

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

Student Leadership Team

The Student Leadership Teams have decided on their first projects. The K-3 team is focusing on a way to display every student's name. The 4 - 8 team is focusing on adding color / canvases to the old office entrance. Our next meeting, we will begin working on the canvases, etc. The challenge with this team is finding time to work on their projects without the students missing academic time. Many of the students stated they would work during their recess; they will not be required to miss their recess time - it will be their choice.

NAEP Testing (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

Pittsville Elementary School was selected to participate in the NAEP test this year. Schools are required to participate if they are selected. On February 8th our 4th graders took the NAEP test. The NAEP test is an assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subjects. Half of our 4th graders took the Math Assessment and the other half took the Reading Assessment. The results provide information regarding how our children are doing compared to other children. Because we didn't have 90% participation on the 8th of February, the NAEP test representatives will be coming back on February 17th to test the students who did not take the test the first time.

Kindergarten Students are Super Readers and Writers

The Kindergarten students are working hard to read and write many words. In phonics, the students are learning that many small words have word parts, such as -at, -op, -in, -it. These words parts are helping them learn many new words, and it is an exciting time in Kindergarten Reading and Writing Workshop! Kindergarten children are SUPER readers and writers!

3rd Grade Learning

The third graders are working hard on researching famous people. In Reader's Workshop they are learning about text features, main ideas, and how to use non-fiction texts to research. The students have been reading biographies from the "Who Was" and "Who Is" book series. They have been gathering information about their famous person that they chose and are doing a presentation to the class about their famous person, creating a poster about their lives, and dressing up as their famous person. The students are having a Virtual Living Wax Museum that will be recorded and shared with parents. This is a great way to showcase all that they have learned and celebrate all that they have learned about their famous person. This is an activity that integrates reading, writing, social studies, and speaking.

Innovation and Recognition

Crystal Apple Teacher of Distinction

Congratulations to Mrs. Lisa Denniston! She is the 2021-2022 Teacher of Distinction from the Elementary School. She will be recognized at a banquet in May.

Looking Ahead

Empty Bowls

Our annual Empty Bowls event will be Tuesday, March 8th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Elementary School. This year we are doing a "To Go" dinner; the cafeteria will not be open for dining. The meal will consist of a 12 oz bowl of soup, bun, cheese, and cookie. A special thank you to the elementary staff for all their planning and organizing of this event.

Art Show

The annual Art Show will be displayed in the Elementary School this year. Ms. Landgraf is already starting to display students' work and projects! The Art Show will be at the same time / same date as Empty Bowls.

Harlem Wizards

May 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. is our Harlem Wizards Basketball Game. This event is a fundraiser for the Elementary School. All proceeds will go towards innovative teaching tools and literacy needs / classroom library books. The staff will take on the Harlem Wizards in this fun, engaging, and exciting game. Any school board members who would like to play on our team should contact me. We welcome you on our team! It is important to know that the game is more for entertainment; basketball skills are not required!