



PRAIRIE GROVE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

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JORDAN MASTER, JUNIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL
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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

District

Panthers of the Month (August/September)

- ECE: Layla Haase, Cove Kapaldo, Olivia O'Connor
- Kindergarten: Sterling Kruse, Cameron Norton, Katelyn Selvaraj, Eli Teme
- 1st Grade: Henry Arnold, Ellie Chiero, Kairi Gallero, Zack Hartman, Zoe McEneany
- 2nd Grade: Kyle Gieseke, Casein Kapaldo, Lisa Kay, Charlotte Rodgers, Azaih Tate
- 3rd Grade: Lilly Duda, Olivia Gallero, Beau Hedgepath, Colton Kapaldo, Nicolas Rust
- 4th Grade: Will Behm, Annabelle Eesley, Elle Horrigan, Charlotte Kraus, Alexis Wallace
- 5th Grade: Addison Marks, Brandon Veller, Hunter Bone, Rosy Hartman, Brooks Giuliano, Natalie Zage, Harper Dalby, Jaxon Cybart, Clara Moncada, Mowriyah Mulawa, James Bryan, Finley Yundt, Charleston Schmoldt
- 6th Grade: Logan Pacheco, Tate Ambrose, Aubrey Alcock, Ulli Bendel-Salerno, Emma Beyerl, Noah Cywinski
- 7th Grade: Gabe Pinsky, Francisco Salas, Nate Mulawa, Nola Smith, Reese Gertz, Sydney Housh
- 8th Grade: Charlie Miserendino, Amelia Bellah, Riven Breskovich, Zoey Ko

On October 10th, all certified staff and paraprofessionals received training from the Kujawa Behavior Specialists in best practices for tier 1 strategies to prevent and respond to behaviors in the classroom.

Students took their fall SEL screener and those have been reviewed by student services staff and administrators to determine students who would benefit from additional support.

Red Ribbon Week

We are looking forward to celebrating Red Ribbon Week over the span of this week. Our theme is “Life is a puzzle, solve it drug free.”

District Safety Team

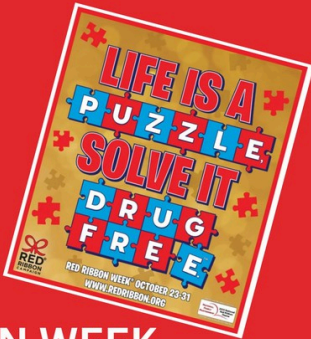
We had our first district safety team meeting of the 2025-2026 school year to focus on auditing our building procedures and processes to make PG as safe as possible. With the addition of Crisis Go as our safety App, our buildings have been engaging in more frequent practice drills to be prepared in the event of emergencies. We have partnered closely with our police department and fire department to gather feedback and will be reaching out to the community and students for feedback as well.

Members of the leadership team and our SEL team attended a Threat Assessment training on Monday, October 20th facilitated by the McHenry County ROE. The focus was using the CStag protocol to learn best practices in threat assessment procedures.

Weekly Newsletters

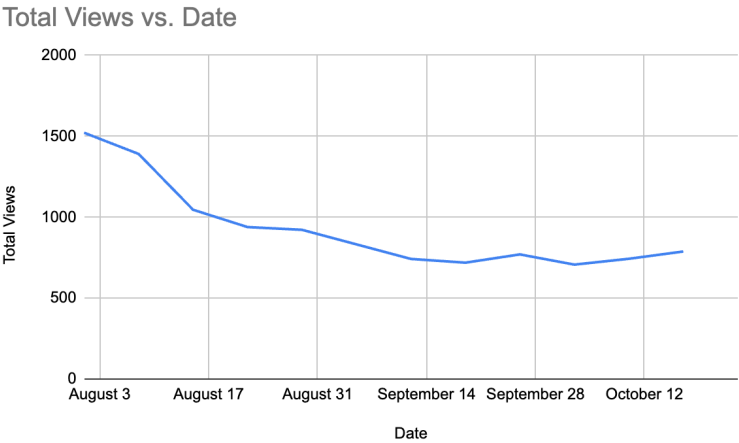
Weekly Newsletters are sent each Friday at 2 PM. On October 10th, we started to post to instagram as well since our viewership has continually decreased each week since August. This increased our views slightly in the previous 2 weeks.

**PRAIRIE GROVE
CELEBRATES WITH
HEALTHY CHOICE
WITH...**



RED RIBBON WEEK
October 27th - October 31

Monday, October 27th	Don't get mixed up with drugs: Wear mismatched clothes, socks, and shoes
Tuesday, October 28th	TEAM up to stay healthy: Wear your favorite sports jersey or t-shirt
Wednesday, October 29th	Say Peace out to drugs: Wear neon or tie dye
Thursday, October 30th	Prairie Grove is Drug Free: Wear PG spirit wear!!! Go Panthers!
Friday, October 31st	Drugs are wicked: Wear your halloween costume or wear your favorite halloween colors: Orange, purple, black, or green (please no face paint, masks, fake blood, no weapons) <u>School rules still apply.</u>





PG is partnering with Nunda Rural Fire District to help achieve the goal of 80,000 pounds of food for Crystal Lake Area families! Thank you to Student Council for getting this up and running and supporting our community through partnership in a big way!

Elementary

The elementary school had a wonderful October! We have enjoyed being able to play outside almost every day and working hard in our classes. Staff has adjusted instruction to meet students' needs after having time to continue to build relationships and review fall testing data.

Our ROAR Committee has been hard at work delving into PBIS Structures in our school. Committee members created videos with their classroom students for expectations for various areas of the school such as the lunchroom, hallways, playground, restrooms, and more!

The Building Leadership Team with establishing our vision for our team and school. Key points included that all students can learn in a warm and inviting environment that has high and consistent expectations. We will take collective responsibility to focus on the whole child and help them show growth in multiple areas. In collaboration with all stakeholders, we will help students grow and have high academic achievement in an engaging environment with a positive culture.

Many of our grade levels have had fun fall field trips. Whether to the Nunda Township Fire Department, the pumpkin patch, or the apple orchard, our students are learning in and outside of school.

Our new dismissal procedures have been going smoothly for Parent Pick-up. This has helped with safety for the buses returning from their routes and alleviated traffic extending onto Valley View.

Junior High

The Junior High has had a busy and exciting October! We are keeping our focus on building connections in our school community, both in classrooms and at staff meetings. We also have been examining fall testing data, taking field trips, and creating opportunities for students to be part of a community.

Our MTSS program for Tier 2 and Tier 3 intervention is in full swing. Junior High teams have met with Mrs. Master and Mrs. Sibenaller (MTSS Coordinator) to discuss how we can provide equitable support across the board to learners through our MTSS system. We are looking closely at how tier 1 intervention is used in the classrooms as well.

Mrs. Master will be offering a variety of lunch and learn topics over the course of the rest of the year for staff, focusing on areas that staff would like to grow and learn more about.

Our 6th grade students and helpful high school cadets left for Timber-lee on Wednesday, October 22 and returned on Friday, October 24. Students and staff had so much fun ziplining, learning about farm animals, participating in archery, leathermaking, and more. We want to give a special shout out to our high school cadets who worked hard to load the buses and guide our students as positive role models on the trip. We also want to thank our parents and community for the support, writing letters from home, and helping students with packing!

Our group organizations have been busy. Student council hosted the Student/Staff volleyball game, where students and staff took the court in a friendly game of volleyball. We kicked off the evening by an outstanding performance from our choir who sang the National Anthem. The competition was tight and fun was had by all. Student Council also hosted the first Panther Hangout, complete with pizza, ice cream, bounce houses, and games. Thank you to Patricia Drozd (7th grade Math teacher) and Megan Einert (8th grade ELA teacher) for all of the planning and prep during a busy week. Other highlights include our baking club, art club, hope squad, newspaper club, drama, and teen leadership.

Mr. Crylen has announced very exciting news regarding students who auditioned and were accepted into the regional honor band for the Illinois Music Association (ILMEA). For background, we reside within ILMEA District 7, which is made up of all McHenry and Lake counties, as well as northern Cook county. The auditions are extremely competitive and junior bands are open to all students in this region for grades 6-8. Once a student is selected, it is a great honor for them as individuals and for our school to represent such musicianship. Below is our selected students from this school year:

Korin Gradecki, 7th gr. - jazz bass, Junior Jazz Band 1

Korin Gradecki (again!), 7th gr. - euphonium, Junior Band

Mackenzie Miller, 8th gr. - flute, Junior Band

Otto Bakk-Hansen, 8th gr. - trumpet, Junior Jazz Band 1

We look forward to a great November ahead!

Athletic Updates

7th Grade Volleyball The team of 10 had a great season filled with skill improvement, personal growth, and strong teamwork! We finished 7th place in conference with a record of 3-6. The athletes showed tremendous progress throughout the season, continuing to grow in confidence and competitiveness. At the Johnsburg Tournament, the team went 2-1 and proudly brought home the Consolation Championship! Overall, it was a season to celebrate effort, learning, and growth both on and off the court.



8th Grade Volleyball: What an incredible season! With only 8 players on the team, this talented and determined group had an outstanding year. They finished 2nd in conference with an impressive 8-1 record and battled hard in the conference tournament to earn a 2nd place finish.

The team also brought home 1st place Championship title at the Johnsburg Tournament! Congratulations on an exceptional season! Even after a tough championship loss, our players showed incredible sportsmanship—sharing smiles, laughs, and ice cream



with a few players from the North Boone volleyball team at Culver's.



7-8th Grade Soccer: The 7th and 8th Grade Soccer team wrapped up the season with a 5th place finish in conference and a record of 2-4. With a roster of 15 athletes—2 girls and 13 boys—the team showed determination and teamwork throughout the season. Each player contributed to steady growth and improvement, making it a fun and competitive season on the field.

5-8th Grade Cross Country: 46 athletes this year

Our Panthers had a stellar showing at the MNC Conference! Girls took 1st place, Boys earned 2nd!

The top 15 runners are All Conference runners and out of 30! PG had 9 Girls All Conference and 6 Boys All Conference Runners!

All Conference:

Zoe 1st

Jaelyn 2nd

Mackenzie 3rd

Brooke 4th

Rachel 6th

Molly 8th

Reagan 9th

Arabella 10th

Claire 15th

Caspian 4th

Carter 5th

Maddox 8th

Connor 9th

Owen 10th

Sutton 15th

Boys and girls **both finished in first place at sectionals** out of 15 teams, avenging the boys' only loss of the season!

All Sectional Team is Top 10: Zoey 2nd, Mackenzie 5th, Molly 8th, Brooke 9th, Carter 8th, Caspian 9th, Maddox S 10th

The Girls finished the Regular Season against 59 teams: 59-0

Then Boys finished the Regular Season against 59 teams: 57-2

Next up is the State Meet on Saturday!!!

Important Dates

October 27-October 31: Red Ribbon Week

October 28: Fire Drill

October 29: Grades 5-8 Catch my Breath Vaping Presentation (by McHenry County Health Department)

October 31: Halloween Celebrations

November 1: ILMEA Junior Band @ Schaumburg HS

November 3- 17: Read-A-Thon

November 14: End of First Trimester

November 14: Half- Day Student Attendance

November 15: ILMEA Junior Jazz Festival @ Libertyville HS

November 24 and 25: Parent Teacher Conferences - No School

November 26-28: Thanksgiving Break

Elementary Staff of the Month

Staff Member	
Kaiti Hart	Kaiti Hart is an amazing, supportive, and positive colleague who always lifts up the rest of us. No matter what Kaiti's day is like, when seeing fellow staff in the hall she'll always light up to see you, will sincerely check in on you, and is quick to listen and offer support any time it's needed. She is one of those staff members that makes PG a great place to work even in hard times; she teaches her class with love and support year after year. Hats off to Kaiti!
Jessica Cube	Jess is an amazing teacher and friend. She puts her heart and soul into her students and her performance as a teacher. She is always looking for ways to connect with her students or teach a lesson according to their interests. She shares her great ideas with the team and always goes above and beyond to be a great teammate! Her student are so lucky to learn from her!
Kelly Popovits	She is incredibly helpful to teachers, students, and especially the CHAMPS program. Her observation skills are amazing as Kelly helps us figure out the motivations for behaviors and small physical adjustments that can lead to success. Ms. Popovits is a valued member of the CHAMPS team.

Junior High Staff who have recognized each other with puzzle pieces (rave reviews) for the month of October:

- Jeff Channon
- Patricia Drozd
- Mercedes Foley
- Tony Covganka
- Jane Zeman
- Tom Bowers
- LeighAnn Miller
- Nicole Fisher
- Cassy Mate
- Sue Lehner
- Katie Giuliano
- Paiton Wood
- Kristin Nieves
- Dawn Domanus
- Melissa Kimpel
- Megan Einert
- Amanda Costa
- Jordan Master
- Colleen Cotton
- Becca Sibenaller
- Lynn Wehner

Junior High Student Rave Reviews To Staff

Staff Member	Message
Colleen Barnes	"She is nice, cool, never gets mad, and lets us listen to appropriate music"
Margaret Dieschbourg	"For being an amazing teacher and helping me learn and grow."
Kristin Coffey	"Mrs. Coffey was a great teacher and helped me learn so much. Mrs. Coffey was always so kind to her students. Mrs. Coffey made learning so much fun. Whenever I woke up for the first time I could not wait to go to school."
Kayla Dinkelmann	"Her love and hard work helping kids!"
Melissa Brennan	"She is really sweet and really nice. She always helps everyone. She is so sweet and always thoughtful. She listens to me and understands whatever I talk about. She encourages me to keep doing what I love and she gives me ideas on what I should do when I am stuck."
Joyce Devine	"She is very nice and does not yell. She is goated."
Erin Karlow	"She is the nicest teacher." "Mrs. Karlow is one of the best teachers I've ever had. She is so sweet, kind, and generous. I loved making dog toys when I was in her class. I'm going to miss her when I go to high school but I will never forget her."
Tony Covganka	"He was always positive and kind, especially when I was a new student." "He is a fun SS teacher and he always made class fun." "Tony's Pizza. He is low key chill."
Melissa Bak	" I want to give her a shout out because she has been the kindest teacher I have ever had! She helped me so much throughout the years. So I just want to say thank you. "
Jennifer Piech	"Mrs. Piech is a good teacher and she is making sure we understand what we are doing in class." "Mrs. Piech is just a funny teacher and so chill. She gives us life lessons (one is happening right now) and we have fun labs to do."
Amanda Costa	"She is super chill and lets us eat." "Thanks for all the food"

	"She is the best, she is nice and lets us cook a lot of food. She does not make us do tons of work."
Zach Cohen	"He is nice and his class is very calm."
Jeff Schirmer	"He has funny jokes and works hard" "He is always working hard for the students."
Nicole Rosene	"She is really nice. She is the best."
David Steinsdoerfer	"He gave me help when I needed it!"
Megan Einert	"It is the start of the year, but I can TELL it is going to be a good one because of this teacher. She is nice, calm, and class is fun with her. If I could have her as my teacher for every class, I would."
Brian Buckley	"6th Grade ELA was enjoyable and I learned a lot in that class. Learning about Percy Jackson and golf was enjoyable." "In 6th Grade he was the best teacher ever. He wasn't strict but wasn't too chill, he was in between. He let us have free time and let us play chess and we had chess tournaments. I always won and he was always willing to help when you needed and was never mean."
Cassy Mate	"They are always very happy." "Thank you for being patient and understanding. You're really nice and your class is super fun. Thank you for not making us do Amplify every single day."



