

Elementary School Board Report

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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

Every year, students in Grades 2 - 8 take the Math and Reading Screener (AIMSWeb Assessment). *Due to the school being shut down last spring, test results for the end of the 2019-2020 are not available.* Posted below are the results from our fall assessment. This assessment data, along with teacher observations / knowledge of students, is used to determine which students receive intensive intervention in math and reading.

Elementary School Results AIMSWeb Results 2020-2021

	September Reading			September Math		
Grade Level	Number of Students in the 26th Percentile or Above (Grade Level)			Grade Level	Number of Students in the 26th Percentile or Above (Grade Level)	
2	17/29=58.6%			2	22/28=78.6%	
3	20/27=74.1%	Increase		3	22/30=73.3%	Increase
4	29/37=78.4%	Increase		4	25/38=65.8%	Decrease
5	30/38=78.9%	Decrease		5	26/37=70.1%	Decrease
6	34/41=82.9%	Increase		6	29/42=69%	Decrease
7	28/32=87.5%	Decrease		7	22/32=68.8%	Decrease
8	39/43=90.7%	Decrease		8	35/43=81.4%	Increase

- Increase / decrease from the beginning of last school year.

AIMSWeb Results 2019-2020

	September READING	May READING		September MATH	May MATH
Grade Level	Number of Students in the 26th Percentile or Above (Grade Level)	Number of Students in the 26th Percentile or Above (Grade Level)		Grade Level	Number of Students in the 26th Percentile or Above (Grade Level)
2	20/33 = 60.6%	Did not test due to Covid-19 / School shut down.		2	23/33 = 69.7%
3	29/39 = 74.4%			3	33/39 = 84.6%
4	35/43 = 81.4%			4	34/43 = 79.1%
5	33/44 = 75%			5	33/44 = 75%
6	30/34 = 88.2%			6	28/34 = 82.4%
7	43/44 = 97.7%			7	35/44 = 79.5%
8	38/40 = 95%			8	30/40 = 75%

Innovation and Recognition

Principal Project

Each year I do a Principal Project with all the students in Grades 4K-8.

The goals of the project are:

- To visit every classroom at the beginning of the school year
- To continue to get to know students / connect with individual students
- To share the message that students are unique / special / have their own identity while being part of our school family.
- To provide a visual display / model of the message that when we come together as a school family, we can do great things

This year our theme is “What Makes Us Happy” and / or “What Inspires Others to Be Happy.” All students (and staff) will decorate / draw on a 4 inch x 4 inch piece of paper something that makes them happy or inspires others and they will be displayed on the bulletin board outside the ES office. When it is completed, it will be a visual of happiness and inspiration.

Looking Ahead

Empty Bowls Information

Mrs. Masanz and Mr. Heiden are this year’s advisors for the Pottery Club. Pottery Club and Empty Bowls will be structured differently this year. Pottery Club will meet every Tuesday (starting October 20) from 3:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and will not meet on Saturdays. All students in Grades 5 - 12 are invited to participate. The focus will be on teaching the students skills to create bowls, but then the advisors would like to inspire creativity by allowing students to make other pottery pieces - such as vases, cups, or a design / piece of their choice. The Empty Bowls Event will also be structured

differently this year. There will not be a community soup dinner event held. The focus this year will be online pottery sales. There will be a pre-Christmas sale in December and then another sale in March.

Harlem Wizards Update

The Harlem Wizards Game has been cancelled for this year. The event may take place during the 2021-2022 school year. Harlem Wizards has asked that people who purchased tickets continue to hold onto them.

Virtual Conferences

Parent / Teacher Conferences scheduled for Thursday, November 5th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 and Tuesday, November 10th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 will be held virtually. I will be meeting with Shared Leadership to determine how to make this happen effectively and efficiently at each of the grade levels. .