



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

Staff Birthday Corner

Amanda West- August 22
Lila Stumpf- August 23
Dorothy Murrell- August 29
Lori Harlow- August 31

Jenny Lehn – September 3
Stephanie Beyers- September 9
Linda Cross- September 22
Amber Ginger- September 29

Cheri Wysong- October 15
Kelly LeDuc- October 16
Rebecca Mahnke- October 20
Shawn Collins- October 27

Current Enrollment 292 students: PREP/EC=69; Kindergarten= 64; Grade 1= 79; Grade 2=80

Attendance for August: PK- 95.64%; K-96.25%; 1st- 96.78%; 2nd- 96.18%

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride will began September 9th. They include: Benton Cothorn, Vayda Christer, Chloe Heldebrandt, Lila Edwards, Brycen West, Havyn Jerrell, Lukis Beck, Jocelyn Dudra, Olivia Tarrant, Lucy Ishmael, Hadyn Dagen and Zayden Powyszynski. The names of these students was read over the intercom, and they were awarded a book for their good behavior. These students will also be in the “Front Row Club” at our PBIS good behavior assembly on September 27th.

1st and 2nd Grade boys were treated to a short presentation by the local area Boys Scout Council Leadership on September 3rd. A brief overview of the scouting program in Pana was presented, and was followed up by an evening time informational meeting for parents.

The Tiered Level Intervention benchmarking sweep using MAP was completed the week of September 3-6. 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 had their first “Buddy Day” on Wed Sept 11th. Parents had the opportunity to come to school with their PK kiddo for an hour and participate in an activity. Thursday September 18th at 5pm will be the first family event of the year. Kiddos will bring their family to family bingo (with PRIZES and books for all!!). We are looking forward to a fun time of fellowship and networking with the PK parents.

Mrs. Denning, the Parent Program Coordinator, has begun her work with the program and the big buddies have picked up their informational packets. Visits have begun!!!! 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.

Please check out the live feed section on the Pana Schools website. Exciting things are happening at Washington School!!

Students would like to begin another year of “collection”, and we are looking for partners who are interested in purchasing benches made from our plastic cap collections. Over the last 4 years, students at Washington and Lincoln School were able to recycle nearly 10,000 pounds of plastic lids that would otherwise have ended up in the landfill. Sadly, if partners are not located soon, the program will be completely discontinued until we have used up the plastic currently in storage..... If you know of a business or organization who is interested in one (or more) of these benches, please share the Washington School contact information with them. Students will however continue to collect soda tabs and Box Tops for Education. We have placed the boxes for soda tabs and box tops in the hallway outside the office. Soda tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Springfield.

Thanks to all who are contributing to all of these programs. Please keep the 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.”**