



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

Staff Birthday Corner

Diane Williams- November 4
Rebecca Dagen- November 10
Tammy Deere- November 13
Kim Hahnenkamp- November 14
Elaine Litton- November 29

Current Enrollment: PREP/EC=63; Kindergarten= 74; Grade 1=91; Grade 2=83
Attendance: PK 90.2%, Kindergarten 95.92%, Grade 1 94.21%, Grade 2 96.15%

Mrs. Jones 1st Grade class was the monthly Dilly Bar Attendance winner with a 97.90% attendance for the month!!! Way to go Mrs. Jones class—YOU ROCK!

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Mason Nihiser, Mykel Allen, Mason Smith, Kouper Brooks, Rowen Moon, Hudson Sims, Lucy Ishmael, Julia Adam, Payson Ashcraft, Morgan Litz, Evelyn Cervi, Aver Pope, Wyatt Thompson, Kaidrix Casner, Amar’e Ward, Graysen Meadows, Keatyn Brooks, Greyson Bauman, Teig Dagen, Vincent Lebon, Carrigan Boykin, Jayden Hussain, Kynlie Durbin, Alexis Ellenberg Amar’e Ward, Jack Morrell, Parker Durham, Caarisa Smith, Claire Heldebrandt and Dayton Crow. In recognition of their positive behaviors, each student was awarded a book. Congratulations to all of these students and thanks for being examples of good behavior in action!!

The Kindness Counts winners for the month of September were: Brylee Goff, Syllis Anderson, Kouper Brooks, Avery Pope, Will Sarver, Brycen West, Blaire Ade, Alawna Haines, Jeff Scoles, Julia Adam, Joli Morrison, Morgan Reynolds, William Chernisky, Alaina Kohute, Jesse Riley and Archer Roberts. During our PBIS assembly we discussed positive Character Traits and talked about what it means to be Kind and also to be Responsible. Responsibility means: Thinking before you act or talk and what will happen because of it, do only good things, Fix your mistakes- clean up your own messes, Do your jobs and do your best, finish your work before you play, and KEEP TRYING- never give up! At the end of October, we will celebrate one student from each class who has shown true character and kindness during the month! We will be watching for random acts of kindness and demonstrations of responsible behaviors!!

Washington School, Lincoln School and Pana Junior High School staff worked together to host their Annual Title 1 School-Wide Meeting on September 27, 2018 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the School-Wide Title I programs to the parents/guardians of students that attend all 3 Title I Schools. We prepared for the students to play Bingo and their parents watch a power point presentation. A short survey of 6 questions was used as an exit ticket. Studies show that children do better in school when parents are involved in school functions, so a big applause goes out to any parent who makes their child’s education a priority. Please note; the Plans/Policies for the schools were discussed at this meeting. You will be able to find and view these documents as well as other resources on the Pana Schools webpage (www.panaschools.com) by December 1, 2018. Please contact Mrs. Wysong or the Title I teachers if you have any questions or comments.

Staff continues their professional development each Wednesday as they focus their attention on the new reading series and providing students with a coordinated and complete reading and language arts program. Students have enjoyed the first unit on government....

The Mobile Dentist was here on October 1st and 2nd. They were able to do check-ups on many students and make referrals for students who need cavities filled. Sealants were put on many baby teeth to help protect

them until it is time for them to come out. This is a valuable service to our families who don't have dental insurance or access to dental care. Thanks Miles of Smiles for coming to see us!

Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday October 4th. We had a really good turnout, with 89.6% of parents seeing teachers that day/night and a few left to finish this week. We hope to achieve 100% by the end of the 9 weeks!

On Friday October 5th, Pana hosted the 2018 ROE Fall Conference at the PJHS/PHS complex. Many seminars and speakers (including some of our very own!) provided a multitude of educational opportunities for teachers from Pana and surrounding districts. Thanks to everyone at the ROE for all the hard work putting together such a valuable event!!!

Eighty-two Second Grade students went to the Okaw Valley Apple Orchard near Sullivan on October 9th. The students took a tour of the orchard and learned about growing and harvesting apples. Each student got to harvest four apples. There were also tours of the apple cider room and the sorting room. A live honeybee hive was observed through a glass case. Each student got an apple sipper filled with apple cider and an apple donut. There was also time for a picnic and playing on the playground. It was a great trip even considering the beautiful weather!

October is Fire Prevention Month. The students have practiced moving quickly and quietly out of the building in anticipation of impressing the fire men on their visit. The day came on October 10th. The firemen surprised the children with a fire drill, and although they have practiced many times with their teachers, this was the first time Kindergarten and Pre-school children have ever heard the alarm.... It was LOUD!!! After the all clear was given, the Kindergarten students were treated to a fire truck ride! After the rides, the firemen spoke with the Kindergarten and Pre-K students about fire safety and making good choices when near matches or fire. The firemen also showed them the gear that firemen wear when they are on duty so that the students would not be afraid if they were ever in such a dangerous situation. The firemen made time to answer student questions. Thanks go out to these men who gave their time to talk to our students about safety and make this a special event for them. ** also a special thank you to the Hartford Group who sponsored the purchase of fire hats and draw string back packs full of fire prevention information for kiddos! We are also sending home the reminders about the Open House at the fire station and how to obtain smoke alarms if they don't have one in their homes.

On October 3rd, the first grade classes visited the Pana Fire Station. They were able to see the many different trucks that the firemen use in an emergency. They also got to see Mrs. Schmitz and Ms. Wicker get raised WAY WAY up high!!! Once they let them back down to earth, students learned about some of the dangerous things that could start a fire and what to do in case of a fire. They got to take their own ride on a fire truck that day! The students had so much fun and were so excited to receive workbooks and fire safety packets!! Many children told us that they went home and shared what they had learned with their parents! A big thanks to the Pana Fire Department for all the time put into the first grade tour and the grade level appropriate presentations – the kids learned so much!

October 22-26 is Bus Safety Week. The students at Washington School have practiced safety precautions during their PBIS training and the evacuation procedures on October 10th for Mr. Stauder. We think we are prepared in case of emergency!!

Reminder: soda tabs, box tops and clean and dry plastic lids continue to be recycled for worthy causes. Please send your donations with a student or drop them off at Washington School during school hours.

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learning and success.”**