

Elementary School Board Report

Heather Friday, PK-8 Principal

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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

NEA Foundation Grant

Ms. Van Haren applied for and received a grant from NEA for \$2000. She has connected her students to a classroom of students in Atlanta. They communicate with the students in Atlanta in a variety of ways - they record responses and share them with each other, etc. They are learning how they are similar to one another and learning how they are different. With the grant money, Ms. Van Haren is purchasing *Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids* for her students and they are going to engage in a book study with the students in Atlanta.

Innovation and Recognition

Read Across America Week

The students and staff participated in celebrating Read Across America the week of February 28th. Students and staff were invited to dress up in a festive way each day; the Cat and the Hat along with Thing 1 and Thing 2 made some visits; Student Council provided festive snacks throughout the week; I did learning / fun activities with students in Grades 4K - 8. Students in Grades K - 2 read about green eggs and ham and they made them and tried them! It was determined that many students do like green eggs and ham! Grades 3 - 8 engaged in activities that focused on places they've traveled and where they'd like to go as they listened to *Oh, the Places*

You'll Go by Dr. Seuss. The week ended with a school-wide reading time from 1:45 p.m. - 3:00. Grade levels worked together to make it a great experience for everyone.

Empty Bowls Event

On Tuesday, March 8th we hosted our annual Empty Bowls event at the Elementary School. We offered “to go” meals only this year and we still had a great turn out! We raised almost \$3000 to donate to PANS. This event takes a lot of time to plan and organize. Many people help make it a success. A special thank you to Mrs. Mary Lou Masanz and Ms. Maria Landgraf for their leadership with this event. Not only do they meet with the Pottery Club students every Monday from October to March, they work on some Saturdays too. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, donated items, worked at the event, and for those of you who attended the event. We are hoping to have a school assembly where we will present PANS with the money we raised.

Looking Ahead

Teacher Inservice March 18, 2022

Friday, March 18th is Teacher Inservice / No school for students. Teachers will be focusing on grading / assessments / and vertical alignment of curriculum.

Math Resources Review at Cesa April 5, 2022

A team of teachers is going to Cesa 5 to review Math Curriculum Resources. The Elementary is exploring other curriculum resources for math and this will be a great opportunity to take time to review many materials. We are thankful for Cesa for this opportunity.

Harlem Wizards May 5, 2022

This is going to be a great community event that brings a lot of excitement and fun to town for our families! We are getting a team together that will play against the Harlem Wizards! We are seeking players if any board member is interested! It would be great for the community to see you on the court. Staff from the Elementary and High School will be participating. Save the date to come and watch the game if playing isn't for you. More information will be coming soon!