

Panther Run Elementary School's
PIF-WIAMAD: "Pay It Forward! – Who I Am Makes A Difference!"
Overview of Program

We are happy to share our *PIF-WIAMAD: "Pay It Forward! – Who I Am Makes A Difference!"* program with you. This year, our Principal, Ms. Saef, challenged the staff, students and parents to PIF WIAMAD with her and we have definitely done it over and over!

PIF-WIAMAD: "Pay It Forward! – Who I Am Makes A Difference!" is a motivational program Ms. Saef designed which is used to inspire and motivate students, staff, parents and community members to care for and do good things for others. The concepts taught develop an increased awareness of helping others and spreading good will. The program consists of two main philosophies, "Pay It Forward!" and "Who I Am Makes A Difference!" "Pay It Forward" or paying it forward refers to repaying the good deeds one has received by doing good things for other unrelated people. In this way we hope to establish an ever growing, branching, organic flow of generosity amongst our fellow humans. "Pay It Forward", you never know how your actions can change the world!

"Who I Am Makes A Difference" is a philosophy that we all are important and make a difference in the lives of others by our actions, words, feelings and just being who we are. Each of us can and will make a positive difference and have an amazing impact on Panther Run and the community. We conducted several minor and major activities to promote caring for others, both people & animals. Each of the activities provided an excellent opportunity to teach the lesson of caring & helping others, "Paying It Forward!" & "Who I Am Makes A Difference". We were able to model, participate and discuss why it is important to lend a hand at times, do good deeds & be kind to others. The staff, students and community of Panther Run Elementary is committed to excellence and making the world and future a better place, especially in these hard economic times. We share a common mission and goal, "Changing The World, One Child At A Time!"

PIF-WIAMAD is intricately woven into our mission, vision and educational philosophies thus allowing us to teach and model wonderful values and providing a successful learning experience for all of the students at Panther Run Elementary while helping students and parents utilize these ideas with their peers, families and community at the same time. We also PIF-WIAMAD for the environment by saving energy and recycling. Parts of the program include the drives mentioned above, our New Years Resolutions and numerous other activities promoting caring for others.

All of the staff have jumped on board, as have the students and parents. Motivation and morale are way up and staff has high expectations for students and expects them to rise to them. The attached sign is displayed in all rooms and offices in the school, in hallways and at partners in education sites as well.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please send an e-mail requesting info on *PIF-WIAMAD* to: email@pantherrun.com.