- October 25
		Shawn Collins- October 27

**Current Enrollment 314 students:
PREP/EC=63; Kindergarten= 75; Grade 1= 93; Grade 2=83**

**Attendance for August:
PK- 93.74% AM, 85.72 % PM; K-96.70%; 1st- 94.72%; 2nd- 96.59%**

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride will begin on October 1.

1st and 2nd Grade boys were treated to a short presentation by Mike Foster with the local area Boys Scout Council Leadership. A brief overview of the scouting program in Pana was presented, and was followed up by an evening time informational meeting for parents.

The Tiered Level Intervention benchmarking sweep using MAP was completed the week of September 4-7. The children were extremely cooperative during the testing period and did an excellent job demonstrating their skill level. The data collected has been used to create individualized programs targeted at addressing the specific skill deficits of our children. Researched based interventions have begun, and another year of learning is under way.

The PREP/EC classroom had their first “Buddy Day” on Wed Sept 19. Parents had the opportunity to come to school with their PK kiddo for an hour and participate in an activity. Thursday September 20th at 5pm was the first family event of the year. Kiddos brought their family to enjoy a pizza dinner (catered by Pizza Man) and family bingo (with PRIZES and books for all!!). The turn-out for the event was good, and a fun time was had by all.

Mrs. Denning, the Parent Program Coordinator, has begun her work with the program and the big buddies have picked up their informational packets. Visits have begun!!!! The SMART Buddy program promotes learning for students by matching them with a big buddy who works with them weekly and helps to celebrate their accomplishments. This worthwhile program has grown every year and continues to provide wonderful learning partners to children.

Students have begun another year of “collection”, and we are looking for partners who are interested in purchasing benches made from our plastic cap collections. Over the last 4 years, students at Washington and Lincoln School were able to recycle nearly 8,000 pounds of plastic lids that would otherwise have ended up in the landfill. Sadly, if partners are not located soon, the program will be discontinued until we have used up the plastic currently in storage..... If you know of a business or organization who is interested in one (or more) of these benches, please share the Washington School contact information with them. Students will however continue to collect soda tabs and Box Tops for Education. We have placed the boxes for soda tabs and box tops in the hallway outside the office. Students at Washington and Lincoln collected 45.2 lb. of soda tabs last year for donation to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Springfield.

Thanks to all who are contributing to all of these programs. Please keep the caps, tabs, and coupons coming in!

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