

"Be a Part of the Pride!!"

<u>Staff Birthday Corner</u> Candy Byars- December 17

Amy Wicker- December 21

Current Enrollment: PREP/EC=70; Kindergarten= 81; Grade 1=81; Grade 2=66 October Attendance: Kindergarten 92.60%, 1st Grade= 95.99%; Grade 2=94.73%

Good Things

- Thank you to our Board of Education for their service. We are very lucky to have such dedicated and available leaders!
- Attendance above 92% at all grade levels this month
- Celebrations at Washington
- Kindness Kounts and Character Education Winners
- Teamwork
- Halloween
- Veterans Day and American Education Week
- CKH traction visit

In looking at our attendance numbers, Mrs. Schmitz class was the monthly Dilly Bar Attendance winner with a 96.61% attendance for the month!!! Way to go Schmitz kids!!—YOU GUYS ROCK!

The weekly panther paw winners from PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Aria Cox, Ava Perry, Rylee Hardy, Lincoln Horsthemke, Zoey Kile, Paris Kay, Hannah Bryson, Asher Breedlove, Grace Baldyga, June Dilley, Everhett Cervi, Axton Green, Braylon Schmitz, Zoey Norman, Brielle Weddle, Jace Mathis, Karsyn Sisk, Diem Schmitz, Mia Bennett, Andrew Gruber, Brantley Daniels, Jimmy Zhu, Hunter Cooper, Carter Neville, Elena Nees, Haden Hall, Zavrie Breedlove, Aurorua Taylor, Kyleigh Coy, Abigail Hopkins, Autumn Arndt, Gracelynn Neal, Lettie Ann Ginger, Jordan Collins, Delilah Denton, Aubree Cox, Cora Berner, Emma Jones, Isaiah Miles, Tay Reatherford, Cora Tarrant, Wyatt Sloan, Emmie Guiot, Layne Price, Logan Meachum, Makenzie Kiser, Leah Kaiser, and Hunter Daniels. Each of these students was awarded a book for being a great example of what it looks like to be respectful, safe, and ready to learn! They also had the privilege of being a "VIP" in the Panther Paw Parade.

Mrs. Schafer (our very own head cook) donated pumpkins to all of the Kindergarten students and they decorated those white "ghost pumpkins" in art class the last week before Halloween! In addition to the Kindergarten donation she donated enough for two students from each class to also receive one! A good behavior drawing was held and the winners of the "ghost pumpkin" behavior awards were: Kyleigh Coy, Arwen Kerley, Abigail Hopkins, Laylah Keeton, Autumn Arndt, Ariel Getz, Gracelynn Neal, Zoey Mendenhall,

Lettie Ann Ginger, Kathreen Kemper, Jordan Collins, Kassandra Goodman, Deliliah Denton, Grace Smith, Aubree Cox and Harper Leach. Good behavior sure does have its rewards!!!

On October 28th we congratulated the Kindness Kounts winners for the month of October. Those winners were: Ruby Lyons, Rilee Sphar, Lcas Edwards, Rylee Hardy, Mason Presnell, Hannah Bryson, Vinnie Marcello, Lane Cvengros, Dane Coy, Grace Baldyga, Jimmy Zhu, Christina Scribner, Tripp Ermovick, and Isabella Lamb. These students were celebrated and awarded certificates for showing kindness to their peers and staff members! Their pictures are posted in the hallway at Washington School so we can continue to celebrate them throughout the month of November. Along with the Kindness Kounts winners we celebrated and awarded the October character trait winners for Self- Direct or Self-control. All month the students worked hard to demonstrate what it means to show self-control. Self-Control means leading yourself to who you want to be and thinking before you act and speak. It means controlling your temper, respecting others and their belongings, and sitting still and being quiet so that others can focus on learning! The following students were awarded for displaying those traits: Lilly Mills, Gage Christine, Lincoln Horsthemke, Anakin Haines, Keira Coy, Adria Anderson, Landon Stork, Caidence Enzor, Isom Adams, Alex Tucker, Rylan Davis and Makaelynn Childress. Congratulations to these students for showing self-control and helping make it easier for everyone around them to learn!

In November the students will be learning about Teamwork. Teamwork/Working Together means: working together as a team to reach a common goal. A good team member shows consideration, is helpful, does their part of the project, and is respectful towards others and their property. They share ideas and opinions and listen while others are speaking. Good team members give opinions, encourage others and disagree peacefully. A team member is someone who is a good citizen and is part of a community..... The community of a school, home or a sports team. All month we will be on the look-out for students who are demonstrating how to be good team members and we will celebrate them on Friday December 2nd. In December we will be looking for and celebrating RESPONSIBILITY.

We celebrated Bosses Day with a cowboy/cowgirl theme and Mrs. Wysong and her trusty horse galloped around the school all day lassoing good behavior! It was an amazing day and everyone enjoyed the celebration!





On October 21st, we celebrated the PTO fundraiser challenge... PTO challenged the kids to raise more funds than they did last year, and if they did- Mrs. Wysong promised to dress up like a chicken and the top

sellers got to bomb her with water balloons!! Jr. Chicken for the event was Aubree Berner. She was the top seller, and opted to throw instead of receive balloons..... Students throwing balloons were: Aubree, Woods Hawker, Oliver Bilyeu, Isaiah Miles, Cora Berner, Autumn Arndt, Karsyn Sisk, Adria Anderson, Paislee Mehlberg, Chloe Daniels, Brantlee Osborn, Olivia Lehn, Cruze Berner, Camden Mora and Blake Swenny. Check the website for the proof that they did an amazing job! (both raising funds AND pelting Mrs. Wysong with water balloons!)

All during the day of October 30th, the children and teachers celebrated Halloween. Originally, the parade was scheduled to be outside with parents/families being invited to come and watch.... Sadly, the weather did not cooperate and it started to rain right before we made our exit to the parade route outside. We had to switch gears quickly and invited everyone into the gym! It was super crowded down there, but there were lots of smiles as they enjoyed the spooky music and the fun costumes! There were many appreciative comments about this event, and parents were thrilled to be inside out of the rain :0). This is one of our largest parent participation events of the year, and thankfully this year we were able to share it with them in person.

Washington School celebrated Veterans and how thankful we are that they watched over our country so long ago. We are thankful also to those who continue to serve and keep us safe. Classrooms created cards that were distributed to Veterans, teachers talked about the colors of the flag, and what the folds mean when a flag is properly folded.

Washington School also celebrated American Education Week beginning on November 13th by focusing on different things each day. We kicked it off on Monday by wearing RED for Education. Tuesday we wore our sunglasses- because our future is so bright! On Wednesday- SCHOOL IS SUPER!! – Students brought notes and pictures to their teachers to say how thankful they are that she is so SUPER. Thursday we were "on the hunt for a great education" and celebrated by wearing our camouflage clothes. Finally on Friday we wore Orange and Blue because we are Proud to be Pana Panthers. Friday was also our CKH traction visit and we showed our coach (Shawna) how great it is to be a PANTHER!!

We had a great traction visit with our coach Shawna Beckerman! She gave us many affirmations about all of the great things we do here. We ended the day with a Process Champions meeting and are looking forward to a great year with CKH!

Reminders:

- 1. Thanksgiving Break will be November 23-27. Be thankful, make time and take the time to spend with those you love and cherish.
- 2. It is only 5 weeks until Christmas!!!

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