



## “Be a Part of the Pride!!”

### “Birthday Corner”

May 10- Jodi Jannink

May 22- Lauren Assalley

May 27- Patti Tynan

May 30- Meg Daugherty

PREP/EC- 68 students    Kindergarten- 75 students    Grade 1- 89 students    Grade 2- 84 students

The weekly Panther Paw winners from the PBIS- Be a Part of the Pride drawings were Emalynn Enzor, Raylan Ginger, Mason Smith, Lillie Ferris, Leah Compton, Hadyn Dagen, Ashton Freeman, Toby Brantley, Kendra Steed, Tess Casner, Samantha Collins, Daetona Davis, Morgan Litz, Meyer Ellis, Tyson Beaty, Natalie Ellis, Drake Bland, Bryor Dunn, Jaxon Clements, Jase Cravens, Zaiden Perry, Kaylin Compton, Leland Blake, Gavin Stark, Mykell Allen, Carrigan Boykin, Wyatt Bauman, Brylan Speer, Alexis Ellenberg, Brycen West, Lucy Ishmael, Mason Wright, Mallorie Kaiser, Zya Cushing and Samantha Stewart. 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 March Dilly Bar classroom attendance award went to Mrs. Crawford with a 96.16% attendance rate. The PREP/EC had a rate of 86.29% for the month, Kindergarten had an overall attendance rate of 91.68%, Grade 1 had an attendance rate of 94.54%, and Grade 2 had an attendance rate of 93.85%. The overall building rate averaged out to 91.59%. Congratulations to all these students who are in attendance and ready to learn each day.

On March 28, Washington School and the Pana Education Foundation hosted a community concert with “Babaloo”, a one man musical comedy act. There was a ton of fun and excitement for kids of all ages.... The evening culminated with a ‘bubble storm’! The event was free to the public. 165 people took advantage of this exciting evening.

On April 3-5, Debbie LeVault from Christian County Solid Waste Management visited Washington School to talk about the importance of recycling. All first grade students participated in a sorting relay race to better understand recyclable items. Kindergarten students practiced how to identify recyclable materials and keeping the earth clean. Grade 2 students concentrated on how to reduce the amount of trash put into the landfills each year. Everyone came away with a better understanding of our responsibility to the future of our planet.

The Kindness Kounts and Character Education Assembly was held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Kindness Kounts winners for the month of March included: Gavin Stark, Evelyn Cervi, Paige Heintz, Nevin Wills, Lucas Matthews, Allison Perry, Gracie Simpson, Westyn Swiney, Gemma Armstrong, Thomas Vilardo, Mallorie Kaiser and James Neal . 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 Monthly Character trait for April was Cooperation. A cooperative person listens, shares, takes turns, compromises when they need to, does their part, shows appreciation, encourages others and includes everyone! The students celebrated for their Cooperation were: Kaylynn Bland, Mason Hoehn, Jocelyn Dudra, Lukis Beck, Zaybree Fry, Norah Matthews, JoLeigh Hebenstreit, Jazlyn Pickler, Claire Heldebrandt, Keatyn Brooks, Zander Hawker and Samantha Stewart. Congratulations to these students and also to the parents who have taught their children to work together with others to make life easier on everyone.... And to be part of the team to get things done!

This month following the Kindness Kounts and Character Ed celebration assembly, students at Washington School celebrated their good behavior with free choice time outside in the sunshine!!! Thanks PBIS team for coming up with such fun events, and students for making life so much fun for us!

The Good Deeds Club from Pana High School organized an after school 'Super Hero Day' for any student K-2 who wanted to come. They sent out permission slips and developed a plan for the afternoon. The event was held on April 26 from 3:00-5:30 in the Washington School gym. Activities included: making a cape and a mask, picking a super hero name, bingo, outdoor obstacle course, striking poses/flying/taking pictures in their cape and mask, and making slime! 95 students attended the event and a great time was had by ALL!!



The Washington School spring Art/Music celebration was held at Pana High School on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Students treated their parents and families to an assortment of folk songs before taking them around to the photo booth, book fair and carnival games and activities. The entire evening was like a real indoor carnival... including the popcorn!! The Pana PTO was gracious enough to host a book fair to provide the opportunity for parents to purchase books for their students to read over the summer... We had a fun and exciting evening of talent and celebration!! Big thanks go to Mrs. Tynan, Mrs. Holman, PTO and the Washington School Staff for all of their hard work and leadership to get this amazing event planned!

Kindergarten Pre-Registration was held on April 25<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>st</sup> in the Library of Washington School. Parents came prepared to turn in preliminary paperwork for next school year, and make their appointment for the screening on May 13-15.

### Looking Ahead:

Mrs. Morrell's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade class has been studying the Rainforest and how it effects and benefits the rest of our planet. They will be presenting a program to their parents and invited guests on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are 3 show times (check with the office next week for show times). Please plan to join them during one of these performances for a wonderful celebration culminating their learning unit.

May 5-11 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Make sure to say 'THANKS' to those who so greatly influence our future!

This year the FFA of Pana High School will put on a spectacular Barnyard Zoo on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>. A nice variety of farm animals and equipment will be available for the students to enjoy. The students will have a hands-on experience not only with the animals and equipment but also with the FFA students. Washington school and our future FFA students appreciate all the hard work put into this annual event. Thanks in advance to the FFA for this wonderful experience!

May 10- Washington School students will be given the opportunity to celebrate our graduating seniors with a "Graduation Walk" through our school. This is an exciting opportunity for our little ones to see and celebrate the successful education career of other students. It is always an emotional time for the teachers here as well!

Kindergarten screening will be held May 13-15 at Pana United Methodist Church.

Grade 1 will visit the Decatur Science Center.

Kindergarten will visit Scovill Zoo.

Grade 2 students will make a trip over to Lincoln School to have a look around, meet the teachers and staff, and begin their transition to grade 3.

May 24 will be our Track & Field Day, celebrated at the Carol Schramm track.

May 28 will be a celebration of our individual classrooms and of our school.

Please continue to join us for photos and stories on the Panaschools web site. There are lots of fun and exciting things happening here!

Washington School students will continue to collect aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and Box Tops for Education this month. We have collected a TON of caps this year and continue to look for partners who are interested in purchasing benches for their business or public access area. Once these partners are located, Mrs. Wysong will get them set up to take the plastic caps to Evansville Indiana be recycled into benches or tables.

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