

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

Sharing the Gift of Reading

During the Week of Read Across America, staff members in the building read to students in various classrooms. Ms. Mileva, one of our paraprofessionals, read to Mrs. Niehaus's 3rd graders! This was a great experience for both staff and students - it is important for the students to see everyone as readers in the building. Thank you to the staff members who took the time out of their day to read to a new group of students.

6th Graders Share Their Learning

6th Graders in Mrs. Kumm's science classroom worked collaboratively to create "Marble Machines." They followed the guidelines provided by the rubric to create machines that would allow marbles to successfully travel through them. When they were done creating their projects, they invited other students to the multipurpose room so they could showcase their projects. It was an engaging and interactive opportunity for all the students.

Innovation and Recognition

Scheduling Committee Made Changes to the Master Schedule

A committee of 10 members (including myself) met in February to begin reviewing and analyzing the master schedule for 2021-2022. By changing some of the subject areas teachers teach, the committee was able to create a 2nd Junior High Math Teacher position. This will now allow all students in Grades 6 - 8 to receive a block of math instruction every day. The two teachers will collaborate and work together to ensure all students receive high quality math instruction.

The committee also made changes to the ELA department. Ms. Molitor and Mr. Laprise will now teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade ELA. 8th grade students will be able to remain in one building throughout the day (with the exception of 7th and 8th graders utilizing the CTE building - no changes were made in that area). The high school teachers that taught 8th graders will focus on offering more classes to the high school students.

Looking Ahead

Summer School Information

June 7 - July 15, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m)

There are many courses offered this summer to meet the needs and interests of our students. The speciality classes are: band lessons, drumline, pep band, evening wrestling sessions, dance classes, Hunter and Bow Safety, jump start math, partnering with the library programs, open basketball, drivers education, and weight training. There are approximately 40 classes for students in Grades K - 12 to choose from.

Registration is online this year. The brochures and registration forms are available on the Elementary and High School websites. A district skylert was sent to ensure all families are aware of the opportunities for their child / children this summer.

Summer School classes will be at the High School due to the construction that will be taking place at the Elementary School.

Each student who attends summer school will receive a free breakfast and a “Grab and Go” lunch. Lunch will not be served at school; students will grab their lunch bag on their way out at 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be eaten off campus.

Please note: there are no classes on July 5th.

Artist in Residence Date Change

Greg Preslicka needed to change the dates of his visitation. This project will now be the Week of May 10th.