

"Be a Part of the Pride!!"

"Birthday Corner" April 22- Patty Jones

April 27- Cindy Denning May 10- Jodi Jannink May 27- Patti Tynan May 27- Nancy Jones May 31- Meg Daugherty

PREP/EC- 68 students Kindergarten- 76 students Grade 1- 89 students Grade 2- 84 students

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Chesni McCurry, Addie Guiot, Tyson Beaty, Jacob Dennis, Brylan Speer, Kaidrix Casner, Dayton Enzor, JoLeigh Hebenstreit, Julia Adam, Gemma Armstrong, Leland Blake, Mason Nihiser, Matthew Miller, Noelle Allsop, Samantha Hudelson, Tucker Bush, Raustin Dull, Emma Pugsley, Justin Smith, Sam Kealen, Emmett Ewing, Payson Ashcraft, Sophia Leach, Gavyn Presnell, Sylis Anderson, Allie Smith, Sophia Lees, Kallee Cox, Vance Houseman, Jaxsun McCurry-Schmitz, Natalya Perez, Keatyn Brooks, Briley Wilhour, Charlee Semro, Alex Hartline, Kaylynn Bland, Bentley Matthews-Patton, Avery Pope, Drake Woods, Julia Mizeur, Carter Henschen, Trinity Lowe, Jack Morrell, Madison Heintz, Andres Mendez, Clare Heldebrandt and Daetona Davis . 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!!

The February Dilly Bar classroom attendance award went to Mrs. Schmitz with a 97.08% attendance rate. PK had an overall attendance of 87.85%, Kindergarten had an overall attendance rate of 90.23%, Grade 1 had a great attendance rate with 96.05%, and Grade 2 closed out the month with a 94.02% rate. The overall building rate averaged out to 92.04%. Congratulations to all these students who are in attendance and ready to learn each day.

Kindness Kounts winners for the month of February included: Samuel Rauch, Karen Ivon, Alyvia Casner, Teaghan Hocq, Bryce Anderson, Jace Koons, Justin Smith, Zayden Powyszynski, Greyson Bauman, Mason Wright, Ady Standerfer and Leland Blake. Way to go students!!! We are very proud of the things you do each and every day to make your teachers and classmates appreciate your kindness.

The Monthly Character trait for February was Honesty. Honesty means telling the truth, even when you know you could be in trouble. Honest people can be trusted to help. The students celebrated for their Honesty were: Chesni McCurry, Meyer Ellis, Drake Woods, Tyson Beaty, Cooper Cothern, Alyvia Ohl, Lucy Ishmael, Tymber Evrley, Royal Jackson, Zaiden Perry, Leigha Rogers and Morgan Reynolds. Congratulations to these students and also to the parents who have taught their children to be honest and take responsibility for their behaviors in all situations. In March, we will celebrate Self-Control.

During our monthly PBIS good behavior celebration, we played a building wide game of Dr. Suess 4 corners. Students enjoyed the challenge of trying to outsmart the luck of the draw! The classroom winners of this game were Mason Nihiser, Havyn Jerrell, Paul Hubbartt, Colt Garrett, Keyanna Ward, Chasity Durbin, Leah Compton, Natalia Perez, Gemma Armstrong, Mia Anderson, Emmett Ewing and Mark Schneider.

The students at Washington School Celebrated the birthday of Dr. Suess on March 2. Classroom activities and events (including a Wacky Wednesday and the eating of green eggs) happened all week long. Look below for details at each grade level.

PREP/EC



The view from inside the star lab in PREP this month!!

Mrs. Ginger's class did a web of topics that the students are interested in and wanted to learn more about. They voted on a favorite topic. The children chose to learn about space. In addition to the star lab, they also did a velocity experiment outside that included mentos candy and soda pop! This has been an exciting unit of study for the PK classes!





Every month, the Pre-K classrooms have a buddy day where parents and/or family members can join their student in the classroom for a family project. Mrs. Marty's class focused on the authors; Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss and Kimberly & James Dean with Pete the Cat. The projects this month centered around these authors and also included the option of a few St. Patrick's Day activities. Just look at those excited faces!







Grade 1



During the first week of March they celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' Birthday.

The first grade classes just completed our unit of study called, Technology at Work". This unit got the students thinking about the role technology plays in their lives. As a culminating activity, each class designed and made robots using a variety of materials and had the students write about their robots use and its special features as part of their unit test.





Additionally, Ms. Skinner came in with the robots "Dash and Dot". She gave a short demonstration on how they work, then let the students each take a turn at operating them.









Kindergarten





Kindergarten celebrated Dr. Seuss week with dress up days: crazy sock day (Fox In Socks), wear red and blue (One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish), hat day (The Cat In The Hat), Green Day (Green Eggs and Ham), and dress up as what you want to be when you grow up (Oh, The Places You'll Go!)











Kindergarten continued to celebrate by making and eating green eggs!! As part of this project they graphed how many students liked green eggs and how may didn't. They used this hands on graphing project to discuss math concepts- more, less, how many more, how many less, greater than, less than and equal to.





Mrs. Smith's Kindergarten class has been working on kindergarten writing while learning about St. Patrick's Day and leprechauns. Students had to write about what they would do if they were a leprechaun. Carrigan said she would trick a teacher. Colt said he would be nice and give his gold away.



Mrs. Reynolds classroom will be hatching eggs this month. Students will learn about this life cycle and in approx. 21 days they will be sharing their project with everyone in the school who would like to come and visit!

Grade 2

Second grade students demonstrated their African Drum skills to their grown-ups during music class. Students shared information about the drums (how to play, parts of the drum) and how music is used in the

African culture. They performed echo rhythm patterns, call and response patterns and even their own student created rhythms. All our guests were invited to participate by learning the drum parts for our African welcome song, "Funga Alafia" and everyone performed it together.

Note: Kindergarten classes will be performing "The 3 Piggy Opera" and 1st grade students will perform "The Nanny Goats Gruff" to their families next week. Students learn what a performer is, what an audience is, how to perform in front of audience, as well as how props help tell a story. All of these fun activities address parts of the fine arts standards.





A great time was had by all.



Mrs. Morrell's second grade class has been busy racing the 2019 Iditarod. The students each researched a musher to follow throughout the race. Each day they go online to check where their musher is in the race. The students also researched the history of the Iditarod through many interesting books. The class winner will win a Husky Beanie Baby. The whole class will celebrate finishing the race by watching the movie Balto.

Looking Ahead:

Babbaloo Event (sponsored by the Pana Education Foundation) - March 28th

Recycling Units- April 3-5

Spring Pictures- April 9

PREP Family Night- April 10

Pana Jr. High Students coming to read to Kindergarten- April 11

Spring Break- April 18-22

Spring Art/Music Celebration- April 25th

Kindergarten Pre-Registration- April 25-26

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