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Elementary School Board Report Jennifer Moravetz, Elementary Principal

Monday, October 26, 2026

- **Picture Retake**
 - Picture retake day took place on Friday, October 2nd.
- **Fire Truck Tour**
 - On Monday and Tuesday, October 5th and 6th, our local fire department visited PAS Elementary to teach students about fire safety and provide tours of the fire truck. Our local firefighters did an excellent job engaging students and helping them learn important fire safety skills!
- **Preschool Screening**
 - Preschool screening was held all day on Wednesday, October 7. We screened 33 children, with 4 referred for further evaluation and 3 recommended for rescreening.
- **Ecology Bus**
 - On October 12th and 13th, our 3rd-grade students participated in the Ecology Bus experience at Split Rock, providing hands-on learning opportunities to explore and learn about the natural environment.
- **Back to School Bash**
 - The Back-to-School Bash was rescheduled to Wednesday, October 7th, from 4:00–7:00 PM at Vest View Park. A huge thank you to the Elementary Booster Club for putting on a fun community event for our elementary students.
- **Fire Prevention Week and Fire Drill - October 5th - 9th**
 - Friday, October 9th we completed our second fire drill of the school year in partnership with the local fire department as part of Fire Prevention Week.
- **4H Presentations**
 - During National 4-H Week, October 5–11, 2026, several high school students visited PAS Elementary on Wednesday, October 7, to present to our JK–5th-grade students. They did an excellent job engaging our students and sharing about 4-H!
- **Kindness Fundraiser Launch - October 12th - 26th**
 - Through our partnership with the Elementary Booster Club, we launched a Kindness Fundraiser to raise funds for two Gaga ball courts on the elementary playground, including the cement and labor needed for installation. Our original goal of \$3,000 was a starting point and thanks to the incredible generosity of our families and community, we have already surpassed it!

This fundraiser connects to our October character trait of kindness, with students completing acts of kindness at school, at home, and in the community through their Kindness Passports and celebrating their actions by adding links to classroom kindness chains. This is a wonderful example of our Arrow community coming together to make a positive difference for our students!

- **Staff Meeting - POG Collaborator**
 - At our staff meeting on Monday, October 19th, we will introduce our next POG attribute, Collaborator. We will also reflect on our focus on Communicator and review classroom rubrics to celebrate student growth and identify next steps.
- **Character Trait for October**
 - Our October character trait is Kindness, and students have been learning how small acts of kindness at school, at home, and in the community can make a big difference. We will celebrate our students who demonstrate kindness during our Arrow Way Assembly on Friday, October 30th, recognizing one student from each classroom.
- **TERRIFIC Kid Program**
 - Our first TERRIFIC Kids program of the year will take place on Friday, October 30th, recognizing our 2nd-grade students. Thank you to our community members and the Kiwanis Club for supporting this wonderful program and helping us celebrate our students!
- **Attendance Update**
 - **Goal:** By the end of the 2026 - 2027 school year, students in Junior Kindergarten through 5th grade will achieve an attendance rate of 94.5% or higher.
 - Our current attendance rate is 95.6%.
- **Academic Goals**
 - By the end of the 2026–2027 school year, increase the percentage of kindergarten through third-grade students scoring at or above grade level on the DIBELS composite score from the current baseline of 47% to 60% or higher.
 - By the end of the 2026–2027 school year, increase the percentage of 4th-grade students performing at or above grade level in word recognition and decoding from 11% to at least 50%.
 - By the end of the 2026–2027 school year, increase the percentage of 5th-grade students performing at or above grade level in vocabulary from 19% to at least 50%.
- **October Appreciation**
 - October has been filled with opportunities to recognize and celebrate the people who make a difference in our school community! October 2nd was Custodian Appreciation Day, October 6th was National Coaches Day, and October is National Principals Month.
 - A special thank you to our custodians for keeping our building clean, safe, and welcoming for our students, staff, and families. We appreciate all the behind-the-scenes work you do each day to keep our school running smoothly!
 - Thank you to our coaches for encouraging our students, building confidence, teaching teamwork, and helping students grow both on and off the field or court. Your positive influence makes a lasting difference!
 - A special thank you to Mrs. Ortman for her continued support, hard work, and dedication to our staff and students. I appreciate your leadership, collaboration, and commitment to helping our school community.