

Chequamegon School District
Park Falls Elementary Principal's Report
October 23, 2018

Educate, Inspire, Empower Lifelong Learners

Guest Speaker for 5th Grade Social Studies Classes

Mr. Brian Jackson, from the Ojibwa tribe at Lac du Flambeau came to talk to the students about tribal sovereignty, Wisconsin Act 31, and brought some words and some of the culture of his tribe. He did a great job speaking, and the students did a wonderful job listening and learning. This coincides with the unit on Native Americans that fifth graders worked on for the past few weeks. The finale to the unit will be attendance at a Pow Wow on November 12. The Pow Wow on November 12th will be a Veterans Day Recognition.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

A few changes were made to Parent-Teacher Conferences this year, we increased the time per conference from 15 minutes to 20 minutes. Last year, teachers had expressed concerns that 15 minutes was not quite long enough. With the increase in time per student conference, we limited one conference time-slot per student. In the past, some parents have requested two separate conferences, one for mom and one for dad. Ninety percent of the students had at least one adult attend their parent-teacher conference on either Monday, October 9th or Tuesday, October 10th. A few more conferences are scheduled for this week and staff will continue to reach out to the few parents unable to attend.



Fire Safety Week

Once again, the **Park Falls Fire Department** had staff, the fire safety house, and a fire truck at school to celebrate Fire Safety Week (October 7 - 13) on October 9th and 10th. And once again it was a rainy, dreary, and cold two days. During their visit they teach all the elementary students fire safety procedures. Students also learn about the gear a firefighter must wear to be safe and how the fire engine works. A big THANK YOU to the Park Falls Fire Department for their commitment to fire safety and our students.

Vision Screening

On September 27th and 28th, the **Park Falls Lions Club** provided vision screening for 4K - 5th grade students. Mark and Ginny Luoma used the camera that "reads" a student's eyes to screen for possible vision concerns. Parents are then

notified if there are any concerns with their child's vision that should be followed up with their eye care provider. This is a valuable service the Lions Club provides to our students and greatly appreciated.

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