



## “Be a Part of the Pride!!”

### Staff Birthday Corner

Janice Hrabak- December 11

Candy Byars- December 17

Taylor Little- December 17

Amy Wicker- December 21

**Current Enrollment: PREP/EC=64; Kindergarten= 91; Grade 1=81; Grade 2=97**

**October Attendance: PREP/EC= 88.35%; Kindergarten 93.10%, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade= 95.44%; Grade 2=96.18%**

In looking at our attendance numbers, Ms. Hahnenkamp’s class was the monthly Dilly Bar Attendance winner with a 98.37% attendance for the month!!! Way to go Ms. Hahnenkamp’s class—YOU ROCK!

The weekly panther paw winners from PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Piper Morrison, Alawna Haines, Hunter Walter, Graysen Meadows, Kaylin Compton, Madison Heintz, Jeff Scoles, Axle Ginger, Benjamin Lash, Jaycie Waters, Addasyn Casner, Chase Thevenot, Hadyn Dagen, Lucas Matthews, Rylee Crow, Naphtali Allsop, Zya Cushing, Addison Handy, Tru Kaiser, Grayson Christer, Olivia Strohl, Luke Fitzpatrick, Olivia Patton, Kynlie Durbin, Alexis Ellenberg, Tymber Evrley, Aubree Bird, Mallory Litz, Parker Durham, Elijah Kaiser, Andrew Blodgett, Ethan Jostes, Ryker Spracklen, Megan Hudelson, Jordan Gordon, Kinley Moore, Carter Henschen, Chase Price, Keegan Pope, Tess Casner, Claire Heldebrant, Leigha Rogers, Karlee Hooper, Ellie Sinclair, Drake Bland, Emma Pugsley, Kouper Brooks, Tucker Bush, Jordyn Gates, Addisyn Christer, Keatyn Brooks, Payson Ashcraft, Kadence Rochkes, Adrienne Perry and Emma Deck. Each of these students was awarded a book (or a pumpkin) for being great examples of being respectful, safe, and ready to learn. They will also have the privilege of being “VIP” front row guests to our November character education assembly.

On October 30<sup>th</sup> we held an assembly to congratulate the Kindness Counts winners for the month of October. Hadyn Dagen, Brycen West, Graysen Meadows, Chase Price, Cody Heinrich, Addison Handy, Emmett Ewing, Jeremiah Williams, Colby Boykin, Benjamin Lash, Maddison Nihiser, Anthony Rochkes, Vincent Lebon, Havyn Jerrell, Reva Rochkes, and Brylee Goff were the students awarded for showing kindness to their peers and staff members! Along with the Kindness Counts winner we also awarded the October character trait winners. All month the students worked hard to demonstrate what it means to be responsible. Responsibility means doing what they promise to do, taking care of their own business, being trustworthy, and ‘owning’ their own actions. The following students were awarded for being having that trait: Leah Compton, Alawna Haines, Wyatt Thompson, Tymber Evrley, Morgan Reynolds, Jeff Scoles, Maci Morell, Madison Heintz, Addasyn Casner, Karlee Hooper, Kadence Rochkes, and Zahlen Pope. After the assembly all eligible students were treated to a wild and crazy game of Musical Chairs to reward everyone’s good behavior all month long. Mrs. Wysong was the announcer over the intercom and the classroom winners from musical chairs were able to go to the office for a small prize.

In November the students will be learning how to show respect. Being respectful means treating people like you would want to be treated. Thinking and acting in a positive way about yourself and others. Showing respect means you value other people's opinions and accept people like they are, even when they are different than you. All month we will be on the look-out for students who are demonstrating how to be respectful citizens and we will celebrate them at the end of the month.

The Kindergarten students got into the Fall Spirit in October with a good ol' fashion PUMPKIN HUNT and good behavior PUMPKIN DRAWING!! Mrs. Schafer (Delores) and her husband Bob grew pumpkins and gourds on their farm over the summer to make this happen for our kids. Kindergarten students were able to culminate their study of the life cycle of the pumpkin unit with a pumpkin hunt (they were unable to attend a pumpkin patch this year as they have in the past). Grade 1 and Grade 2 student names were drawn randomly during the lunch hours to receive a "little piece of fall". HUGE thanks go out to Bob and Delores Schafer for their hard work and their generosity with the harvest!

In the morning of October 31<sup>st</sup>, all First Grade classes visited Prairie Rose, Heritage Manor, Hickory Estates and Lincoln School. The children and teachers were dressed in their Halloween costumes and paraded through the buildings to entertain the residents and students. Each of the nursing homes provided the children with a small candy treat. It was a 'brisk' day for a parade!

Parents were again invited to Washington Elementary on Halloween just before the annual Halloween Parade for an informal visit with the Title One teachers, where they received a file folder filled with educational games, flash cards, and activities to help their K-1-2 students with reading and math skills. In addition, there were several parent handouts recommending educational apps for your tablet or smart phone and also some websites. Immediately following this event, Washington School hosted their annual Halloween parade led by our very own 1950's Sock Hop Dancer, A.K.A. Mrs. Wysong. We had a lot of parents attend this event. Unfortunately, the weather was too chilly for the parade to be held outside (and see the costumes on display without coats!) Parents lined up inside the hallways and were able to get plenty of pictures of their little darlings!! We had a lot of super heroes, princesses, witches, some really scary ones, goblins, and even a few butterflies. Classrooms held their Halloween parties in the afternoon prior to the parade. Fun times at Washington School!!

PTO sponsored a Family Night on November 7 to say "thank you" to our students and families for raising over \$11,000 this year to support our elementary schools. Students were treated to root beer floats, Principal for a Day winners were announced and students were entertained by a motivational and exciting presenter. The entertainment for the evening was Matt Wilhelm. Matt is a BMX rider and anti-bullying and motivational speaker. When he was a kid, Matt was made fun of for being "Different" and riding BMX. At one point, he was going to quit riding BMX altogether after an intense bullying episode at the local dirt jumps. However, another BMX rider had the courage to stand up for him and include him into the group. This small heroic act of kindness changed Matt's life forever. Matt Wilhelm's anti-bullying program empowers kids to stand up for others, stand up for themselves, and be everyday heroes. Matt is a Guinness World Book record holder, a 3-time X-Games winner, a 2-time World Champion, and a 2-time United States National Champion! He has performed on America's Got Talent and on the Cartoon Network. Matt brought his special message about having the courage to be the best person you can be, and standing up for what is right. The kids LOVED his program and were amazed by the tricks he can do on a bike! As a culmination to the evening, Matt JUMPED OVER Mrs. Wysong (and Mrs. Bauer & a parent volunteer). A fun and exciting evening was had by all! Thanks PTO and parents for making this possible. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4yincp4jMo>



Karlee Hooper will be the Washington School Principal for a Day on November 14<sup>th</sup>! Feel free to stop by and say 'hi' to our newest leader :0) You can find her 'out on the curb' first thing meeting and greeting students for a fun filled and educational day!



Washington School celebrated Veterans Day on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> around the flagpole. Boy Scouts Sam Nollman, Boone Elledge, Cameron Hildebrand, Connor Hildebrand and Pana's newest Eagle Scout Christian Taylor explained the colors of the flag, what the folds mean when it is properly folded and they finished by raising the flag. Students said the Pledge of Allegiance, the kids sang patriotic songs (starting with The Star Spangled Banner as the flag was raised) and ended the assembly with a school favorite, 'We Are Thankful For the U.S.A.' Special thanks to these young men for making time to come and demonstrate patriotism and show respectful behavior to our students. Way to go Troop 99!!





Washington School will continue to celebrate American Education Week by focusing on different groups each day. We kicked it off by honoring Veterans and our entire school. On Tuesday, we will wear sunglasses because our future is so BRIGHT! Wednesday will focus on 'hunting for a great education'. On Thursday, we will dress for our future career and on Friday we will wear Orange and Blue because we are Proud to be Pana Panthers.

Reminders:

1. 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.
2. Thanksgiving Break will be November 23-26. Be thankful, make time and take the time to spend with those you love and cherish.
3. The K-4 Christmas Art and Music Concert will be on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the PHS gym.
4. 6 weeks until Christmas!!!

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