



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

Enrollment:

6th Grade: 96
7th Grade: 90
8th Grade: 109
Total: 295 (up from 286 in May)

Attendance:

6th Grade: 96.37%
7th Grade: 95.63%
8th Grade: 95.51%
Average: 95.83%

We have recently completed Week 2 of a 5 week attendance challenge. So far, the teachers are narrowly in the lead with 96.26%, 7th and 8th grade are tied for 2nd with 95.43, and 6th grade is in 3rd with 95.03%. The group in the lead at the end of the 5 weeks will be the recipient of a Pop-Up Party.

Open House was held on August 24th. Three hundred sixty-one family members representing 133 students attended.

MAP testing was held on September 10th and 11th. Teachers are reviewing data and using it to plan curriculum and provide supplemental instruction to students.

The Panther Den planned a school-wide September 11th remembrance. Student gathered at the flagpole for a reading and to recite the pledge. Discussions regarding September 11th also took place throughout many classrooms.



A class meeting was held on September 12th. All 6-8 students watched the documentary entitled *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age*. The documentary discussed the responsibilities and researched effects of technology on the adolescent brain. Discussion with Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Sowarsh followed. A parent viewing was offered in conjunction with Taylorville Junior High on September 13th.

The inaugural season of junior high baseball and softball have wrapped up. It was exciting for coaches, parents, and students to see the program get off the ground. Girls' basketball season started on September 14th.



PBIS is in full swing. Teachers and students are continuing to have conversations about procedures and expectations. Those students who have been models of behavior have been recognized with positive office referrals, currency for school-wide drawing, and pop-up parties. Mrs. Ellis has had two pop-up parties: the 7th graders were recognized with "pop"sicles for great cafeteria behavior, and the 6th graders were recognized with Ring "Pops" for exemplary respect shown toward substitute teachers.

In addition, the first school-wide celebration was held on September 19th with a trip to Ramsey State Park. Students fished, hiked, made smores, and spent the day enjoying the outdoors!

The Unknown Class, who are continuing with the plan for the I.C.E. Box lab renovation, held a Family Fun Night event for the community. They sold concessions and yard signs and accepted donations for their cause. Activities offered at this event

were a cake walk, craft, Nerf war, bean bag toss, giant Jenga, and a 2 on 2 basketball tournament. Yard signs are still available for sale for \$15.



PJHS teachers have been busy learning and collaborating with curriculum discussions, co-teaching, and Aristotle training during PLC time on Wednesdays.

Progress reports were sent home on Thursday, September 20th.

Upcoming Events:

- Student-Led Conferences will take place on Thursday, October 4th.
- Staff will participate in the Regional Institute on Friday, October 5th.
- The end of the 1st quarter is October 19th.