



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

“Birthday Corner”

May 11- Grace McBride
May 30- Meg Daugherty

PREP/EC- 69 students Kindergarten- 74 students Grade 1- 81 students Grade 2- 81 students

Good Things:

- Amazing Students are doing great things!
- Panther Paw Good Behavior Winners
- Amazing Attendance
- Kindness and Character Winners
- Butterfly Life Cycle and the Rainforest studies

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were: Ruby Thompson, Delilah Passini, Easton Sisk, Beaux Snyder, Ada Cunningham, Aiden Tolliver, Olivia Depcik, Emily Meachum, Hailey Schafer, Keria Coy, Ariel Getz, Mahala King, Maggie Walker, Nate Ewing, Quinn Ragon, Rhett Stone, Anthon Hurlburt, Ronan Jerrell, Brady Mathias, Ava Perry, Emmie Guiot, Avery Manual, Abbigail Hopkins, Karsyn Sisk, Grange Karnes, Enslee Hawker, Raenna Haines, TeZon Spates, Dean Davis, Bryer Cothorn, Avynn Moon, Cora Berner, Knox Denton, Novalee Hawker, Paris Kay, Xavier Miller, Summer Snow, Graycelynn Olmstead, TayLynn Lawrence, Ava Hurlburt, Waylon Wilhour, Aria Cox, Ellie Moon Aubreigh Stivers, Laylah Keeton, Hunter Clegg, Rayden McDermith, Abbi Hartline, Xander Shook, Knox Baker, Alice Strehl, Noah Holthaus, Anakin Haines, Mason Matthews, Dreyson Massey, Lincoln Horsthemke, Gracie Neal Max Nihiser, Paislee Mehlberg, and Myah Spracklen. 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 March Dilly Bar classroom attendance award went to Mrs. Rodman with a 97.10% attendance rate. Kindergarten had an overall attendance rate of 93.45%, Grade 1 had an attendance rate of 93.35%, and Grade 2 had an attendance rate of 95.31%. The overall building rate averaged out to 94.03%. Congratulations to all these students who are in attendance and ready to learn each day.

The Kindness Kounts and Character Education assembly was held on March 22nd. Kindness Kounts winners for the month of March included: Maggie Walker, Dallas Kile, Hope Bryson, Gwen Evrley, Waylon Wilhour, Dreyson Massey, Jaycen Taylor, Wyatt Lash, Marlee Bland, Beckett Lyons, Mason Livesay, Jack Jones,

Arabella Guiot, Leon Harper-Patnode, Wren Chernisky and Zayden Musser.. 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.

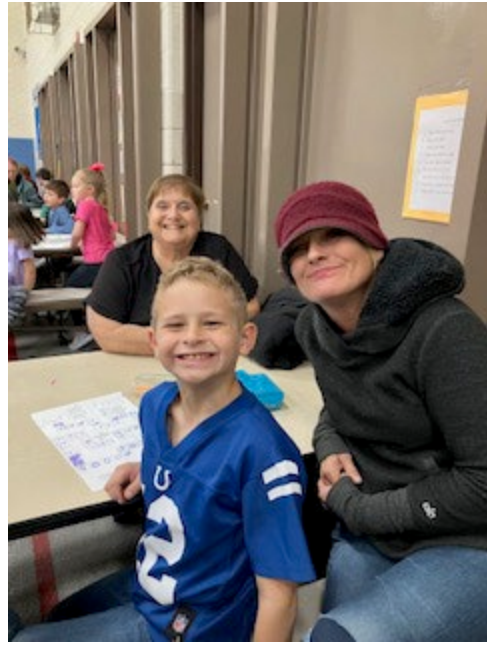
Students were also celebrated for their COURAGE. A courageous person is someone who has the strength to face something difficult, even when they are afraid. By showing courage, you have tried to venture outside your comfort zone, have challenged yourself, stood up for yourself and/or others, are honest, and not afraid to be who you are. Having the courage to ask questions, make new friends, try something new, being kind and doing the right thing are also ways to show you are being courageous. Showing courage is a BRAVE thing to do! Those celebrated for their courage include: Tatum Johnson, Graycelynn Olmstead, TeZon Spates, Huson Presnell, Aurorua Taylor, Hayden Abberly, Leah Palma, Rilee Sphar, Caidence Enzor, June Walker, Ezra Goatley and Kylee Brown.

The Monthly Character trait for April is Perseverance. Perseverance is the willingness and ability to keep going when things are difficult or tough. Having Perseverance also means you give extra effort needed to do something despite how hard it is or how long it might take to reach a goal. Perseverance shows that you use your best effort, you never give up and you have a positive attitude. We are looking forward to celebrating students and their perseverance on Thursday April 25th.

On April 5th, Washington School hosted a parent event. This event featured make and take learning activities for students to complete with their parents or another favorite adult and enjoy at home. We had 155 parents/guardians/ adults in attendance! I have included a few pictures from the grade level events









Parents enjoyed the time with their littles and the littles enjoyed sharing their learning with their adults! Thank you to Mrs. Holthaus and Mrs. Mahnke for planning and hosting this event!

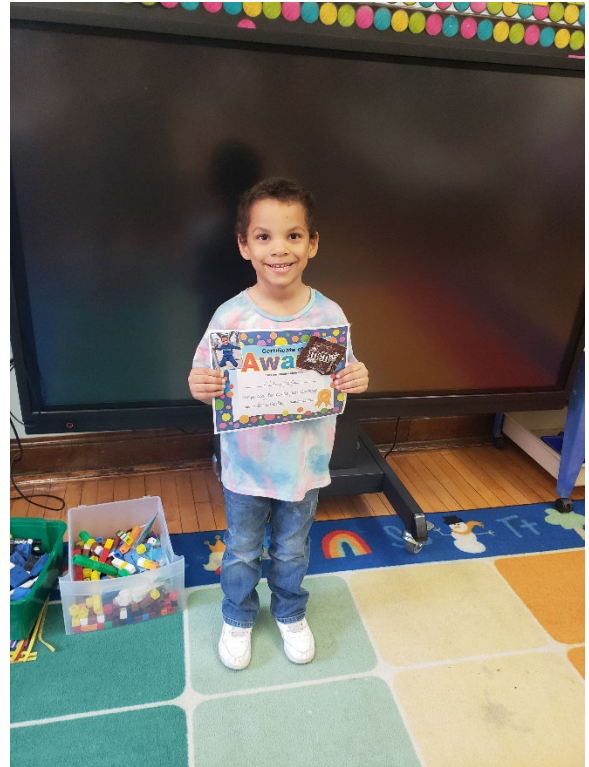
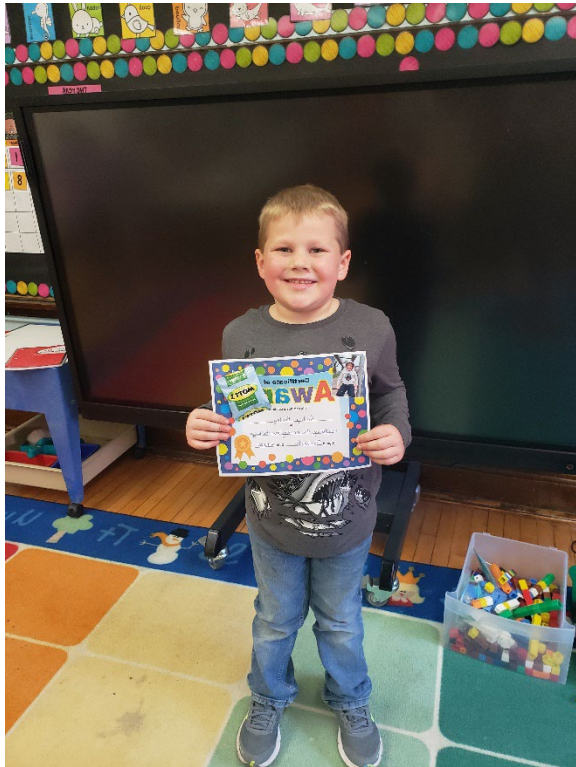
We participated in the solar eclipse viewing on Monday April 8th. The study to prepare for the phenomenon included watching some youtube presentations (planets, solar system, etc.), some direction following activities, journaling and LOTS of discussion about how our eyes work and eye safety during an eclipse. We talked about how old the students will be when this happens again in this area.... Our Kindergarten students will be 25!!.



What is the most logical snack during an eclipse? SUN CHIPS of course!!

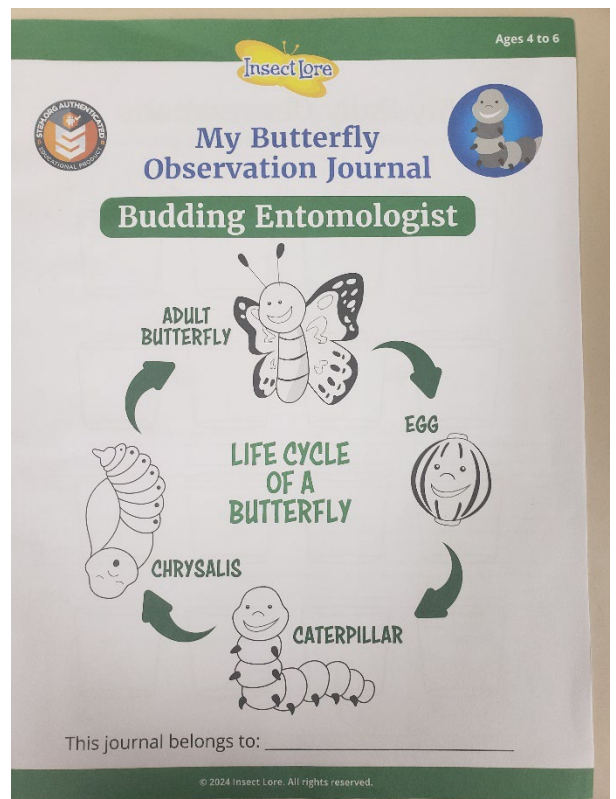


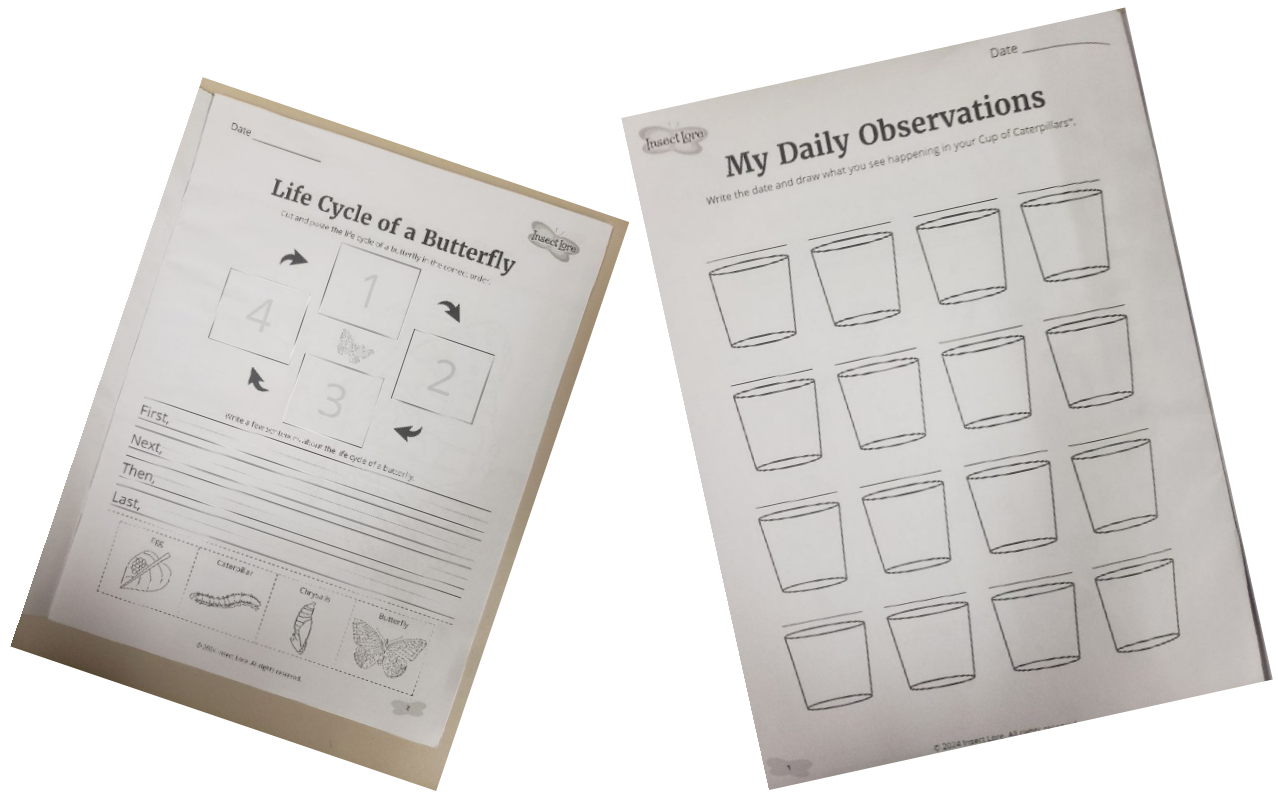




Two Kindergarten students completed Mrs. Bowker's "Monkey Bar Challenge!"

Washington School will continue to study lifecycles as part of our science curriculum. All of the chicken and duck eggs have hatched and moved to their new homes. We have received the yearly shipment of caterpillars and have begun that study as well! Students will continue to observe and collect data by watching these lifecycles unfold right before them!





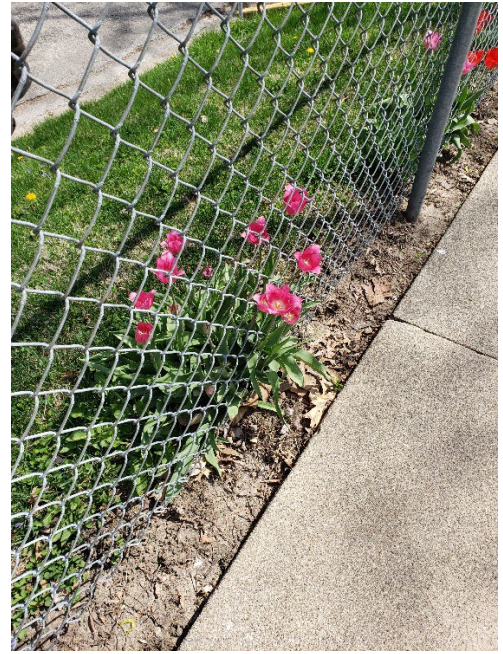
Kindergarten Pre-Registration and a virtual screening will be begin at the first part of May. The link will be released at that time. Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 on or before September 1st.

The PK screening link has been released for next year. You will find this information on the Panaschools web site and on the Washington School page. Additionally, it has been sent through Dojo to all of the parents of current Washington School students. They have been asked to spread the word!

Looking Ahead:

Earth Day will be on Monday April 22nd! Mother Nature has been putting on quite a beautiful show this month!.....





As we continue to celebrate our Earth, Mrs. Morrell's 2nd Grade class has been studying the Rainforest and how it effects and benefits the rest of our planet. They will be sharing the program with their parents digitally and she will be holding an open house on May 7 from 5-6pm at Washington School. Board members are invited to attend the open house, but if you are not able to come please contact Mrs. Morrell and she will gladly share the recording with you. Students at Washington will be tuning in to watch this wonderful celebration culminating their learning unit during our PBIS celebration.

We will be celebrating Mrs. Brown on April 23rd with a luncheon and lots of classroom honors. This is also day 143--- world I LOVE YOU Day :0)

April 26th will be the Kindergarten annual trip to the Scovill Zoo in Decatur. AND it will be the FFA Barnyard Zoo at the fairgrounds. Our very own FFA hosts this event and we are looking forward to the newest format of rotations and activities!

Thursday May 2, 2024 we will celebrate Art and Music with a Spring program at PHS. The Art show will be on display in the Panther Den and our music concert begins at 5:30 followed by the Lincoln School performance at 6:30. The kids have been working so hard to learn new songs and motions... The theme this year for the music is "Legends".

April 29-May 3 will be the Spring MAP testing week. We are looking forward to seeing the documentation of how much our kiddos have learned this year.

May 6-10 is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Make sure to say 'THANKS' to those are so dedicated and work so hard to influence our future!

May 21st will be our Track & Field Day.

May 22nd will be our all school Picnic and PBIS/CKH final celebration day.

Please continue to join us for photos and stories on the Panaschools web site. There are lots of fun and exciting things happening here!

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