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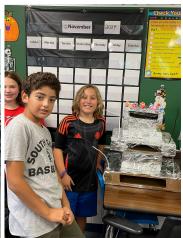
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Prairieview Elementary School November 2024 Board Report

Goal One - Learning

Prairieview students immersed themselves in exciting learning opportunities this month. Mrs. Gemmell continues her fine STEM work with teachers by utilizing different non-fiction texts at each grade level. Students read stories related to prominent Hispanic Americans and then conducted a related STEM activity. Thank you to TEAM 66 for the generous support of this initiative through their grant program! Our 5th graders also continued the tradition of traveling to Lakeview to exchange spooky stories with the 7th graders. Not only an excellent creative writing exercise, this experience introduces our upper elementary students to the junior high environment in a fun, welcoming environment. Thank you to the 7th grade team for collaborating with us!

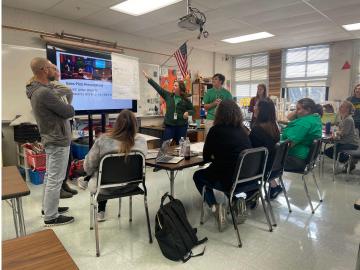






Teacher learning was also a priority at Prairieview this month. Several teachers attended training to study how to better use MAP reports to grow student achievement, and another group attended an IXL workshop to improve our use of the platform to build student self-direction. During our November 1st SIP day, classroom teachers took the role of students and experienced project-based learning through a new resource, Defined Learning. We will be using this resource in many subject areas, but especially in Science and Social Studies.





Goal Two - Whole Student Development



Our next "Habit of a Champion" is: **Empathetic!** An empathetic learner strives to demonstrate sensitivity and understanding for others and can look at, understand, and appreciate differences between others. One of the ways we're growing our empathetic learners is through community service. Our SEL/Sunshine Committee has organized a Fall Giving Drive, in hopes of collecting gently used articles of clothing for families in need. All are welcome to bring their gently used items to the PV office during November. Empathy is the

focus of my grade-level meetings this month, too. Classroom teachers utilize morning meetings to share stories, role-play, and build relationships. Empathic learners are always looking to grow and be kind!

Goal Three – Environment

Our building environment has been exciting over the last month, and we owe Team 66 a debt of gratitude for making that happen. This month our parent volunteers organized a book fair and ice cream social, Trunk or Treat, and all of our classroom Halloween events. Team 66 is invaluable in building our students' sense of community, and we are all grateful for what they do to impact our students. In fact - our building recognized them as our "Community Volunteers of the Year!" Below is a photo of a few Team 66 representatives Sarah Rajke and Kathy Barkauskas, along with other Prairieview building winners, as we celebrated our 2023-24 "Those Who Excel" winners. Thank you to Team 66 and our staff members who make this a perfect place to be a Prairieview Panther!

