



# PANTHER POST

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### Save the Date:



**Nov 11**—No School /  
Hurricane Make Up Day

**Nov 23-27** — No School /  
Thanksgiving Break



Our 1st Drive Thru Trunk-or-Treat Event was a **HUGE** success and so **FUN**-tastic! Thank you to our RVP students, families, teachers, staff and volunteers for making this an event to remember!

### Transportation Changes:

The safety and security of our students is our priority. Please remember to send a note in with your students with any transportation changes for dismissal the morning of the change. We cannot accept any changes over the phone. You may also fax a note to the school with a copy of your driver's license **before 1:00 P.M.** Any changes made after 1:00 P.M. will NOT be made. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

### Early Sign-Outs

If you're planning on picking your student up early from school, please send a note with your student so that both the teacher and front office are aware and can be prepared. No students are allowed to be signed out after 3:15pm.



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### Technology News:

By the time your child is in elementary school, they are probably very experienced with technology. Please take the time to talk with your child about internet safety. Set clear guidelines and internet safety rules about what types of media are acceptable and carefully support and monitor your child's technology use. Tell your child to never share their name, address, or personal information online or on social media. Talk with your child about what to do if they comes across inappropriate content (close the screen and alert you), and make sure you have a high-quality web filter and security system in place.

### Media Center News:

Wow!!! This quarter has flown by and I love seeing all the happy faces as students receive books either off my cart as I go class to class or through "Book Dash" "Book Dash is the way students can request books through Destiny



Discover. If a student is here face to face, they simply request a book and within a day or two, or three, it will be delivered to them through their teacher. For the Home Connect students...I just want to let you know that using "Book Dash" is like ordering food for pick up. When you place an order, you have to give us time to find your book, process it, and put it in the Book Dash Closet out front. You will not get it the day you order it. I will contact your Home Connect teacher to let you know your books are in the Book Dash closet.

Have fun and keep reading. :)

### PBIS News:

#### How Can Parents Help With Positive Behavior Support?

- Remember to use 5 positives for every 1 negative
- Set the stage for your student's success and reward his/her efforts
- Give clear and specific directions
- Maintain your composure and always use a calm voice
- Set reasonable limits for your child
- Be consistent ("No" means no and "yes" means yes)
- Set the example and model desired behaviors (Actions truly do speak louder than words)
- Proactively anticipate situations
- Have and demonstrate patience with you child
- Have fun and enjoy the your role as a parent

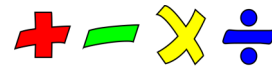
### PTO News:

RVP PTO would like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing staff, students, parents, and everyone who helped make our First Annual Silent Auction a success. We raised \$2,118 and had a lot of fun doing it! This will be an annual event so if you have items to donate, Ms. Smith will take them year round in preparation for next year's auction. Our next PTO meeting will be held in conjunction with our SAC meeting via Zoom on November 5th at 5pm. Hope to see everyone there!



### Math News:

Quarter 1 has been filled with some great math learning opportunities. We have had students from all grade levels counting a myriad of collections. Our fifth graders even counted all of the candy for Trunk or Treat and divided it among the 24 cars to pass out! Teachers have been learning about ways to incorporate daily activities into math lessons and we encourage parents to do the same. Ask your child how many trees are in an area, how much money they would like to save up, how many pairs of shorts they have, etc. Have fun exploring numbers and math together! An awesome app that can be downloaded to your phone for free is called "Bedtime Math". The app provides short blurbs about something cool that happens in real life and then asks questions from preschool to middle school. Kids love it!



### Science News:

Ray V. Pottorf students have been busy learning science topics this first marking period! Grades K, 1, and 2 have been studying Life Science topics. Characteristics of living and non-living things, habitats, and plants and animals. Kindergarteners had an opportunity to learn about mosquitoes from an instructor from Mosquito Control! Grades 3, 4, and 5 have practiced thinking like scientists and using scientific tools like graduated cylinders, thermometers, forceps, and magnifiers. They've also been identifying properties of matter, mixtures, physical and chemical changes. The next topic will be forms of energy. Parents interested in ways to enrich their child's science learning at home are encouraged to email Mrs. Camel, the science lab teacher roxanna@leeschools.net.



### ELA News:

Quarter one has been very exciting for students and teachers at Ray V Pottorf! Our students had the opportunity to complete their DIBELS assessment. This assessment checks your child's knowledge of letters, letter sounds, segmenting-decoding-blending words (Grades K-1) and oral reading fluency Grades (1-5). This assessment will be administered to your child each quarter to measure progress and growth as a reader. Teachers will use the results from the data to target and meet the needs of your child in reading. Also, Accelerated Reading (AR) is taking place school-wide. Your child is selecting and checking out books based on his/her reading level and take quizzes, along with tracking their reading comprehension and goals that have been determined by your child and his/her teacher. Happy Reading!



### Joke of the Month

Q: What did they baby corn say to the mama corn?  
A: Where's pop corn?



### Kindergarten News:

In Kindergarten, we have been working hard with important phonemic awareness skills and also our letters and letter sounds. Research has identified phonemic awareness as the most potent predictor of success in learning to read. Phonemes are the individual units of sound that make up words. For example, the word "sat" is made up of three phonemes: /s/ /a/ /t/. Phonemic awareness is not only the recognition that words are made up of small sound units, it is also the ability to break down, manipulate and blend phonemes. For example, being able to remove the /s/ and replace it with /m/ to make the word "mat". Young readers need to be able to apply their understanding of phonemes in order to begin to read. Phonemic awareness allows young readers to build another important element of reading: phonics. Phonics (the relationship between letters and sounds) builds upon phonemic awareness. When a child understands and can manipulate sounds verbally, they are ready to transfer this knowledge to printed words. Things such as counting words in a sentence, rhyming, blending together beginning and ending sounds of words /d/ /og/ to make the whole word, breaking a word into its syllables, etc are all examples of phonemic awareness skills. Please contact your child's teacher for ideas on how you can assist your child with developing their phonemic awareness skills at home.

### First Grade News:

First Grade has been off to a great start! In ELA we have been practicing our phonics skills and we have been learning about how to answer questions about fiction and non-fiction texts. This is a very important beginning reading skill and a great way to practice is to read with your child and ask questions while they are reading. In Math we have been practicing addition problems with sums up to 10 and having unknown numbers in various parts of the problem. As we begin Quarter 2 in November, we will be continuing to practice those vital phonics skills and going more in depth with comprehension by focusing on main idea/topic and details. In Math we will be transitioning into subtraction. We are very excited about celebrating upcoming holidays and integrating them into the curriculum. Be on the lookout for any special messages from your child's teacher.



### Second Grade News:

Second Grade Adventures Continue!

Second quarter has arrived so quickly! We are excited to have new students from Home Connect join us in our new adventures in second grade. Students are exploring many new topics in both Science and Social Studies. In Science they will learn about the life cycles of plants and animals. They will understand how the plants and animals adapt to their environments. In Social Studies, they will identify different landforms and the natural resources that they provide us. Developing a love of reading along with comprehension skills are the focus of second grade reading. We are reading different genres of books, such as poetry, biographies, fables, and informational texts. Read to your child, and have them read to you. Ask them questions about the story, and enjoy the quality time together. Reading at home is the best way to improve reading skills learned in school. In Math, your child is developing an understanding of place value and how to decompose numbers to solve word problems. It is exciting to see their math skills grow. Keep working with your child at home as they share math skills learned at school.



### Third Grade News:

Wow! We are already finishing up First Quarter of third grade! In math we have started learning about place value and rounding and measurement, and in ELA we have been reading informational text and learning how to find main idea and key details and use context clues to understand unknown words. In science we have been studying matter, and in social studies we are learning about the regions of our neighbors, Canada and Mexico. We have been very busy, and we are looking forward to second quarter and even more new learning adventures!

### Fourth Grade News:

4th graders have been so busy working hard and learning so much! We have been enjoying our weekly Science Labs with Ms. Camel where we have watched live investigations about energy and chemical changes. In math we are working on standards involving place value, multi-digit addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. Students are able to show many strategies to find solutions to problems! Lots of reading has been going on in ELA- please help your student remember to read nightly and be ready to take AR tests on those books. We are also very excited about our Vocabulary Parade and learning new words! Please be sure to check Focus to keep up with your child's grades and feel free to contact us with any questions. Thanks for all your support during 1st quarter. We are thrilled to be working with your children in 4th grade!

### Fifth Grade News:

Welcome to November when it gets a little cooler, the trees begin to turn colors, drag out the sweaters! Oh yeah, that is Wisconsin and not Florida. Can't believe we are already into the 3rd month of school, there has been so many changes that it is hard to keep track of them. I do feel as though the 5th grade has developed a routine and are on a roll. We are all working very hard as the end of the quarter is coming soon. October 30th is when Q1 grades will be posted. As a grade level we are working hard on learning about Rainforest Food Chains using an informational text in reading, multiplication and division of whole numbers and narrative writing. In Science Mrs. Camel has been doing experiments, such as the "sweetwater" lab learning about mixture, solutions and chemical changes. Keep working on those AR Goals which means reading not only in the classroom but also a minimum of 30 minutes a night. If you are unsure on how to access books at home your child is familiar with both EPIC (getepic.com) and Overdrive which can be accessed on your child's launchpad.

### Harry Chapin Food Pantry

We are now in partnership with the Harry Chapin Food Pantry and have a food pantry on-site. Please reach out to Mrs. Otero or Ms. Gonzalez (274-3932) if you are in need of visiting our pantry. It can be accessed by appointment and at all major school events.



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