



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

January Panther Prowl

“Birthday Corner”

Erica LaMarche- February 14th

Dr. Lett- February 14th

Current Enrollment= 310 PREP/EC= 51 Kindergarten= 80 Grade 1= 93 Grade 2= 86

December was a tough month for Washington School students. We battled a lot of flu and fevers before Christmas break. Our building wide attendance was down from 91.4% last year to just 85% this year. Specific grade level percentages: PREP/EC – 81.5%, Kindergarten- 83.98%, Grade 1 with 86.11 % and Grade 2 with 87.21%. Last December, all grade levels were above 90% for the month. The December Dilly Bar classroom attendance award went to Mrs. Schmitz 1st Grade class with a 90.88% attendance rate. (down from 97.52% last year) Congratulations to all these students who were healthy and able to be in attendance during the month. We were happy to have them healthy and ready to learn. We have great hopes for a better January!

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings winners were: Addison Handy, Leigha Rogers, Nash Koches, Charlee Clements, Mallorie Kaiser, Masyn Webb, Brandon Nixon, Dallas Hubbartt, Willow Schneider, Tessa Clements, Kyle Whennen, Cadence Jones, Maci Morrell, Andrew Whitlatch, Peyton Koontz, Bentley Bland, Ben Smedley, Masyn Webb, Colby Boykin, Ryker Spracklen, Jace Allsop, Jaylynn Ponzel, Evan Carnahan, Ryan Foster, Alexis Linn, Charlee Semro, Savannah Swafford, Royal Jackson, Jordynn Eck, Tru Kaiser, Liam Beck, Alivia Ginger, Kaiden Voyles, Nyna Fleharty, Logan Moreland, Gracie Thompson, Vegas Covarrubias, Jondell Williams, LeeAnn Foster, Payson Ashcraft, Carissa Smith, Bentlee Pope, Dayton Crow, Alyssa Pieper, Olivia Patton, Anthony Rochkes, Nancy Presnell, Ace Spinner, Ty Strawn, Cartyr Seaton, and Aidin Niehart. In recognition of their positive behaviors, each student was awarded a book during the weekly award. These students were also invited to be part of the “Front Row Club” during the Kindness Kounts/ Character Education assembly on December 20th. Congratulations to all of these students and thanks for being examples of good behavior in action!!

The Washington School Family Christmas Concert was held at Pana High School gym on Monday December 5th at 7pm. This year, grades 3 and 4 joined us for the extravaganza! As usual, the place was PACKED with standing room only. We even needed 4 additional sets of bleachers to be brought into the big gym to accommodate some of the overflow.....WOW!!! Students came in their best holiday attire and performed amazingly for their families and friends. There was also a wonderful display of projects on the walls and in the Panther Den that were created by students in Art class during the prior months. An enjoyable time was had by all.

On December 20th, we celebrated good behavior and good character with an assembly in the gym. Students recognized for their kindness were: Jeffery Scoles, Raustin Dull, Daetona Davis, Morgan Reynolds, Spencer Peters, Kadence Rochkes, Olivia Patton, Carter George, Addasyn Casner, Harrison Cothorn, Bailey Morgan, Aaron Moss, Sophia Painter, Mariah Durbin, Julia Mizeur and Kinlee Bennett. These students were awarded a certificate and got their picture in the newspaper. Following the assembly, students played “4 corners” in their classrooms.... with Mrs. Wysong calling the corners from the intercom in the office! We played music and enjoyed time cheering for and celebrating good behavior with our friends. Our classroom winners were: James Neal, Samantha Collins, Jacob Pickler, Kendall Cothorn, Savannah Swafford, Zion

Wieneke, Kenadie Ginger, Anthoni Hayes, Colten McFarland, Evan Ohl, Laycen Askins, Jordan Gordon, Charlee Semro and Parker Richards.

We also celebrated Citizenship winners at this assembly. Citizenship means being a contributing member of a group, a “citizen” of school. Citizens are considerate, helpful, and respect others and their property. The duty of a good citizen is to obey the laws (rules) and expect other citizens to do the same thing. Students celebrated for their citizenship contribution to Washington School were: Carlee Semro, Payson Ashcraft, Samantha Collins, Jeremiah Williams, Tess Casner, Sofia Ademi, Maddison Nihiser, Luke Fitzpatrick, Adelyn Anderson, McKylee Rhoades, Tyson Mizeur, Cartyr Seaton and Taytum Sloan. A very special THANK YOU goes out to all of the parents and families who reinforce good behavior each and every day in their homes. We are very proud of your children!

Santa delivered us our very own ELF to watch over us in the month of December. Our ELF moved around the school watching what was going on, but he tended to focus on the cafeteria for the first week. He moved around the building. At one point when he was reading a book to the “little people” on the table outside Mrs. Wysong’s office, someone touched him and created some “bad luck”. He toilet papered shut Mrs. Wysong’s office door the next day and ended up laying in bed all day because of the candy he took! He ended his tenure on December 21st when Santa came to visit us and caught him zip lining down the main hallway. Santa assured us that he would have a talk with our Elf and that when he returned next year, he would be on good behavior....even if someone in our school was NOT. That very last day of school, students celebrated the season with a pajama day at Washington School. Students participated in a sing-a-long and celebrated in their classrooms with teachers and friends—this event was sponsored by Mrs. Tynan, our ELF and Santa! There was a wonderful sing-a-long in the morning followed by classroom visits from Santa. He told us that he came to visit the students, and our resident Elf in final preparation of his list!! (and decided to take his ELF back to the North Pole) Everyone enjoyed the special experiences this month, and they truly put everyone in the holiday spirit!!

When we returned to school in January, we began with “bootcamp” to remind students of expected behaviors in the various settings. This year, we tried something new.... Intercom reminders each morning! On Tuesday we had reminders about the bathroom and the hallways, Wednesday was a discussion about the lunchroom expectations, Thursday was all about the playground and Friday culminated with discussions about appropriate behavior on the bus. Reminders of these expectations are done periodically, and we have seen some improvement in these areas.

During this same week, we did our Winter MAP testing. Students and staff were patient and worked very hard to do their best on this testing. According to the data, all grade levels increased their scores at the rate expected. We are very proud of how our students have grasped the testing format and taken their roles very seriously.

We have welcomed a student teacher to Washington School. She will be with us for the remainder of the school year in Ms. Hahnenkamp’s classroom. We are lucky to be able to share knowledge and expertise with the next generation of teachers!

100 Days of School will be celebrated on January 31st!! Watch for details in the next edition of the Prowl.

**“Working in partnership, PCUSD #8, students, parents
and community members will each do
his or her part to ensure
learning and success.”**