



**Pana Junior High**  
**Juletta Ellis, Principal**  
**Report to Board of Education**  
**May 2018**

Enrollment:

6th Grade: 88  
 7th Grade: 113  
 8th Grade: 85  
 Total: 286

Attendance:

6th Grade: 95.22%  
 7th Grade: 94.83%  
 8th Grade: 94.85%  
 Total: 94.96%

April Students of the Month were recognized for outstanding academics, responsibility, and character. They included: 8th grade, Kady Perry and Canyon Dickey; 7th grade, Bethany Cothorn and Hailey Durham; and 6th grade, Faith Cothorn and Tayla Rhoades.



The 1st PCF Night (PBL and Curriculum Fair) was held April 17th. Each grade level was showcased various projects they had worked on throughout the year. We received a lot

of great feedback and the event was well attended. Special thanks to all who participated and to Mrs. Keeling for organizing it!



The 8th Grade Career Day was a huge success! Olivia Lett was the keynote speaker and a variety of professions from the medical field, to automotive, to insurance, to law enforcement, and beyond were represented. Thank you to the local and surrounding community members for participating and to Mrs. Sowarsh and Mr. Pierce for organizing another great event!



The 7th grade student participated in Earth Day activities on April 20th. Among other activities, the students helped to clean up the bike trail.

The 7th graders also took their field trip to the Lincoln Museum and Capitol on April 23rd.



The Illinois Science Assessment was

administered to 8th graders on April 23rd.

Selected 8th grade students participated in the Secret Annex with Ms. Beyers on April 24th. The students were isolated to one room and had to live in secret for one day to simulate how Anne Frank would have lived during the Holocaust.



The 6th graders took their class field trip to the St. Louis Science Center on May 3rd.

The final MAP test of the year was administered on May 9th.

Several students represented PJHS at the PEF Showcase on Friday, May 4th. The students showed great knowledge and enthusiasm for their learning and we were proud to have highlighted the ways we incorporate technology into the curriculum.



A student panel comprised of 6th graders visited 5th graders at Lincoln Elementary on May 10th to answer questions regarding the transition to junior high. An official 6th grade orientation will be held in August.

The first ever Senior Walk was held on May 11th. It was exciting for both students and teachers to share in celebrating the success of the Class of 2018.



Mr. Schmitz and students Grace Harmston, Grace Fitzpatrick, and Lizzie Schafer attended TECH 2018 at the State Capitol on May 10th. There they shared how they use technology in the classroom with Andy Manar and Avery Bourne.



The M2G end-of-year celebration was held on Wednesday, May 16th. The theme was a luau and mentors and their mentees ate a meal together and played games. Thank you to the M2G committee, Denise Dameris, Rosilyn Schutt, and Bonnie Sowarsh, as well as all the mentors for their time throughout the year and their commitment to helping some of our neediest students.



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#### Upcoming Events:

- The annual PJHS 5K race will be held at 9 A.M. on Tuesday, May 22nd. The rain date is Thursday the 24th.
- The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 24th at 6 P.M. in the PJHS Gymnasium.
- Honors Day for 6th and 7th grade students will be on Friday, May 25th at 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. respectively in the PJHS Auditorium.