



# Pequea Valley School District

*Where Each Learner Counts*

February 2024 Curriculum & Instruction

Dates PV First Ten Early Literacy

### **Highlight of services: Stats/ Data from January**

- o 24 children (17 families) have attended our Winter Book Club series and 30 children (21 families) so far have attended the Winter Open Gym series.
- o 660 books were distributed to 220 children through Imagination Library during the 2nd quarter.
- o As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 60 kindergarten readiness kits have been delivered to 2024 incoming kindergarten learners. This is an increase of 10% from last year at this time and 40% from 2022.
- o A new volunteer started in January helping with Open Gyms and other programs as needed.

### **Current Projects:**

- o Kick Off to Kindergarten Event is being held on February 5th for all incoming kindergarten learners. Registration will open the same day along with sign-ups for all transition activities and screenings.
- o My Fabulous Five senses play and learn will start on February 12th 17 children are registered for this series. There will be guests each week including Kid Sight (vision screenings), school nurse (lesson on hand washing and germs), Giant foods (mini chef lesson), and hearing screenings.
- o STEM Connections 4-week series will start February 20th on Tuesday evenings 5:30pm-7pm for incoming kindergarten learners. So far 13 are registered and the program will be capped at 15.

### **New Projects/Upcoming Initiatives:**

- o Continue to plan for kindergarten transition nights and screenings and assist families with registration.
- o Open Gym Spring series will begin on March 6th for 6 weeks.
- o Spring Book Club will start in April for 5 weeks on Thursdays
- o Start planning for spring park playdates and begin the process of summer program planning.

### **Future Topics for Consideration:**

- o Working on new program funding opportunities and promoting programs.
- o Working with Early Learning Advocate to continue to increase home visiting program enrollment and meet play and learn needs of families in the community.
- o Continued work with TIN in promoting the increase of 3rd grade reading level initiative.

Elementary Curriculum Topics	
Jan 18	Held the annual Federal Program Title IV mid-year meeting with required stakeholders to evaluate the performance goals. Positive Behavior Support curriculum in place to support social and emotional growth in the learners, the mentor programs, parent math nights are a few.
Jan 22 & 25	Held grade level meetings to review the mid-year growth of each learner and make adjustments in their MTSS tier placement.
Jan 23	Attended an IU 13 session led by Senator Aument regarding a bill that he is looking to have passed that would mandate parent awareness of library materials.

Middle & High School Curriculum Topics	
Jan. 30	Took a team of 8 to the IU to engage in the science revision STEELS (science, technology, engineering, environmental literacy sustainability) training.
Feb 15	Conducted Newsela/Formative training for our English language arts and social studies learning facilitators. Newsela provides differentiated articles aligned with learning topics but now also is embedded with Formative to add standard aligned assessments to the readings.

School Data & State Assessments & National Tests	

General	
Feb 15	We will be holding a full STEELS training and planning day for all K-12 learning facilitators that teach science, engineering, or STEM.
Jan 29	Held an AI (artificial intelligence) strategy session for use in learner instruction for our new learning facilitators.
Feb 1	Conducted 3 required mid-year Title I consult meetings at Lancaster Mennonite, Lancaster County Christian and Hinkletown Mennonite schools.
Feb 6	Held first district-wide library policy committee meeting to review the policy and discuss protocol moving forward.