



Pana Junior High
Juletta Ellis, Principal
Report to Board of Education
November 2017

Enrollment:

6th Grade: 89
7th Grade: 111
8th Grade: 87
Total: 287

Attendance:

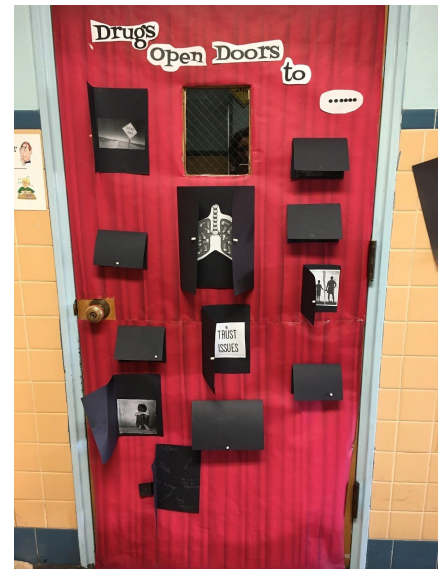
6th Grade: 95.65%
7th Grade: 95.86%
8th Grade: 95.93%
Total: 95.81%

Report Cards for 1st quarter were sent home with students on Friday, October 20th.

Red Ribbon Week was held October 23rd-27th. Members of Student Council formed a committee with Mrs. Sowarsh to plan fun activities for the week, which included: Lay off drugs! (comfy clothes), Too smart to start! (nerd day), Wear red for Red Ribbon, Give drugs the boot! (wear boots), and Team up against drugs! (favorite sports team). On Thursday of that week, the homeroom teachers held a kitchen table style lunch with students to discuss making wise choices as a “family” gathered around the dinner table. The homerooms also decorated their doors in a contest and the winning homeroom (Mrs. Perry’s) received a prize.

PJHS conducted a Code Red lockdown drill with the assistance of the Pana Police Department. It was conducted during a lunch period to help both teachers and students plan should an event occur during a time of less structure. Chief Bland attending the building meeting the following week to help answer staff questions and discuss the best ways to respond in a lockdown situation.

Special thanks to Mrs. Mayhall, Mrs. Ade, and the Student Council for organizing the schoolwide Fall fundraiser. They decided to go with a new approach selling some unique items, Cardinals calendars and trash bags!



October Students of the Month were named for their commitment to excellent academics and outstanding character.

- 6th grade: Madison Slayton and Ryan Karbach
- 7th grade: Brant Bowker and Hayleigh Manuel
- 8th grade: Toby Barringer and Kassie Weideman

The Panther Den organized a Veteran’s Day Ceremony and Assembly on Thursday, November 9th. It included a flag folding ceremony by members of the American Legion, recognition of past and present service members, presentation of the the white clothed table, and a performance by the junior high choir. (Photos below)



A Title I family engagement night was held Thursday, November 9th. The theme was Panther Perks which included a coffeehouse style open-mic. Students submitted original pieces of writing and read them aloud while the audience enjoyed muffins, coffee, and hot chocolate. Thanks to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Kallal for organizing a fun night!



American Education Week was November 13-17. PJHS Student Council decorated the lounge for teachers and treated them to lunch from Subway. The PEF also provided cookies, and Peoples Bank gave drawstring bags to staff. Special thanks to teachers, families, paraprofessionals, and substitutes who contribute daily to making public education great!

The 8th Grade class took a field trip to the Holocaust Museum in St. Louis. The students toured the museum and were able to listen to a Holocaust survivor of Auschwitz speak about his experiences.

Eighth grade night for Girls' Basketball was held on Tuesday, November 14th. Eighth grade players and their parents/guardians were recognized at the game.

Upcoming Events:

11/22--2nd Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home

11/20-11/29--7th and 8th grade Girls' Basketball Regionals will be hosted at PJHS