



## “Be a Part of the Pride!!”

### January Panther Prowl

#### “Birthday Corner”

Mr. Bauer- February 9<sup>th</sup>

Ericka Crawford- February 14<sup>th</sup>

Erica LaMarche- February 14<sup>th</sup>

Current Enrollment= 318   PREP/EC= 67   Kindergarten= 75   Grade 1= 92   Grade 2= 84

Our building wide attendance was at 84.29%, down slightly from 91% last year. Specific grade level percentages: PREP/EC – 79.22%, Kindergarten- 86.72%, Grade 1 with 88.46% and Grade 2 with 82.74%. The December Dilly Bar classroom attendance award went to Mrs. LaMarches’ Grade 1 class with an 89.77% attendance rate. Congratulations to all these students who were healthy and able to be in attendance during the month. We were happy to have them healthy and ready to learn. We have great hopes for a healthy January!

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings winners were: Samuel Rauch, Karen Ivon, Allie Smith, Sophia Lees, Julian Lyons, Zayden Powyzynsi, Treyson Presnell, Ryan Matthews, Aubrey Strohl, Jordyn Gates, Axle Ginger, Jayce Prather, Jace Bland, Mason Hoehn, Abigail Moore, Jackson Davis, Piper Morrison, Jazlyn Pickler, Rylee Crow, Tenleigh Stokes, Thomas Vilardo, Milo Martell, Gemma Armstrong, Kayden Waugh, Kandyce Rhodes, Hannah Latch, Nevin Wills, Matthew Heinrich, Bryce Anderson, Christopher Wallace, Ryker King, Joey Gonzales, Savannah Swafford, Fisher Ellis, Ben Smedley, Mark Schneider, Kylee Hopkins, Camden Allen, Cellie McFarland, Samantha Hudelson, Ryker Peters, Bryor Dunn, Jaxon Clements, Toby Brantley, Anthoni Hayes, Jade Heslop, Axle Ginger and Dylan Brown. In recognition of their positive behaviors, each student was awarded a book during the weekly award announcements. These students were also invited to be part of the “Front Row Club” during the Kindness Counts/ Character Education assembly on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to all of these students and thanks for being examples of good behavior in action!!

The Washington School Family Christmas Concert was held at Pana High School gym on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 600 pm. This year, Lincoln school students followed us for an additional extravaganza at 7:15. As usual, the place was PACKED with standing room only. We even needed 4 additional sets of bleachers to be brought into the big gym to accommodate some of the overflow.....WOW!!! Students came in their best holiday attire and performed amazingly for their families and friends. There was also a wonderful display of student created art work in the Panther Den. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated good behavior and good character with an assembly in the gym. Students recognized for their kindness were: Reva Rochkes, Dallas Haines, Matthew Heinrich, Lukis Beck, Julia Mizeur, Rylee Crow, Graysen Meadows, Alexis Ellenberg, Claire Heldebrandt, Keatyn Brooks, Carisa Smith, Dayton Crow, Faith Stokes, Flynn Miller, Chanel Brantley and David Evrley. These students were awarded a certificate and got their picture in the newspaper. Following the assembly these students “decorated” the holiday sweater/t-shirt of Mrs. Wysong and Mrs. Hay. These “creative holiday sweaters” were worn the following day (along with the student creations from home) as part of our monthly celebration.

We also celebrated the Citizenship winners at this assembly. Citizenship means being a contributing member of a group, a “citizen” of school. Citizens are considerate, helpful, and respect others and their property. The duty of a good citizen is to obey the laws (rules) and expect other citizens to do the same thing. Students celebrated for their citizenship contribution to Washington School were: Kameron Durham, Vincent Lebon, Alyvia Casner, Mason Smith, Wyatt Thompson, Treyson Presnell, Gracie Simpson, Kinlee Bennett, Spencer Peters, Bentley Bland, Tess Casner and Daytona Davis. A very special THANK YOU goes out to all of the parents and families who reinforce good behavior and good character each and every day in their homes. We are very proud of your children!

Santa delivered us our very own ELF to watch over us in the month of December. Our ELF moved around the school watching what was going on, but he tended to focus on the cafeteria for the first week. He moved around the building nightly. His adventures included: zip lining across the hallway from the office to the Title 1 Reading classroom, reading a book to the “little people” on the table outside Mrs. Wysong’s office, setting up a sales booth to sell Christmas Wreaths (but would not tell us how much so nobody actually got to buy one), building a marshmallow fort and having a snow ball fight with some stray army men hanging out across the hallway on the emergency light, laying on the hallway floor in a pile of empty candy wrappers from the ‘teacher candy’ he took from the office, and taking a bath in a tub full of marshmallows to get the sticky chocolate off his face (from all the candy). He ended his tenure on December 21<sup>st</sup> when Santa came to visit us and caught him hiding candy canes in the classrooms! Santa assured us that he would have a talk with our Elf and that when he returns next year, he will be on good behavior.... even if someone in our school was NOT. That very last day of school, students celebrated the season with a pajama day. Students participated in a sing-a-long and celebrated in their classrooms with teachers and friends—this event was sponsored by Mrs. Tynan, our ELF and Santa! Santa visited those classrooms in the morning and there was a wonderful sing-a-long in the afternoon. Santa told us that he came to visit the students, and our resident Elf in final preparation of his list!! (and had decided to take his ELF back to the North Pole) Everyone enjoyed the special experiences this month, and they truly put everyone in the holiday spirit!!

When we returned to school in January, we began with classroom “bootcamps” to remind students of expected behaviors in the various settings. Reminders of these expectations are done periodically, and we have seen some improvement in these areas.

During the week of January 14, we did our Winter MAP testing. Students and staff were patient and worked very hard to do their best on this testing. Due to illness, our testing will hopefully be completed this week. We are very proud of how our students have grasped the testing format and taken their roles very seriously. We are looking forward to seeing our scores and the student improvement!

Upcoming excitement: 100 Days of School will be celebrated on January 30th !! Watch for details in the next edition of the Prowl.

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