



## “Be a Part of the Pride!!”

### Staff Birthday Corner

Lila Stumpf- August 23

Stephanie Beyers- September 9

Barb Tarter- October 9

Jenny Lehn – September 3

Cheri Wysong- October 15

Linda Cross- September 22

Rebecca Mahnke- October 20

Erica McDonald- September 26

Lindsey Kerby- October 24

Melissa Daily- October 25

### **Current Enrollment 314 students:**

**PREP/EC=50; Kindergarten= 82; Grade 1= 93; Grade 2=87**

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Keatyn Brooks, James Neal, Marley Jerrell, Kadence Rochkes, Kinsley Seaton, Johnathan Wade, Kenley Cox, Shawna Kaiser, Parkir Woolard, Hope Haines, Jeffery Scoles, Jeremiah Williams, Jaycie Waters, Maddison Nihiser, Ethan Jostes, Carter George, Brayden Chrispen, Jamie Hunter, Aaron Moss, Caysin Lebon, Leigha Rogers, Axel Ginger, Maks Bailey, Daimona Coleman, Newt Campbell, Lilly Jostes, Carly Bland, Hunter Hocq and Bella Bennett. 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!!

1<sup>st</sup> Grade boys were treated to a short presentation by the local area boys scout council leadership. A brief overview of the scouting program in Pana was presented, and was followed up by an informational meeting for parents at the Pana Christian Church.

The RtI benchmarking sweep was completed the week of September 6-9. The children were extremely cooperative during the testing period and did an excellent job demonstrating their skill level. The data collected has been used to create individualized programs targeted at addressing the specific skill deficits of our children. Researched based interventions have begun, and another year of learning is under way.

The PREP/EC classroom will also be visiting the Pumpkin Patch on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>. Students have been studying about the life cycle of plants, how plants grow. This will be their culminating activity of the unit.

Mrs. Denning, the Parent Program Coordinator, hosted a SMART Buddy luncheon on Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The SMART Buddy program promotes learning for students by matching them with a big buddy who works with them weekly and helps to celebrate their accomplishments. This worthwhile program has grown every year and continues to provide wonderful learning partners to children.

Students have begun another year of “collection”. Students continue to collect soda tabs, plastic lids and box tops for education. We have placed the boxes for soda tabs and box tops in the hallway outside the office. Students at Washington and Lincoln collected 8 boxes of soda tabs last year for Ronald McDonald House Charities in Springfield.

Over the last 2 years, students at Washington and Lincoln School were able to recycle nearly 5,000 pounds of plastic caps and contribute to the purchase of benches for the playground and for the parks revitalization project! That is an amazing accomplishment that was achieved by the teamwork and caring of our

students. We will partner with them again this year to save enough plastic to provide several benches for the pool area of the park. Please contribute your plastic caps at Washington or Lincoln School and support our efforts to reduce waste in the landfill.

Thanks to all who are contributing to all of these programs. Please keep the caps, tabs, and coupons coming in!

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