



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

Staff Birthday Corner

Amanda West- August 22
Lori Harlow- August 31

Jenny Lehn – September 3
Stephanie Beyers- September 9
Ashley Yockey- September 14
Linda Cross- September 22
Amber Ginger- September 29

Jake Holthoff- Oct 3
Cheri Wysong- October 15
Kelly LeDuc- October 16
Rebecca Mahnke- October 20

Current Enrollment 258 students: PREP/EC=62; Kindergarten= 61; Grade 1= 59; Grade 2=76

Attendance for August: K-96.18%; 1st- 98.5%; 2nd- 98.18%

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawing began September 25th. They include: Cruze Berner, Faith Stokes, Trenton Crow, Elijah Merrifield, Chloe Heldebrandt, Claire Moore, Sumer Pope, Lillian Schmitz, Alyvia Casner, Morgan Litz, Vincent Lebon and Brycen West. The names of these students was read over the intercom, and they were awarded a book for their good behavior. These students will also be in the “Front Row Club” at our PBIS- socially distanced good behavior assembly.

Mrs. Morrell shared a local area Boys Scout Council Leadership video presentation with the 1st and 2nd Grade students on September 22nd. 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 August 24th. All in-person AND remote students were tested in reading and math during the sweep. 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 classrooms are currently delivering their services remotely. Like the other classrooms in the building, they are hosting google meetings, videotaping activities, reading to students, and doing assessments.

Mrs. Holthaus has replaced Mrs. Denning as the Parent Program (Smart Buddies) Coordinator. A whole new era has begun with the program in the age of Covid-19 and the big buddies have received their informational packets. 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. Being creative and finding new ways to connect to students is the task at hand!

Please check out the live feed section on the Pana Schools web site. Exciting things are happening at Washington School!!

Students would like to begin another year of “collection”. Students will continue to collect soda tabs and Box Tops for Education, but have currently discontinued plastic collection until further notice. We have placed the boxes for soda tabs and box tops in the hallway outside the office. Soda tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Springfield.

Thanks to all who are contributing to all of these programs. Please keep the 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.”**