



Pearl City School District

February 2019 Newsletter

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"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

Superintendent News

Winter has arrived! As of this writing, we have used three emergency days and one early release day for either snow and/or cold weather. The early release day counts as a full day of school even though we dismissed at 11:00 am. The three emergency days will need to be made up at the end of the school year. As of now, the last day of student attendance is May 22, 2019. If we need to use additional emergency days, the final day will be adjusted accordingly.

The Illinois Association of School Boards screened all applicants for the next Pearl City superintendent and provided the Board with their recommended candidates for interview. The Board has chosen to conduct superintendent interviews on January 31, 2019 and February 4, 2019, with the hope of completing the search process by mid-February. If you have any questions feel free to contact the district office.

We have four candidates running for the three vacant positions on the Pearl City Board of Education. They are in Scott Johnson, Tim Pauley, Richard Sargent, and Nicole Sheffey. I have notified all candidates and they are providing bios that will be published in the March newsletter. Thank you to all the candidates for your interest in serving Pearl City Schools.

Please visit our website at www.pcwolves.net to keep updated on school and board information. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 815-443-2715.

Tim Thill
Interim Superintendent, Pearl City Schools

Character Counts

There are Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Students don't learn alone. They learn through collaborative efforts with teachers, peers, and support of their families. This learning involves an atmosphere and process where social and emotional factors influence outcomes. Research in this area has found that pro-social behavior in the classroom is linked with positive intellectual outcomes (DiPerna and Elliot, 1999). So take some time to discuss the *Character Counts* activities and the Six Pillars.

Trustworthiness: Being honest, sincere, forthright, and candid. Having integrity to discern what's right and having the moral courage to act on it. Keeping promises. Being dependable and prepared. Having loyalty to stand by, stick up for and protect one's family, friends, work-place and country.

Respect: Honoring the individual worth and dignity of others. Showing courtesy and civility. Honoring reasonable social standards and customs. Living by the Golden Rule. Accepting differences. Judging on character and ability. Respecting the autonomy of others. Avoiding actual or threatened violence.

Responsibility: Being accountable. Exercising control. Setting goals. Choosing a positive attitude. Doing one's duty. Being self-reliant. Pursuing excellence. Being proactive, persistent and reflective. Setting a good example. Being morally autonomous.

Fairness: Understanding the processes and results of decision making through impartiality, through gathering of facts and hearing all sides.

Caring: Being compassionate, kind, generous and sharing.

Citizenship: Respecting the law. Doing one's share. Pursuing the common good. Protecting the environment. Respecting authority. Honoring the principles of democracy.

Character Counts provides a process for linking thinking, feeling and behavior to meet personal and social needs and to develop the skills necessary to become a productive, contributing member of society, which fits nicely with our Mission statement: *In partnership with parents and community, we will promote educational excellence in a positive environment to inspire lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.*

Pearl City Students Build Strong Community Bonds

It is not unusual to see older students sitting next to a younger student in Pearl City Schools. A variety of activities take place regularly to help build a strong community. Students read, play games, help with skill practice, act as mentors and just have fun together. We have a unique situation where students from Pre-K to 12th grade are all in the same building, making interacting with each other very easy. Building a strong caring community is important to us in Pearl City.

December Students of the Month

7th– Kyleigh Gentz
8th–Jordan Johnson
9th– Owen Joseph
10th–Estrella Ayala
11th–Sarah Pena
12th–Andrew Lorig

Top Dog
Lauren Strock

January Students of the Month

7th– Kyle Niehaus
8th–Sam Snetcher
9th– Cody Pitts
10th–Madyson Stephan
11th–Alayna Palmer
12th–Riley Wright

Top Dog
Bella Kostallari

Important Dates to Remember

Feb 5th

Grade 1-4 Spelling Bee
8:30 Grade 5-8 Spelling Bee 2:00

Feb 9th

6th Grade Cake Raffle
No PASS Classes

Feb 11th

PTO Mtg. 3:30

Feb 14th

Valentine Parties

Feb 15

Mid Terms Sent Home
Early dismissal 11:15

Feb 16th

No PASS Classes
Parent Interaction Day

Feb 18th

No School

Feb 19th

Regional Spelling Bee
7:00

Feb 22nd

Lifetouch Spring
Pictures PreK-8

SAT

At this time, the State of Illinois will be giving the SAT to all Juniors. This test will be given on April 9th. This test is a graduation requirement. The students have been practicing for this test. If you would like more information, go to collegeboard.org. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Junior High Promotion and Retention Policy

The following are the guidelines that will be used for promotion and retention. Parents/guardians of students, who are at risk, will be notified shortly after the semester ends.

The decision as to pupil placement (retention or acceleration) shall be made by the school principal after careful consideration of the following:

- Teacher Recommendation
- Attendance
- Grades
 1. Junior High Level (7-8) – must pass 4 of 5 academic subjects (Language Arts, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies) to be promoted to the next grade.
 2. A student who fails either mathematics or reading will be required to attend summer school or will be retained at current grade level.

Achievement Scores/Testing Program

A student who falls below the “does not meet” level on the district administered reading and/or mathematics tests must attend summer school or will be retained at current grade level.

Procedures to be followed in promotion or retention shall be as follows:

1. A teacher feeling that a child’s problems can be improved by assistance should immediately inform the principal.
2. The principal, in conjunction with parents and teacher, may develop an academic assistance program for the student.
3. A teacher feeling that a child should be considered for summer school or retention should confer with the parent between December and March to gain their help and prepare them for promotion or retention.
4. In April, a teacher-principal conference will be held to review the student’s grades and achievement test scores.
5. Following this review, the principal will make the final decision regarding placement and notify the parents regarding their child’s status relative to summer school and/or retention.

Spelling Bees

Classroom Spelling Bees have been going on in January. Winners from Grades 1-4 will participate in a Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 5th at 8:30am in the Elementary Library. Classroom winners will be participating in The School Bee for Grades 5-8 on Tuesday, February 5th at 2:00 PM in the IMC. Only winners from the Grade 5-8 bee will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee. The Regional Spelling Bee will take place at Pearl City School on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00pm for selected students from area schools in grades 5-8. The winner of the Regional Spelling Bee will go directly on to the National Competition in Washington D.C.

CLIP UPCs AND EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

We’ve registered to participate in a loyalty rewards program offered by the bakers of Country Hearth® and Village Hearth® breads, allowing us the opportunity to earn as much as \$10,000 this year! Start saving UPC Proof-of-Purchases from any Country Hearth or Village Hearth product, each one is worth 5¢. UPCs can be dropped in our designated collection box. Call the school office for more information or to help with the program

In a
WORLD
where you can be
anything
BE KIND

Pearl City School Preschool Screening March 14

Preschool Screening for the 2019-2020 school year will be taking place on Thursday, March 14th for any child between the ages of 3-5 and living in the Pearl City School District. Any child who will be three years old before September 1, 2019, is eligible to screen on March 14^h and attend the preschool program next year. Children must be screened in order to be considered for the preschool program. Preschool screening is a play-based assessment that generally last 45 minutes, and will be held in the preschool classroom at Pearl City Elementary. During the screening, your child will play in the classroom with a small group of their peers and a variety of professionals (general/special education teacher, Speech and Language Pathologist, PASS Coordinator etc.). The purpose of this screening is to identify children who would benefit and/or be eligible to attend the preschool program next year, or need additional evaluation and/or services. Space in this program is limited. Children who are not initially enrolled in the program will be placed on a waiting list. Various screening time slots are available throughout the day on March 14th, please call the school at (815) 443-2715 to make an appointment.

Pearl City School Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2019

Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2019 is now open. New Families to Pearl City should use this link to begin the online registration.

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisd.dll/WService=wsedupearlcitil/skyenroll.w>

Families who already have a Skyward account can simply add their child in Skyward. If you are unsure if you have a Skyward account, please contact the main office. If you are unable to complete the online registration, someone at the school will assist you. We will have a Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt during Open House March 7th. Open House is from 6:00-8:00, we will have a concert in the large gym from 6:00 to about 6:30, which you are welcome to enjoy. Parents will be asked to bring their child's official birth certificate from the court house and a copy will be made in the main office. If you are unable to attend please contact the school at (815) 443-2715 to receive information. No fees are due at this time.

Pre-K – 8th Grade Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now on sale! You can purchase a whole year of memories for only \$15. Checks can be made payable to the Pearl City PTO. Orders should be to the school office by March 1st. You can also order your yearbook online at ybpay.lifetouch.com using yearbook ID code 6825919. Extra copies will be limited this year, so get your order in soon!

Lifetouch Spring Pictures

Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, February 21st to take Spring Pictures for students PreK-8th grade. All students will have their pictures taken and parents can choose from a variety of packages.

Smile Illinois Mobile Dentist is Coming to Pearl City School in March

Our school has partnered with Smile Illinois, the mobile dentists, to offer in-school dental care to our students Pre-K through 12th Grade, on February 28, 2019. Permission slips have been sent home with elementary students.

Even better, dental care is usually provided at no cost to you. All insurance is accepted including Medicaid and All Kids. For those without insurance, a low cost self-pay option is available.

Smile Illinois is an in-school dental program that saves you time and provides a safe and comfortable place for your child to receive gentle dental care from licensed local professionals. Dental care includes a complete dental exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride and sealant when necessary, and in some cases, restorative care such as fillings.

If you have any questions, please contact
Kim Williams
School Nurse
815-443-2715



PCEF (Pearl City Education Foundation) is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$6000 for scholarships for Pearl City 2019 graduating seniors planning to go on as full-time College students, or who are enrolling full time in an accredited vocational/trade school program.

Please complete the Multiuse Scholarship Application form (a copy was e-mailed to all seniors by Mr. Kreiser on January 15th). Please use dark colored ballpoint pen or type the application (avoid pencil use). Remember to include any requested attachments. Additional blank application forms are available through Mr. Kreiser's office as needed.

Applications are due no later than April 1st .

Scholarships will be awarded as part of the program on Seniors Honor Night.

We look forward to receiving your completed applications.

Pearl City Education Foundation
Scholarship Team

2019 February



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	Jan 31	1	2
					WYSE @ HCC 5:00 PM FFA Pork Chop Dinner 6:00 PM GBB @ Eastland 6:00 PM BBB vs. Le-Win	8th Grade JH GBB Aquin Tourn (Aquin HS) Speech Regionals @ Freeport
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4:00 PM AB @ Milledgeville 4:00 PM JH GBB @ Forreston 6:00 PM GBB Regionals vs. Morrison at Stockton 6:00 PM BBB @ E DBQ	6:00 PM BBB @ Milledgeville	5:30 PM JH GBB vs. Orangeville	4:00 PM AB vs. Durand 5:30 PM JH GBB @ Eastland 6:00 PM BBB vs. Eastland	6th Grade Cake Raffle	Speech Sectionals @ Rochelle 6:30 PM BBB Aquin Shoot Out vs. Aquin 6:30pm	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
3:30 PM PTO Meeting 4:00 PM AB vs. Pecatonica 5:30 PM JH GBB vs. W. Carroll	ASVAB Testing 6:00 PM Spring Sports Meeting	6:00 PM BBB vs. Scales Mound (Sr. Night)	No PASS-Teacher training 4:00 PM AB @ Dakota 5:30 PM JH GBB vs. Aquin (St. Joe's)	Speech-State No PASS - Parent Interaction Day (AM) 11:15 AM Early Release 6:00 PM BBB @ Stockton		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
BBB Regionals No School	5:30 PM JH GBB @ Le-Win 7:00 PM Regional Spelling Bee	5:30 PM Booster Meeting 6:30 PM Board Of Education Meeting	Pre K-8 Spring Pictures 4:00 PM AB @ Eastland 5:30 PM JH GBB vs. Stockton 7:00 PM Regional Spelling Bee (snow day)	IGSMA Solo/Ensemble		
24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2
	5:30 PM JH GBB @ Orangeville		JH GBB Conf Mobile Dentist 4:00 PM AB @ Le-Win			
3	4	Notes				
<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>						

2019 February

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	Jan 31	1	2
					French Toast Chicken Nuggets	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Bacon Scrambled Egg Square Mini Corn Dogs	Donuts & String Cheese Orange Chicken	Bagels & Yogurt Chili	Waffles & Chicken Nuggets Salisbury Steak	Grilled Cheese Tenderloin		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pretzels w/cheese Pepperoni Pizza	Sausage Pizza Goulash	Combo Bar w/toast Chicken & Noodles	French Toast & Yogurt BBQ	Trix Cereal Bar Early Release...no lunch		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
No School No School	Variety Pizza Tator Tot Casserole	Egg & Cheese Biscuit Tacos	Donuts & String Cheese Sub Sandwich	Pancake & Sausage on a stick Corn Dogs		
24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2
Pretzels & cheese Cheese Pizza	Bacon Scrambled Egg Square Chicken Nuggets	French Toast & Yogurt Taco Casserole	Combo Bar w/toast Tenderloin			
3	4	<p>*Calendar is subject to change* Lunch is Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				