



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

Staff Birthday Corner

Diane Williams- November 5

Tammy Deere- November 13

Kim Hahnenkamp- November 14

Jennifer Simpson- November 28

Elaine Litton- November 29

Current Enrollment: PREP/EC=53; Kindergarten= 82; Grade 1=93; Grade 2=88

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Keatyn Brooks, James Neal, Marley Jerrell, Kadence Rochkes, Kinsley Seaton, Johnathan Wade, Kenley Cox, Shawna Kaiser, Parkir Woolard, Hope Haines, Jeffery Scoles, Jeremiah Williams, Jaycie Waters, Maddison Nihiser, Ethan Jostes, Carter George, Brayden Chrispen, Jamie Hunter, Aaron Moss, Caysin Lebon, Leigha Rogers, Axle Ginger, Maks Bailey, Daimona Coleman, Newt Campbell, Lilly Jostes, Carly Bland, Hunter Hocq, Bella Bennett, Brinley Tipsword, Jordyn Gates, Carson Collins, Briley Wilhour, Aidan Hammond, Zahlen Pope, Addasyn Casner, Kenadie Ginger, Gwyn Keathley, Cayden Durbin, Addison Johns, Chris Miller, Samantha Collins, Morgan Reynolds, Rowyn Dagen, Tyson Cox, Skylar Hicks, Kailey Doty, Tyson Mizeur, MacKinsey Perry, Milo Martell, Payson Ashcraft, Daetona Davis, Fisher Ellis, Amelia Aragon, Grayson Christer, Tyler McGuire, Laney Weber and Alyssa Linn. 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!!

Kindness Counts winners for the month of September were: Keatyn Brooks, Annabell Moore, Parker Durham, Charlee Clements, Tru Kaiser, Aaden Scheibly-Miller, Colby Boykin, Micah Meadows, Ethan Jostes, Dayden Durbin, Shawna Kaiser, Shelby Brown, Addison Casner, Piper Wafford, Graysen Meadows and Kouper Brooks. Way to go students. We are very proud of you for your random acts of kindness!!

The Character Trait we will focus on for the Month of October will be Responsibility. 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! We are looking forward to celebrating responsible students at the end of the month.

Cookies, Bingo, Handouts, a Power Point presentation! Washington School staff hosted their Annual Title 1 School-Wide Meeting on September 28, 2016 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the School-Wide Title I program to the parents/guardians of students that attend Washington School. The Washington School students played Bingo and their parents watched a power point presentation and completed a short survey of 6 questions. The meeting also provided Washington School families the opportunity to interact with staff and ask questions if needed. Studies show that children do better in school when parents are involved in school functions, so a big applause goes out to those that participated. Please note; the Plans/Policies for Washington School 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, 2016. Please contact Mrs. Mahnke (Reading Intervention Teacher) at rmahnke@panaschools.com or Mrs. Denning (Math Intervention Teacher) at cdenning@panaschools.com if you have any questions or comments.

In looking at our attendance numbers, Pre-K attendance average was 94.42%, Kindergarten at 95.11%, Grade 1 was 97.34% and Grade 2 averaged 96.72%. Mrs. Jones' First Grade class was the monthly Dilly Bar Attendance winner with a 97.86% attendance for the month!!! Way to go Mrs. Jones class—YOU ROCK!

Staff continues their professional development each Wednesday as they continue to write grade level Common Formative Assessments (CFA) which are aligned to the Common Core Standards. This data they get will provide additional insight into student performance, and be used to determine interventions and guide classroom instruction. They have also developed Student Learner Objectives (SLO) to be used as part of their evaluations this school year.

PTO hosted a joint bookfair with Lincoln School on September 15th. Lincoln students were able to visit the bookfair during the day, and Washington School students brought their parents that evening. Students signed up for a chance at door prizes. The Washington School winners were: Charolette Semro, Spencer Peters, Madison Heintz, Aubrey Strohl, Madison Solomon, Aubri Jones, Sidonia Rice, Aaron Moss, Masyn Webb, Grayson Christer, Parker Durham, Brayden, Tucker Bush, and Newt Campbell. Many new and exciting books were purchased that evening. Keep on reading friends!!

MAP testing of our students took place during the week of September 19th. Students and teachers did a wonderful job being patient and paying attention during this new testing situation. Students enjoyed the opportunity to “show what they know” in an electronic format. Teachers continue to look at data to make decisions about educational interventions needed to assist students in becoming successful learners.

The Mobile Dentist was here on October 3rd and 4th. 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 6th. We had a really good turn out, with 93% of parents seeing teachers that day/night and a few left to finish this week. We hope to achieve 100% by the end of the 9 weeks!

On Friday October 7th, approximately 1500 teachers came to Pana to participate in the 2016 ROE Fall Conference. Many seminars and speakers provided a multitude of educational opportunities for teachers from Pana and surrounding districts. The entire event was extremely well put together and organized by our very own staff. Kudos go out to Lori Ade, Tim Eddy, Amy Christian and all the others who worked so very hard to provide such a professional presentation of our district. Thanks everyone for all the hard work!!

Eighty-eight Second Grade students went to the Okaw Valley Apple Orchard near Sullivan on October 13th. 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 even considering the chilly weather!

October is Fire Prevention Month. The students at Washington School were visited by the Pana Fire Department on October 11th. The firemen surprised the children with a fire drill. Though they had practiced many times with their teachers, this was the first time Kindergarten and Pre-school children heard the alarm. The students moved quickly and quietly out of the building. When the all clear was given, firemen spoke with the Kindergarten and Pre-K students about fire safety and making good choices. They 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 then answered student questions. When all the questions had been answered, the Kindergarten students were treated to a fire truck ride!! Thanks go out to these men who give their time to talk to our students about safety and make this a special event for them. We also want to thank them for the coloring books, workbooks and GLOW IN THE DARK HATS!

On October 4th, 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. They learned about some of the dangerous things that

could start a fire and what to do in case of a fire. They also got to take a ride on a fire truck! 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!

October 17-21 is Bus Safety Week. The students at Washington School have practiced safety precautions during their PBIS training and will practice the evacuation procedures again next week for Mrs. Ade. We think we are prepared in case of emergency!!

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

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and community members will each do
his or her part to ensure
learning and success.”**