



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

“Birthday Corner”

June 1- Cindy Ashcraft
June 5- Laura Schmitz
June 5- Nancy Voudrie
June 8- Cc Corriveau
June 11- Whitney Reynolds
June 17- Jodi Reed
June 19- Julie Dressen
June 26- Kelly McKee
June 30- Heather Smith
August 23- Lila Stumpf
August 31- Lori Harlow

315 Students = PREP/EC- 57 Kindergarten- 77 Grade 1- 95 Grade 2- 86

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings Addison Handy, Savannah Swafford, Carisa Smith, Bentley Bland, Ben Smedley, Parker Richards, Madison Solomon, Gaibe Elliot, Jacelyn Klespitz, Jack Kile, Devin Dilley, Ryker Spracklen, Nyna Fleharty, Maci Morrell, Jade Heslop, Nash Koches, Jordynn Eck, Toby Brantley, Jeffery Davis, Jacob Pickler, Xton Green, Aubri Jones, Kaitlyn Spa, Parkir Woolard, Ben Beyers, and Aidin Niehart . 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 April Dilly Bar classroom attendance award went to Mrs. Beyers with a 96.64% attendance rate. PREP/EC had a rate of 89.83 % for the month, Kindergarten had an overall attendance rate of 94.02%, Grade 1 attendance rate was 93.60% and Grade 2 had the best attendance rate of 94.85%. The overall building rate averaged out to 93.07%. Congratulations to all these students who are in attendance and ready to learn each day.

Kindness Kounts winners for the month of April included Kaylin Compton, Andrew Whitlatch, Mark Schneider, Jordynn Eck, Dayton Crow, Karlee Hooper, Autumn Riley, Kezdyn Russell, Ryker Spracklen, Carly Bland, Lillian Jostes, Hope Haines, Mason Sewell, Drake Bland, Tymber Everly and Rylee Crow. 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 Character Trait for the month of April was Cooperation. Cooperation means working together with teachers and friends to make our school a better place. Students celebrated this month for their contributions to cooperation are: Keatyn Brooks, Jade Heslop, Sophia Leach, Briley Wilhour, Mallorie Kaiser, Aidan Hammond, Newt Campbell, Brooklyn Beck, Addasyn Casner, Kyle Whennen, Gwyn Keathley, Jacob Duncan and Madison Davis. Congratulations to these students but also to their parents for teaching them this valuable life skill! In the month of May, we will be celebrating patience.

The annual Kindergarten Screening was held May 10-12 at the Pana United Methodist Church. Parents turned in preliminary paperwork for next school year, and learn about the rules and expectations for Kindergarten while the students spend some time “playing” with the teachers. Students will also receive a preliminary hearing and vision screening.

April 27th was the spring Art/Music program for Washington School. Our theme this year was “Down on the Ranch, Cowboy life”. Students sang songs about the life of cowboys (and cowgirls) and performed them for their parents. Students created and displayed beautiful artwork, and then the families joined us for a good ole’ fashioned carnival that included a book fair, games and face painting. Mrs. Tarter and Mrs. Schmitz served over 400 bags of popcorn! The family attendance at this event was great, and it was so much fun to get to spend the evening with everyone.

A special thanks goes out to Brian Wood and the FFA members for their yearly presentation of the Barnyard Zoo. The rain didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of the kids, they LOVE getting up close and personal with the animals and seeing the equipment. Washington school and our future FFA students appreciate all the hard work put into this annual event. Thanks again for providing this experience for our children.

Mrs. Miller, Ms. Hahnenkamp, Mrs. Morrell and several students participated in the Pana Education Foundation Technology Showcase on Friday April 28. Students were able to ‘show off’ their projects and teach community leaders about the programs and apps they have learned and used during this year. It was a fun filled and enlightening afternoon.

Mrs. Morrell’s 2nd Grade class has been studying the Rainforest and how it effects and benefits the rest of our planet. They presented a program to their parents and invited guests on April 28th. They provided 3 different opportunities to view their performance, and many students joined the parents to view this exciting performance. It was a wonderful celebration culminating their learning unit.

Teacher Appreciation week was May 1-5. The PTO of Washington (and Lincoln) School(s) provided a delicious meal to staff in recognition and thanks for all the hard work done every day to benefit children. During this week; Caseys in Pana sent delicious cookies, the School Board members provided donuts, and McDonalds provided a “McNugget” meal to staff. Thank you to everyone who acknowledged our dedication and commitment to learning.

During the month of May, students in the PREP/EC program visited the Zoo in Springfield, went to Taylorville for a traveling zoo of exotic animals, and saw “the clown show” in Taylorville. It has been a field trip MONTH for them :0) Families and children alike have expressed appreciation for these opportunities provided by the PREP/EC program.

Kindergarten students visited Scovill Zoo in Decatur on May 9. Each year, the zoo makes many changes and provided new educational exhibits for the children and teachers to enjoy. The classes were lucky to have sunny and warm day to celebrate friendships and make Kindergarten Memories.

Washington School would also like to recognize Mr. Wood and the landscape class for their SERIOUS work in weeding and painting the ‘pencil’ around the welcome sign in the front of Washington School. The students came over on May 8 and 10 and dedicated some time to pulling/weeding the area and painting the outside of the flowerbed! It is BEAUTIFUL!!! They also took the time to till up the fence area on the south edge of the playground. Students will be planting this area with sunflowers and marigolds on May 22. Students have been growing the sunflowers in their classrooms and will be moving them outside on that day as part of the PBIS celebration. These flowers will provide additional food for the painted lady butterflies raised in the classrooms through a donation provided from International Paper.

This project will provide beautification for the playground area and will be enjoyed by many families over the summer and into the fall. Thank you Mr. Wood, students and International Paper for donating your resources to help us grow!

Students partnered with the Parks Revitalization Committee this year to assist in providing tables for our very own city parks. The focus this year is picnic tables for the pool area. The committee filled their trailer and made an initial drop off of 1,803 pounds of plastic on April 27. Mrs. Wysong will soon be taking the remainder of the plastic caps to Evansville Indiana be recycled. Our students have begun to collect Pennies for the Park through the last week of school. Please support our efforts, as we watch a combination of pennies (or other coins) and plastic materialize into all-weather benches and tables for our community.....

Classrooms are celebrating the last few days of the year with special May Days such as sunglass day, extra recess day, pick a new seat day etc... Students are super excited to celebrate these fun days and focus on the positive character traits we have learned about this year.

The PBIS team is busy organizing our Last Day Center Rotation Party. Parents have volunteered to supply items for our picnic lunch. Games and activities will be provided for the children to participate in.

Looking ahead:

- Grade 1 students will be visiting the Childrens' Museum in Decatur on May 15, and as part of their career studies they will visit Pana Community Hospital.
- Grade 2 will visit the public library.
- Mrs. Hilbert's young authors will be visiting Washington School on May 18 to share their original publications with our students.
- PREP graduation will be held in the PJHS auditorium on May 18 at 7pm.
- PBIS 'plant the fence' and character celebration on Monday May 22nd.
- Track & Field Day on Tuesday May 23rd.
- PBIS Centers and Rotation Party May 24th.

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