



“Be a Part of the Pride!!”

Staff Birthday Corner

Diane Williams- November 4

Tammy Deere- November 13

Kim Hahnenkamp- November 14

Elaine Litton- November 29

Current Enrollment: PREP/EC=65; Kindergarten= 92; Grade 1=81; Grade 2=97

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Piper Morrison, Alaina Haines, Hunter Walter, Graysen Meadows, Kaylin Compton, Madison Heintz, Jeff Scoles, Axle Ginger, Benjamin Lash, Jaycie Waters, Addasyn Casner and Chase Thevenot. 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!!

There were no Kindness Kounts winners for the month of September. 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!!

Bingo, Handouts, and a Power Point presentation! Washington School staff hosted their Annual Title 1 School-Wide Meeting on October 2, 2017 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the School-Wide Title I program to the parents/guardians of students that attend Washington School. The Washington School students played Bingo and their parents watched a power point presentation and completed a short survey of 6 questions. The meeting also provided Washington School families the opportunity to interact with staff and ask questions if needed. Studies show that children do better in school when parents are involved in school functions, so a big applause goes out to those that participated. Please note; the Plans/Policies for Washington School 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, 2017. Please contact Mrs. Mahnke (Reading Intervention Teacher) at rmahnke@panaschools.com or Mrs. Denning (Math Intervention Teacher) at cdenning@panaschools.com if you have any questions or comments.

In looking at our attendance numbers, Pre-K attendance average was 91.39%, Kindergarten at 95.11%, Grade 1 was 96.76% and Grade 2 averaged 97.72%. Ms. Hahnenkamp's 2nd Grade class was the monthly Dilly Bar Attendance winner with a 99.09% attendance for the month!!! Way to go Ms. Hahnenkamp's class—YOU ROCK!

Staff continues their professional development each Wednesday as they continue to work on vertical alignment of the grade level standards to the overall State Standards. Curriculum decisions are based on the data they receive during their common formative assessments and their unit tests. These quizzes and tests will provide additional insight into student performance, and be used to determine interventions and guide classroom instruction. They have also developed Student Learner Objectives (SLO) to be used as a year long assessment to help guide instruction and determine classroom/ individual student needs.

The Mobile Dentist was here on September 28th and 29th. 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 to Miles of Smiles for coming to see us!

Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday October 5th. We had a really good turnout, with 88% 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 6th, staff from Pana were able to participate in the 2017 ROE Fall Conference: GooglePalooza!!! Many seminars and speakers (including our very own Jessica Miller) provided a multitude of educational opportunities for teachers from Pana and surrounding districts to learn more about the google platform and what can be done in the classroom with students. Thanks to everyone at the ROE for all the hard work putting together such a valuable event!!!

Ninety seven Second Grade students went to the Okaw Valley Apple Orchard near Sullivan on October 3rd. 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 with beautiful weather!

October is Fire Prevention Month. The students at Washington School will be visited by the Pana Fire Department on October 12th. The firemen will surprise the children with a fire drill, and although they have practiced many times with their teachers, this will be the first time Kindergarten and Pre-school children hear the alarm. The students have practiced moving quickly and quietly out of the building (cleared the building in 1:28 at last practice). After the all clear is given, firemen will speak with the Kindergarten and Pre-K students about fire safety and making good choices and they will show them the gear that firemen wear when they are on duty so that the students will not be afraid if they were ever in such a dangerous situation. The firemen will make time to answer student questions and when all the questions have been answered, the Kindergarten students will be treated to a fire truck ride!! Thanks go out to these men who give their time to talk to our students about safety and make this a special event for them.

On October 4th, 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 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 16-20 is Bus Safety Week. The students at Washington School have practiced safety precautions during their PBIS training and will practice the evacuation procedures again October 23rd for Mrs. Ade. 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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