Pequea Valley School District

Where Each Learner Counts

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

November

PV First Ten Early Literacy

Highlights from October Programs:

- Read Under the Lights held October 6th- 384 learners, 253 adults, over 110 student volunteers, 30 staff/community volunteers, and 4 community partners attended the event.
- As of October 30th, we have delivered 43 kindergarten readiness kits for the incoming class for the fall of 2027. This is a significant increase compared to the 26 that were given out at this time last year.
- Eight 6th grade learners from Paradise Elementary are volunteering to help with our weekly open gym program.
- We had a representative from Vision Corps attend our sight themed book club session to share information and perform vision screenings for families.

Projects completed during month of October:

- Hosted Read Under the Lights on October 6th.
- Hosted the following play and learn programming
    - My Fabulous Five Senses Book Club on Thursday mornings
    - Open Gym on Wednesday mornings
    - Curious Cooks Club, Baby Beats and Storytime Explorers monthly sessions.
- Attended The Neuroscience of Play virtual training on October 12th.
- Attended PV Mentor Breakfast and Salisbury Elementary's Trunk or Treat event on October 16th.
- Helped plan and attended The Factory family event "Paint a Pumpkin" on October 23rd at Paradise Park's Trunk or Treat.
- Finished collecting Family Engagement Survey data, interviewed parents and prepared video/presentation for staff.
- Attended an Intro to Motivational Interviewing training on October 22nd with Factory team.
- Had an information table for in-person conferences at both Paradise and Salisbury to connect with parents.

Plans for the month of November:

- Host the following play and learn programming
    - My Fabulous Five Senses Book Club on Thursday mornings
    - Open Gym on Wednesday mornings
    - Curious Cooks Club, Baby Beats and Storytime Explorers monthly sessions
- Attend the following: TIN meeting, Factory's Open House event, PV Mentor Breakfast, EL Core Team meeting, and Maple Grove Preschool beginning of year meeting.
- Help support the Factory with planning and prepping for their annual Open House on November 19th and Extra Give on November 20th.
- Help plan and prepare for the Factory Family event: Tree Lighting/Gingerbread House Extravaganza.

Start home visiting with new family that isn't eligible to work with CAP's PAT program

Elementary Curriculum Topics

- Held our monthly grade level Math and ELA data meetings. The focal points were on their incoming learner's baseline achievement data and their growth patterns that we want to continue trending in the right direction. The data was also utilized to make any Tier III mid intervention boost session adjustments.

October Parent/Teacher Conferences Participation

- Overall Elementary Attendance – 325 @ Paradise – 192 @ Salisbury
- Overall Secondary Attendance – 396 conferences @ PVS
- At the half time of a fall boys soccer game, we recognized 27 learners for being the top completers in the summer of 2026 reading challenge.
- Held a Tier III math resource/progress monitoring meeting to make adjustments on the tool being used to monitor the 2-week growth progress for these learners.

Middle & High School Curriculum Topics

- Held our quarterly 7th and 8th grade level Math and ELA Tier II and III data meetings. Tier II groups were established and will receive intervention Tuesday and Wednesdays for a 6-week burst. The data was also utilized to make any Tier II and III mid intervention boost session adjustments.
- Conducted October Lead Facilitator one-on-one check-ins and attended the Lead Facilitator group meeting to discuss the November Professional Development day topics, which will continue to embed discussions on digital vs print learning.
- LNP came to observe and interview, myself, our learning facilitator Mike Stitzer and one of our new Aviation course learners as it pertains to their First Choice aviation career goal. The article will appear in the near future.
- PDE visited PVS yesterday November 4th to conduct their periodic audit of our General Agriculture programming. The results will be forthcoming.

School Data & State Assessments & National Tests

- The most recent update from PDE is that all PVAAS growth, PA Future Ready Index and School Performance Profile data has still not been released and there is no specific release date being communicated.
- Even though we have not received the final Spring Keystone results, we will still plan on administering the Winter Keystone re-takes in December.

General

- Attended the annual Lancaster County Workforce Summit at the IU13 conference center. Key focal points:
    - Keynote: Mark C. Perna
        - System Change – What is a learners "Competitive Edge"?
        - Academic Knowledge – Technical Competencies – Professional & Life Skills (92% of employees values the Professional and Life Skills the most)
        - Build these so you are ready for when you "Why" (what we would call decided upon First Choice) appears.
        - Advocates for states to "Stop legislating to a number and a test" but instead what really matters to our kids. – "We have and engagement problem, not a curriculum problem." "Many of our kids will prioritize lifestyle over career or choose a career based on lifestyle."
        - "If the "Want" is strong enough the "How to will come".

        - "Meet learners where they are and help them take one step then another so they are comfortable progressing towards their "Why".
        - In content areas, have the mindset that we teach "Competitive Advantage" not just that specific area.
- Erik and I conducted our monthly principal meetings to discuss the 26-27 growth goals and progress for each targeted area. The secondary level will be working diligently on the transition from John Trovato as the PVS principal. Elementary is working on having their Professional Learning Community sessions with their faculty to evolve into a more "Ed Camp" format to focus on collaborative growth in instructional strategies.
- Attended the monthly Together Initiative Exec Team meeting that continued to focus on creating community support task force that can help address some of the Tri-Township strategic design areas.
- Conducted the October New Learning Facilitator session which focused on checking in on the Evaluation Framework Domain Two (Classroom Environment) and then diving into further strategies for Domain Three (Questioning and Discussion) techniques. We also reviewed Module one and two of the Teacher Clarity playbook they are working through. These modules aligned closely with Domain Three addressing the clarity of the teacher's instruction to the learners and, again, making sure the learners can answer the three questions regarding their learning, which are "What are they learning? Why are they learning it? How do they know they've learned it?"
- Attended the IU13 Federal Programs collaboration with the other Assistant Superintendents to discuss the most recent Title monitoring requirements.
- We were honored to have our Assistant Director of Technology Derek Sweigart selected as one of nine technology leaders from across the East Coast to participate in Second Life Mac's Visionary Circle in Philadelphia. As a trusted partner in our device buyback program, Second Life Mac convened this small group for two days of peer discussion, industry insight, and strategic planning. The conference focused on the evolving challenges facing educational technology leaders, including device lifecycle management, maximizing the value of our technology investments, the Apple ecosystem, and the full process of device procurement, grading, and buyback. A warehouse tour and discussion with Second Life Mac's leadership also provided valuable perspective on the operational side of the program. The experience created an opportunity to exchange ideas with peers and identify practices that can help us continue to manage our technology resources responsibly and effectively.

- Pequea Valley Virtual Update - Total Enrollment: 52 learners
    - Full Time: 30 (7 IEP)
    - Part Time: 15 (5 IEP)
    - COOP/PVV: 2
    - CTC: 3
    - Homeschool + PVV: 1
- 12th Grade
    - 10 FT learners
    - 6 PT learners (3 IEP)
    - 1 CTC learner
    - 2 COOP/PVV learners
- 11th Grade
    - 5 FT learners (1 IEP)
    - 3 PT learners (1 IEP)
    - 2 CTC learners
- 10th Grade
    - 9 FT learners (2 IEP)
- 9th Grade
    - 4 FT learners (2 IEP)
    - 1 PT learner

- 7th Grade
  - 1 FT learner (1 IEP)
  - 1 PT learner (1 GIEP)
- 6th Grade
  - 1 PT learner (1 GIEP)
  - 1 Audit (1 GIEP)
  - 1 Homeschool + PVV
- 5th Grade
  - 1 PT learner (1 IEP)
  - This learner is completing his virtual work in person (Paradise)
- 4th Grade
  - 1 FT learner (1 IEP)
  - 1 PT learner (1 IEP)
  - This learner is completing his virtual work in person (Salisbury)
- 1st Grade
  - 1 PT learner
