

# Elementary School Board Report

Heather Friday, PK-8 Principal

May 5, 2021

## *Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:*

Our Vision: Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships.

Our Mission: Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community.

## **Student and Staff Notable Learning**

### **SLATE (School Leaders Advancing Technology in Education) Presentation Selected**

Ms. Kate Van Haren's presentation *Tools for the Trade: Increasing Digital Disciplinary Literacy in the K-5 Classroom* has been selected to be part of the 2021 SLATE Conference! Great work, Ms. Van Haren. She will present at the SLATE Conference this December.

### **Crystal Apple Award Banquet**

Mrs. Moore was honored and recognized at the Crystal Apple Award Banquet on Wednesday, May 5th. The banquet includes a dinner, a surprise video recording created from the school staff, and a speech from Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Moore also receives \$1000. Congratulations, Mrs. Moore.

### **Compassion Resilience Facilitator Training**

Ms. Raygo and I completed 4 weeks of Compassion Resilience Facilitator Training on Wednesday, May 5. We participated in training three hours per week. We will be implementing strategies with our staff, starting in August 2021 during Teacher Inservice.

### **Kindergarten Students Write Poems**

The kindergarten students are working on learning how to write poems. They wrote special poems with a partner and then used their speaking skills to share their creativity with their classmates. Students listened to their peers share and then celebrated that they are great writers!

## **Innovation and Recognition**

### **Staff Appreciation Week**

The week of May 3 - 7 was Teacher Appreciation Week; we celebrate Staff Appreciation. Staff members were invited to participate in the "Game of Games" - a fun team game that included daily spins on a big wheel. All week staff participated in acts of kindness, appreciation, and pranks! It was a great way to recognize the staff and it was a great way for them to take time to show appreciation of one another. Prizes were given away daily. Treats were given during the week and lunch was provided on Friday for staff. A sincere thank you to all the staff who dedicate themselves to our students and families each day.

## **Looking Ahead**

### **Artist in Residence**

Greg Preslicka, Artist in Residence, will be coming in the week of May 10th to work with our Junior High Students. They will be creating an art piece that will be hung up in the hallway between the administration building and the elementary school.

**Aimsweb Testing**

The testing window for Aimsweb is May 3 - 21, 2021.

**8th Grade Promotion**

There is a parent planning meeting for Wednesday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. in Mrs. Marissa Petersen's classroom. Details of the event will be determined at that time. 8th Grade promotion will be Thursday, May 27 at 6:00 p.m.