



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

January Panther Prowl

“Birthday Corner”

Erica LaMarche- February 14th

Current Enrollment= 341 PREP/EC= 67 Kindergarten= 96 Grade 1= 80 Grade 2= 98

Washington School has been spared the majority of sickness this year and our building wide attendance was up to 91% from just 85% last year! Specific grade level percentages: PREP/EC – 82.63%, Kindergarten- 91.84%, Grade 1 with 94.36% and Grade 2 with 94.04%. During December, all grade levels were above 90% with the exception of PREP/EC. The December Dilly Bar classroom attendance award went to Mrs. Lehn’s 2nd Grade class with a 96.52% attendance rate. (up 6% this year) Congratulations to all these students who were healthy and able to be in attendance during the month. We were happy to have them healthy and ready to learn. We have great hopes for continued health in January!

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings winners were: Cooper Cothorn, Kaidrix Casner, Tymber Evrley, Addie Reed, Charlee Clements, Jade Heslop, Sandra Stewart, Bentley Pope, Dillon Morris, Gabryel Logan, Jack Kile, Lowell Witt, Hallond Manuel, Ayris Denton, Bryor Dunn, Blaire Ade, Ady Standerfer, arisa Smith, Brandon Matthews-Patton, Lilli Frost, Kezley Doty, and Parker Lehn. In recognition of their positive behaviors, each student was awarded a book during the weekly award. These students were also invited to be part of the “Front Row Club” during the Kindness Kounts/ Character Education assembly on December 18th. Congratulations to all of these students and thanks for being examples of good behavior in action!!

The Washington School Family Christmas Concert was held at Pana High School gym on Monday December 11th at 630 pm. This year, grades 3 and 4 joined us for the extravaganza! As usual, the place was PACKED with standing room only. We even needed 4 additional sets of bleachers to be brought into the big gym to accommodate some of the overflow.....WOW!!! Students came in their best holiday attire and performed amazingly for their families and friends. There was also a wonderful display of projects on the walls and in the Panther Den that were created by students in Art class during the prior months. An enjoyable time was had by all.

On December 18th, we celebrated good behavior and good character with an assembly in the gym. Students recognized for their kindness were: Daxton Strehl, Alexis Ellenberg, Keegan Pope, Calli Ballew, Naphtali Allsop, Spencer Peters, Marley Jerrell, Claire Heldebrandt, Kenley Cox, HailieJo O’Rourke, Alyssa Pieper, Tyler McGuire, Mason Nihiser, Paul Hubbart, Colin Davis and Noelle Allsop. These students were awarded a certificate and got their picture in the newspaper. Following the assembly, students played “4 corners” in their classrooms.... with Mrs. Wysong calling the corners from the intercom in the office! We played music and enjoyed time cheering for and celebrating good behavior with our friends. Our classroom winners were: Kinley Moore, Graysen Meadows, Zaybree Fry, Raustin Dull, Gemma Armstrong, Jeffery Scoles, Kendra Steed, Zander Hawker, Nathan Allsop, Zakk Winter, Luke Fitzpatrick and Adelyn Anderson.

We also celebrated Citizenship winners at this assembly. Citizenship means being a contributing member of a group, a “citizen” of school. Citizens are considerate, helpful, and respect others and their property. The duty of a good citizen is to obey the laws (rules) and expect other citizens to do the same thing. Students celebrated for their citizenship contribution to Washington School were: Drake Bland, Julia Mizeur, Jack Morrell, Chase Price, Samantha Collins, Greyson Bauman, Payson Ashcraft, Mason Wright, Kenley

Cox, Rowyn Dagen, Devin Dilley and Kaiden Voyles. A very special THANK YOU goes out to all of the parents and families who reinforce good behavior each and every day in their homes. We are very proud of your children!

Santa delivered us our very own ELF to watch over us in the month of December. Our ELF moved around the school watching what was going on, but he tended to focus on the cafeteria for the first week. He moved around the building nightly. His adventures included: zip lining across the hallway from the office to the Title 1 Reading classroom, reading a book to the “little people” on the table outside Mrs. Wysong’s office, setting up a sales booth to sell Christmas Wreaths (but would not tell us how much so nobody actually got to buy one), building a marshmallow fort and having a snow ball fight with some stray army men hanging out across the hallway on the emergency light, laying on the hallway floor in a pile of empty candy wrappers from the ‘teacher candy’ he took from the office, and taking a bath in a tub full of marshmallows to get the sticky chocolate off his face (from all the candy). He ended his tenure on December 20th when Santa came to visit us and was caught hiding candy canes in the classrooms. Santa assured us that he would have a talk with our Elf and that when he returns next year, he will be on good behavior... even if someone in our school was NOT. That very last day of school, students celebrated the season with a pajama day at Washington School. Students participated in a sing-a-long and celebrated in their classrooms with teachers and friends—this event was sponsored by Mrs. Tynan, our ELF and Santa! There was a wonderful sing-a-long in the morning followed by classroom visits from Santa. He told us that he came to visit the students, and our resident Elf in final preparation of his list!! (and decided to take his ELF back to the North Pole) Everyone enjoyed the special experiences this month, and they truly put everyone in the holiday spirit!!

When we returned to school in January, we began with classroom “bootcamps” to remind students of expected behaviors in the various settings. This year, we tried something new.... Each morning we had reminders about the bathroom and the hallways, a discussion about the lunchroom expectations, and Friday was all about the playground and it culminated with discussions about appropriate behavior on the bus. Reminders of these expectations are done periodically, and we have seen some improvement in these areas.

During the following week, we did our Winter MAP testing. Students and staff were patient and worked very hard to do their best on this testing. According to the preliminary data, 1st and 2nd increased their scores at the rate expected. Kindergarten is completing their testing this week. We are very proud of how our students have grasped the testing format and taken their roles very seriously.

Upcoming excitement: 100 Days of School will be celebrated on January 31st!! Watch for details in the next edition of the Prowl.

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