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Welcome Back

By Jerrod Williams

Welcome Back!! The Pangburn school district board of education, faculty and staff are very excited about the upcoming year. Our teachers and curriculum team have spent many days preparing for the 2010-2011 school year.

As you drive around or visit our campus, we hope that you notice the pride that our maintenance and grounds staff is taking in the care of our school facility. Our campus has taken on a new look that is something we as a community can all take pride in. The new high school and arena are taking shape and on schedule to be completed by the end of February. The elementary building has undergone a facelift with new windows and new roof over the summer along with the addition to the north end of the building being scheduled for completion in mid-September. We have also spent many man hours working on our playgrounds so that our students will be in a safer play environment and enjoy their recess time more.

Our childcare program has moved to the former special education building on campus. The building has undergone a complete remodel that was paid for partially with local and state grants. It is a beautiful facility that our daycare students, parents and community take great pride in. Please come by and visit with Mrs. Jackie and her staff and see why they are so proud to be part of the Pangburn Childcare Program.

The board of education is making a big push this year for more community and parental involvement. Please come and visit our campus, volunteer in a classroom, or let us know what we can do to make Pangburn the best school district in Arkansas. We look forward to seeing you at school!

Jerrod Williams

Keeping in Touch

by Mark Flint

The school board has become very proactive in all areas of the district. The easiest area to see this is the new buildings that have been completed and the buildings that are now in the works. We have also added a curriculum coordinator and a math coach to accompany the two literacy coaches we already have on staff. These staff members are to help the teachers with the higher learning goals we have set for student achievement. The Board has met in several workshops to establish short term as well as long term visions for this district.

The area that I feel we still need to improve is communication between our school district and our patrons. We have found when talking with board members from other districts during meetings and trainings that most districts face this same problem. That is why I am inviting you to come and be part of this year's open house and report to the public on August 17. This year both events will take place on the same day. Come see all the positive changes that have been taking place on campus, talk with all the staff members, and then stay for the report to the public.

Hope you will join us to see and hear all the good things that are happening at our school. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Open House for School Daycare
August 17, 4:00-7:00 p. m.**

**Open House for School District
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**Report to the Public
August 17, 7:15 p. m
Performing Arts Center**

Kindergarten Registration

If you have not registered your child for kindergarten at Pangburn Elementary, now is the time to do so. Please bring your child's birth certificate, current immunization records, social security card and a current physical document. You may register without these items, but you must bring these items to the elementary office before school starts. We hope to see you soon.

9-12 Registration

**New Student Registration- July 30 And August 6th
Seniors-August 2nd
Juniors- August 3rd
Sophomores- August 4th
Freshman- August 5th
Office hours 7:30-12:00 and 1:00- 4:00 Daily**

Attention Car Riders!! Vehicle drop-off/pick-up procedures K-12

The route for dropping-off and picking-up students in grades **K-4** will be exactly like last year. Vehicles will enter campus on the south side of campus next to the P.E. Building and the Church of Christ and will proceed North to the drop-off station in front of the K-2 building. **Please do not drop off students in the parking lot; it causes a traffic jam. Parents are not allowed to come in the buildings to pick up students at the end of the day unless they are checking them out early through the office.**

The route for dropping-off and picking-up students in grades **5-8** is also like last year. Cars will enter Moss Street, which runs in front of the entrance to the building, from the south side next to the storage buildings and will proceed north into the circular drive. Vehicles will exit on the North end of Moss Street near the school cafeteria.

Students in grades **9-12** will also have the same drop-off and pick-up procedure as last year. Vehicles will proceed East on Short Street and will drop-off/pick-up students at the covered walkway in front of the cafeteria.

If you have children in different buildings, please drop-off/pick-up students at the building that houses your youngest child. For example, if you have a child in elementary and one in middle school, please use the elementary route to drop-off/pick-up both students.

Using this procedure will help keep traffic to a minimum and will keep our youngest students safer by having them dropped-off/picked-up at their building instead of it being necessary for students to cross campus to get to their classrooms.

Pangburn School Presents Training Session

If you are interested in substitute teaching or serving as a volunteer at Pangburn School, please plan to attend a training session at the school.

Two trainings for those wishing to substitute and/or volunteer will be held in the professional development room of the Middle School. The first session will be August 5 at 6:00 p.m. The training will be repeated Aug. 11 at 2:00 p.m. The training session will last approximately one hour. All necessary paperwork will be available at the training. This training must be completed prior to substituting.

We look forward to the opportunity to work together. We appreciate those who substitute teach and those who volunteer.

Please call the Middle School office to register for one of the sessions 501-728-4912.

Free and Reduced Lunches

Applications for free and reduced lunches will be available at the beginning of school. Only one application per family is necessary.

Attendance is Key

from the desk of K-12 principals

National research indicates that attendance is the #1 indicator of student success. Students who avoid truancy are more likely to graduate and reach levels of proficiency in areas such as literacy, math, and science. The staff at Pangburn has seen examples of truancy leading to failure first-hand.

With that in mind, Pangburn School District is committed to strengthening our attendance rates. Students are allowed six absences without any official documentation per semester. Official documentation includes but is not limited to doctors' notes, court appearances, death or serious illness of immediate family members as defined in the handbook.

We appreciate the support of the vast majority of our parents who have supported the attendance policies. This support is imperative in the continued success of Pangburn Schools.

Pangburn School Professional Development Summer 2010

by Lesha Hayes

Seventy-five sessions of professional development were hosted on our campus this summer. All of our teachers engaged in sessions designed to fit their professional growth plan as agreed upon between each individual teacher and his/her principal. Some sessions were attended by large groups of teachers such as Response to Intervention attended by all K-6 teachers and Literacy Connections/MAX Strategies attended by all 7-12 teachers. Numerous other mini-sessions of grade level groups or content area groups were conducted by our academic coaches (Ms. Atkins, Mr. Butler, and Ms. Walker). Wilbur Mills Educational Service Cooperative provided workshops on our campus also.

Many of our teachers also attended workshops in other areas. For example, Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third grade teachers attended year two of Cognitively Guided Instruction workshops. Thirteen teachers from grades seven through twelve attended the national High Schools that Work conference. A great many of our teachers engaged in many professional development hours beyond the required 60.

Grant Money from Southwest Energy

by Brandi Williams

The middle school library has two new apple I pads to use as e-readers. These were bought with grant money received from Southwestern Energy. They will be used as e-readers and tools to access online applications. Students will be able to read books using the devices instead of paper copies. It allows me to purchase books MUCH cheaper and put them on multiple devices instead of buying many copies and having them be replaced later. Students can check them out for daily use at school but iPads cannot be taken home. Teachers can use them to run educational applications like games and tutorials.



2009-2010 STATE TESTING

The Pangburn School District wishes to inform you of our test scores for the 2009-2010 school year in the areas that apply to meeting the AYP (annual yearly progress) as outlined by the state department. We are pleased to share some of the highlights from our high school: our 11th grade literacy scores improved 8% from the previous year, and the algebra and geometry scores were 3rd highest out of the 8 county high schools. In 8th grade, the literacy scores improved 12% from the previous year, and the 7th grade math scores improved 18% from the previous year. In our elementary, the 6th grade students had an increase from 67% proficient/advanced to 74% in literacy. Sixth grade math students increased 6 points compared to their scores as 5th graders. In literacy, the 5th grade students increased from 78% to 83% which was 3rd in the county. Fifth grade math increased 8% from last year. Sixty-eight percent of our 3rd grade students scored advanced on the math portion of the benchmark, which is amazing. In literacy, the 3rd and 4th grade students scored higher than the state average. Following are the Benchmark test results for grades 3-8 and the End of Course test results for high school.

3rd grade math	82% Proficient or Advanced
3rd grade literacy	77% Proficient or Advanced
4th grade math	77% Proficient or Advanced
4th grade literacy	78% Proficient or Advanced
5th grade math	79% Proficient or Advanced
5th grade literacy	83% Proficient or Advanced
6th grade math	77% Proficient or Advanced
6th grade literacy	74% Proficient or Advanced
7th grade math	71% Proficient or Advanced
7th grade literacy	57% Proficient or Advanced
8th grade math	53% Proficient or Advanced
8th grade literacy	75% Proficient or Advanced
Algebra	77% Proficient or Advanced
Geometry	79% Proficient or Advanced
Biology	45% Proficient or Advanced
11th grade literacy	61% Proficient or Advanced

EETT Grant and Training

by Kaleb Turner

Our school recently received a grant from the Wilbur D. Mills Co-op by the name of "Enhancing Education Through Technology" or EETT. The grant gave the middle school a C.O.W. or computer on wheels. The C.O.W. consisted of 28 Dell netbooks, a projector, document camera, and a video camera. The grant required our school to form a technology academy, come to 5 days of technology training, and create a technology project for the Technology Fair at Harding.

Our technology academy, "The Tiger Bytes", consisted of Mrs. Brandi Williams, Hunter Vernon, Seth Haile, Abbie Douglas, Alyssa Fowler, Ty Galyan, and myself (Kaleb Turner). We had a great group of students to lead our technology academy to success. Mrs. Williams was required to take two students from the academy to go to Harding for 5 days of technology training. She chose Abbie Douglas and myself. The training was tough at times, but we made it through it to represent our school well. I learned how to use technology in 21st century learning. We were able to introduce students to new programs that they were able to use for class projects and their daily lives.

The Tiger Bytes were required to do a project using their C.O.W. and information we learned at the training. We were tossing around ideas for our project when a member of the community approached Mrs. Cristy Waire and asked for help with technology to help with her job application. Mrs. Waire then asked us if we would like to do a community technology class for adults in the community who would like to learn more about technology. We were really excited about the idea of helping the community. The Tiger Bytes posted flyers around town advertising our classes. In our classes, "Techno Bytes", we taught the adults the basics of using a computer, creating a word document, online email, surfing the web, online shopping, and importing pictures from your digital camera. All the adults walked away with a smile knowing that they had learned something new.

The Tiger Bytes included the Techno Bytes classes in our technology project for the Technology Fair. Mrs. Williams and I spent hours at school and after school creating our technology project. We used Windows Movie Maker and Windows DVD Maker for creating the project. I also created a project for the Technology Fair. My project was on "The Miracle on the Hudson River". We went and showcased our projects at the co-op wide Technology Fair. Our Techno Bytes project got 1st place at the fair out of over 20 schools. We were supposed to showcase the project at the state Technology Fair, but they did not host the state Technology Fair this year.

The School Board had asked us to present the project to them as part of the "Tiger Pride" session of their board meetings. Mrs. Williams and I presented the project to the board and talked about the EETT grant and training. The school board was extremely impressed with our project and presentation. Overall, The Tiger Bytes were extremely pleased with our classes and project that we presented at Harding. We hope to do classes again next year and exceed the expectations of our school and co-op for next year. The EETT Training and Grant was a great window of opportunity for the students and teachers.



Left: Mrs. Williams teaching one of the classes.

Right: Hunter Vernon and Kaleb Turner assist Mrs. Jackie at one of the classes.



Pangburn Tiger Band and Pangburn Color Guard Perform at 4th of July Festivities



Pangburn band students gathered together this summer to march in the annual 4th of July Parade. This year's parade was actually held on Saturday, July 3, in downtown Pangburn. The band was greeted with happy faces all along the parade route. On each street people gathered to celebrate our country's independence as the parade traveled through Pangburn.

This year's band was led by the newly formed Pangburn Color Guard who twirled flags during the parade. The Pangburn Color Guard performed two routines for people who were at the park for the 4th of July festivities; one in the afternoon and one in the evening. The girls did a fantastic job and were well received by the audiences. Members of the Pangburn Color Guard include Jolene Neighbours, Lindsey McCosh, Tara Hulse, Teddy Boatman, and Hannah Thomas.

After the parade, the band went on to work a booth at the carnival with band members serving up hand squeezed lemonade and ice cream by the scoop. The band would like to thank everyone who came by our booth and supported the band.



FBLA AWARDED 2ND PLACE AT NATIONAL COMPETITION!

by Janet Reaper

Thanks to everyone in the community who helped in some way with our historical museum, our FBLA chapter received 2nd place in the nation for the project! Haylee Myers, Coty Bell and Shelby Watts represented the chapter, the town of Pangburn and Arkansas at the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee July 14-17. Our entire chapter worked hard throughout the year but a team of only three members could take the project to competition. Haylee, Coty and Shelby worked many long hours on the 28-page illustrated report and their 7-minute oral PowerPoint presentation. After making the top ten on July 15, they competed again on July 16 in the finals and were awarded their trophy on Saturday, July 17 at the Awards Ceremony.

Approximately 8,000 students attended NLC this year, where many were recognized for excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. The four-day conference is considered the pinnacle of the FBLA experience, where the best and brightest of FBLA convene to compete in leadership events, share their successes, and learn new ideas about shaping their career future through workshops and exhibits.

Again, we appreciate everyone's interest and contributions to our community service projects; it takes the involvement of our entire town to succeed in such endeavors, and FBLA is fortunate to have such support.

Thank you to everyone in Pangburn and the surrounding area; this is your win as well!



Left to right: Haylee Myers, Coty Bell, Shelby Watts

**New Museum
Hours:
Sat. 1:00-3:00
Sun. 1:00-3:00**

Superintendent	Mr. Jerrod Williams	728-4511
High School Principal	Mr. David Rolland	728-3513
Middle School Principal	Mr. Chad Ramsey	728-4912
Elementary Principal	Mrs. Stephanie Vernon	728-4230
Curriculum Coordinator	Mrs. Lesha Hayes	728-4912
Day Care	Mrs. Jackie Cates	728-4770
Pre-School	Mrs. Kelly Davis	728-4230

Pangburn School District Job Opening(s)

*Substitute Custodian *Bus driver

All positions are considered open until filled. These positions will require a criminal background check and any other state guidelines for school employment will be enforced. Compensation is based on the respective salary schedule and qualifies for all school employment benefits including retirement, health insurance and sick days.

For more information please contact Roger Pate, director of Maintenance and Transportation at (501) 728-4511.

Board of Education

Jeanne Waller	Mark Flint	Lee Engle
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August 17, 7:15 p. m.

September 20, 7:00 p. m.

September 21, 7:30 a. m. - 7:30 p. m.

Open House for Daycare/School District

Report to the Public (Performing Arts Center)

School Board candidate forum (Performing Arts Center)

School Board Election (Performing Arts Center)

Significant Dates for 2010-2011 School Year

August 19	1st Day of School
September 6	Labor Day
September 23	Parent Conf. 3:30-8:00
September 24	No School
October 15	End of First Quarter
November 22-26	Thanksgiving Break
December 17	End of Second Quarter
Dec 21 – Jan 1	Semester Break
January 3	Second Semester Begins
February 3	Parent Conf. 3:30-8:00
February 4	No School
March 11	End of Third Quarter
March 21-25	Spring Break
April 22	Good Friday
May 27	Graduation
May 27	End of Fourth Quarter
May 31	Inclement Weather Day
June 1-2	Inclement Weather Day