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Greetings, Panther Families!

I hope you are all doing well. This letter is intended to provide you with some district updates.

Counseling Office - As many of you have heard, Ms. Kate Caldwell, one of our HS counselors, has left the district. We did post to replace this position and received no applicants. Mrs. Stacy Chase has supported this office for years and knows the needs of our students. She is currently working on her degree in school counseling. Rather than continue to search for a counselor, who would be our third in three years, we have decided to shift duties. Mrs. Chase's job duties will focus more on scheduling and college and career readiness. Mr. Gallivan will continue supporting our whole counseling office and focus primarily on our students' higher-level mental health needs. Additionally, we have Mrs. Amanda Miller on staff as our elementary counselor, our school psychologist, Katie Markiewicz, and our school social worker, Kara Johnson.

The final addition to this office is Mrs. Deb Youngberg. Mrs. Youngberg will be shifting from the role of main office secretary to school counseling office secretary. Mrs. Youngberg is a veteran that has agreed to support this office. We are lucky to have dedicated Pine Valley personnel who will step in when needed. Please give us some grace during this transition but know that we are here to serve you and your child's needs.

Main Office - The scenario outlined above will lead to a vacancy in our main office. Mrs. Victoria Howard will be moving into this role. She has shown in her current secretarial position that she will be a great asset in the main office. Once again, we are grateful as a district and ask for some grace as she transitions.

Attendance and Remote Learning Coordinator - We will not be reposting for this position now. With so many moving pieces and a priority to constantly reevaluate and focus on fiscal responsibility, the duties of this job will be absorbed by the abovementioned roles. This absorption may not be permanent, but at this time, we will try.

Elementary Principal - Many of you have met or heard that Tom Schmidt has been our interim elementary principal for the past two months. He has been an excellent and supportive addition to the team. I'm thrilled to report that Mrs. Brandi Meacham is fully back and has returned to work.

Board of Education - I wanted to formally welcome Ang Astry to our Pine Valley Board of Education. Our Board of Education appointed Mrs. Astry to fill Mrs. Darlene Silleman's role at the November meeting. Mrs. Silleman vacated her seat when the district hired her as a behavioral coach. We are thrilled to work with Mrs. Astry as part of our leadership team.

Early Learning - The Little Love Bugs toddler room has been open for several months. However, the center continues to look for a qualified applicant to run the infant room. Once this position can be hired, the space can open. If you know anyone interested and eligible, please have them reach out to Little Love Bugs directly.

Storywalk – Currently, the locks for the story walk boards are frozen. Mr. Vanzile is working on this so that the book can be changed. Please note that this is open year-round and is changed by our Storywalk coordinator. We will have a minor delay, however.

Summer Drama Club - The Pine Valley Board of Education has approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the Pine Valley Teachers' Association to allow for a Summer Drama Club. This club will be run this coming summer for students in grades 5-8 with a culminating performance. Please be on the lookout for more information in the coming months.

I will regularly post the beautiful things happening in our district on Twitter at @brynamoritz. You can reach me via email at bmoritz@pval.org, stop in to see me, or call me at 716-988-3293.

Thank you for trusting us with your children.

Very Truly Yours,



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