



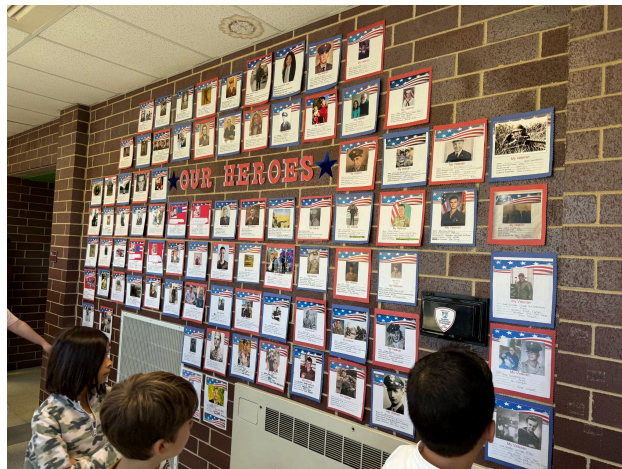
Prairieview Elementary School
December 2024 Board Report

Goal One – Learning

Our biggest event of the month was our annual fall parent teacher conferences. Many of these were student-led, allowing our students to focus on their goals, progress, and points of pride. This allowed us to demonstrate our *self-directed* learning characteristics! Several of our teachers are taking a leadership role in the transition to competency-based assessment & reporting. In Mrs. Herndon’s room, students are able to demonstrate different strategies for solving problems. This allowed them to help each other identify different solutions to problems, and therefore assess their mastery. Mrs. Eiland’s students worked together to solve problems, keeping track of their own pathway to proficiency while they did so. It’s exciting to see students take ownership of their learning with each other, and when reporting to parents. Finally, congratulations to Ms. Lindsay, who was named as the VFW Post 503 Teacher of the Year!



On Monday, November, 11th, Pairieview welcomed 22 veterans into our school to celebrate their service. Thank you to our community for bringing your families to see our students! Ms. Lindsay and Mrs. Csorba collaborated on a choir and slideshow celebration of our heroes, and Ms. Whitt organized a beautiful display of almost 50 veterans. A few 5th grade students even read speeches they wrote celebrating “What a Veteran Means to Me.” Congratulations to Aria Fardy, Lily McFarlin, and Lina Barkauskas on tremendous speeches. Most of all - thank you to our veterans for showing us what heroism is!



Goal Two – Whole Student Development



Our next “Habit of a Champion” is: **Collaborative!** A collaborator works together effectively and efficiently to meet a goal. Effective group members are interdependent, take on meaningful roles, and contribute meaningfully to the group. We all know the value of good collaboration - and the hassle when collaboration is poor - so prioritizing time to teach these skills is vital for student success. Our teachers are incorporating these lessons into morning meetings and learning activities within the classroom. A good example is this collaboration between Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Herndon. During a mid-morning snack break, these two classes join each other in some outside Yoga! Our staff modeling collaboration outside of the classroom and across grade

levels is an excellent example for our students to do the same!

Goal Three – Environment

Thank you to the Ellis family for their donation of tropical turtles! Their 4th grade son has been super helpful as we incorporate these new pets into our school environment. More than just pets, Mrs. Gemmell is hard at work connecting “Lettuce and Carrot” to our science curriculum. Look out for fun stories from your students of these guys visiting their classrooms!



Many of you visit our lunchroom to have “Lunch with my Learner.” We’re grateful for your continued partnership with parents connecting with students during this time. Not only does it “fill their bucket,” but it's wonderful to have other adults reinforcing our expectations and helping our students “take care of their place.” If you’ve visited our lunchroom, you know how important our lunch supervisors are to the “vibes” in our lunchroom. Thank you to Mrs. Kempe and Mrs. Gruzewski! They do everything from opening lunch boxes to resolving minor peer conflicts, not to mention go outside and help with students at recess. Our students have taken a big step forward this year in caring for their lunchroom, and we could not help our students grow without them!