



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

“Birthday Corner”

June 1- Cindy Ashcraft

June 5- Laura Schmitz

June 11- Whitney Reynolds

June 17- Jodi Reed

June 19- Julie Dressen

June 30- Heather Smith

August 23- Lila Stumpf

August 31- Lori Harlow

342 Students = PREP/EC- 70 Kindergarten- 99 Grade 1- 79 Grade 2- 94

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Piper Morrison, Lucy Ishmael, Kyker King, Havannah Jones, Mallory Litz, Zander Hawker, Keatyn Brooks, Bentlee Pope, Benjamin Lash, Ryker Spracklen, Emma Deck, Drake Bland, Alawna Haines, Rylee Crow, Aubree Bird, Gabe Lindsay, Madison Heintz, Spencer Peters, Malcolm Wright, Ethan Jostes, Alyssa Pieper, Jaxson Morgason, Dallas Hubbartt, Chasity Durbin, Ayris Denton, Violet Budds, Ryan Matthews, Tess Casner, Claire Heldebrandt, Greyson Bauman, Fisher Ellis, Rowyn Dagen, Adelyn Anderson, Luke Fitzpatrick, and Aleksandra Harlan. In recognition of their positive behaviors, each student was awarded a book and was seated in the “Front Row Club” during the monthly PBIS celebration. Congratulations to all of these students and thanks for being examples of good behavior in action!!

The April Dilly Bar classroom attendance award went to Ms. Hahnenkamp with a 96.40% attendance rate. The ½ day PREP/EC had a rate of 88.28% for the month, the full day PREP expansion grant had an attendance rate slightly higher with a 90.0%. Kindergarten had an overall attendance rate of 93.96%, Grade 1 was just a bit higher with an attendance rate of 94.05%. Grade 2 had the best attendance rate overall with a 94.61%. The overall building rate averaged out to 86.18%. Congratulations to all the students who are in attendance and ready to learn each day.

Kindness Kounts winners for the month of April included Kinley Moore, Julia Mizeur, Dakota Smith, Kouper Brooks, Jordyn Gates, Greyson Bauman, Brynlee Tipword, Zander Hawker, Addilyn Coleman, Grayson Christer, Skylar Hicks and Jordan Gordon. Way to go students!!! We are very proud of the things you do each and every day to make your teachers and classmates appreciate your kindness.

The Character Trait for the month of April was Cooperation. Cooperation means working together with teachers and friends to make our school a better place. Students celebrated this month for their contributions to cooperation are: Cooper Cothorn, Ayris Denton, Blaire Ade, Ryker King, Cody Heinrich, Keatyn Brooks, Lilli Frost, Carisa Smith, Travis Miller, Xton Green, Sofia Ademi and Natasha Rowcliffe. Congratulations to these students but also to their parents for teaching them this valuable life skill! In the month of May, we will be celebrating patience.

The 2018 graduating classes of Head Start and PREP toured Washington School in preparation for entering Kindergarten in the fall. Parents stopped by and pre-registered their students for next year. This

process included turning in preliminary paperwork and making an appointment for their child to participate in the academic readiness screenings to be held May 16-18.

April 26th was the spring Art/Music program for Washington School. Our theme this year was “Back in the Day- the 50’s”. Students sang songs about life in the 50’s for their parents. Students created and displayed beautiful artwork, and then the families joined us for a good ole’ fashioned carnival that included a book fair, games and face painting. Mrs. Beyers and Mrs. Schmitz served over 500 bags of popcorn! The family attendance at this event was great, and it was so much fun to get to spend the evening with everyone.

A special thanks goes out to Brian Wood and the FFA members for their yearly presentation of the Barnyard Zoo on May 10th. The rain the day before didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of the kids, they LOVE getting up close and personal with the animals and seeing the equipment. Washington school and our future FFA students appreciate all the hard work put into this annual event. Thanks again for providing this experience for our children.

Mrs. Morrell’s 2nd Grade class has been studying the Rainforest and how it effects and benefits the rest of our planet. They presented a program to their parents and invited guests on April 27th. They provided 3 different opportunities to view their performance, and many students joined the parents to view this exciting performance. It was a wonderful celebration culminating their learning unit..... and on a side note, during their research projects about the rainforest resources the students noticed the amount of plastic bottles that were being thrown away right inside our own building. They brought a proposal to Mrs. Wysong that included a plan for creating a system to collect and recycle those bottles instead of letting them end up in the dump. Students gathered recycling bins and made signs for distribution around the building. To date they have recycled more than a DOZEN large trash bags of plastic bottles. Thank you to Mrs. Morrell for creating such global awareness in our students.

Cooperation and collaboration was ‘in the air’ at Washington this month with the inclusion of a team STEM project with PJHS. Mr. Schmitz brought students to Mrs. Rodman’s class to collaborate in the creation and testing of parachute designs. HUGE fun was had by all in addition to lots of learning (disguised as play). Thanks to Mr. Schmitz and Mrs. Rodman for their time and energy to collaborate and provide this opportunity for our students!

Teacher Appreciation week was May 7-11. The PTO of Washington (and Lincoln) School(s) provided a delicious meal to staff in recognition and thanks for all the hard work done every day to benefit children. During this week, someone sent us delicious cookies and the School Board sent us donuts for breakfast (or mid-morning snack?). Thank you to everyone who acknowledged our dedication and commitment to learning.

On May 11th, the 2018 Graduating Class of Pana High School came to visit our school for a “Parade of Graduates”. Students cheered and celebrated the hard work and dedication that it takes to become a High School graduate. Teachers and students alike were thrilled to see these “oldies” celebrated by the “little ones” and more than one pride filled tear was shed by staff members..... It was wonderful to be able to celebrate these young people and their accomplishment!!

During the month of May, students in the PREP Expansion grant program visited the Zoo in Springfield in addition to the family events held every month this year. Families and children alike have expressed appreciation for all of these opportunities provided by the PREP/EC/Expansion grant program.

Kindergarten students visited Scovill Zoo in Decatur on May 15. Each year, the zoo makes many changes and provides new educational exhibits for the children and teachers to enjoy. The classes were lucky to have sunny and warm day to celebrate friendships and make Kindergarten Memories.

The annual Kindergarten Screening was held May 16-18 at the Pana United Methodist Church. Parents turned in preliminary paperwork for next school year, and learn about the rules and expectations for Kindergarten while the students spend some time “playing” with the teachers. Reports were shared with parents outlining student strengths and area of challenge. This paperwork included suggestions of activities to share with their child to strengthen all areas of the brain. Students also received a preliminary hearing and vision screening by the school nurse.

Classrooms will celebrate the last few days of the year with special May Days such as sunglass day, extra recess day, pick a new seat day etc... Students are super excited to celebrate these fun days and focus on the positive character traits we have learned about this year.

The PBIS team is busy organizing our Last Day Center Rotation Party. Parents have volunteered to supply items for our picnic lunch. Games and activities will be provided for the children to participate in.

Grade 1 students visited the Children’s Museum in Decatur on May 16. Students participated in many hands on science and STEM related activities during their trip. They also visited Pana Community Hospital as part of their career studies unit. They were able to see the new construction and learn about the future plans. Students returned FULL of important information to share with their parents and the others here in the building!

Looking ahead:

- Grade 2 will visit the public library on May 22.
- Mrs. Hilbert’s young authors will be visiting Washington School on May 21 to share their original publications with our students.
- The PBIS character celebration will be held on Tuesday May 22nd.
- Track & Field Day on Thursday May 24th at the High School Track.
- PBIS Centers and Rotation Party on Friday May 25th.

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and community members will each do
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