



Pearl City School District

May 2019 Newsletter

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

District Website: www.pcwolves.net

Superintendent News

As we enter the last month of the school year, I would like to remind you to please check the district website for the many events that are going to happen as we conclude our present school year. Two such events are graduation, which is set for Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 1:00 pm and the last day of school for students, which is Friday, May 24, 2019 with a dismissal time of 1:00 pm.

I would like to thank the following staff who will be retiring at the conclusion of this school year: Ken Baldauf, School bus driver (14 years), Diane Chambers (9 years) who actually retired in July of 2018, Dorothy Ditsworth, Head Cook (19 years), Mike Strohecker School Bus Driver (14.5 years) who actually retired in August of 2018, and Chris Wallace, Elementary Principal (18 years). Their commitment/dedication to the students of Pearl City has been a big part of why Pearl City Schools is an exceptional school. Thank you and good luck in your future endeavors.

As I write my last newsletter as the superintendent of the school, I have had a chance to reflect on the 47 years I have been part of the Pearl City School system (35 years as a teacher and administrator and 12 years as a student). I can honestly tell you that I have truly enjoyed those years while serving the Pearl City Community.

While acting as the superintendent, I always strived to ensure that the students of Pearl City received the highest possible education, that we always employed the best possible teachers and staff, and to make sure that the District always remained financially sound. I leave knowing that I helped accomplish each of these goals. As a tribute to our staff, our students continually receive a high quality education. The student success post high school and our test scores continually demonstrate this year in and year out. Financially, the school has maintained sound fund balances, in spite of perhaps the worst seven years of funding (lack of or reduced funding) provided by the State of Illinois. Fund balances are only slightly lower than they were when I started as superintendent twelve years ago. In spite of these difficulties, the district has never had to ask the community for additional money in the form of any bond since the construction bond in 2000. Note - this year's tax payment is the last payment you will be making on this bond and yes your 2020 tax bill will be going down significantly. Serving as the superintendent until this bond was completely paid has always been a major goal of mine. Moving forward, finances will continue to be a concern, but if the State makes good on the new Evidence Based Funding at 100% (they are presently paying us at 68%) and makes all obligated payments as scheduled, Pearl City Schools will not have to worry about the finances.

I want to thank the Board of Education for giving me a shot by hiring me as a teacher back in 1984 and being a great Board while acting as superintendent. To all of past and present teaching colleagues who truly care about our school and students. To all the support staff for making our school operate efficiently. To all the past and present administrators I have been fortunate to work with especially Chris Wallace who for 17 years together, helped bring a lasting stability and provided outstanding leadership to our school. To the entire Pearl City community for always supporting an outstanding school and finally and most importantly to all the students who have created the memories that I will cherish and carry with me for the rest of my life. You truly are the reason that we do what we do. THANK YOU Everyone!!!!

I wish nothing but the best for the entire school district and the Pearl City community.

Sincerely,

Tim Thill
Interim Superintendent, Pearl City Schools

Important Dates to Remember

- May 1st** TMC Meeting at 9:00 am in IMC
Last Chess Club Mtg.
- May 1st-3rd** 8th Grade at Timberlee
- May 2** Last Day of Homework Helper
- May 3rd** No Pre School Classes
All Library Books Due
K- Discovery Center
- May 5th** Baccalaureate Services at Zion Church 4:00 PM
- May 6th** 4th Gr. - Cave of the Mounds
- May 7th** PTO Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- May 8th** - Pre School-trip to CHOM
Senior Honors Night
- May 9th** 2nd Gr. -Discovery Center
1st Gr.- Morse Farm/Skate Station
- May 9th -14th** - Senior Finals-
Open Campus
- May 10th** 6th Gr. Spring Fling/AR Pizza Party
3rd Gr. to Timberlake Play house/Skate Station
4th GR. Skate Station
1st Gr. Mothers' Day Celebration
- May 16th-** PE, Choir, and Art Finals
2nd Gr. Stephenson County Historical Society
5th Gr. AR Pizza Party
- May 17th** 1st Gr. Madison Zoo
K Spring Fling/Skate Station
4th Gr. Spring Fling /AR Pizza
3rd Gr. Spring Fling /AR Pizza Party
- May 20th-**4th Gr. Hawaiian Day
- May 21st-** 1st Gr. Spring Fling/AR Pizza Party
4th Gr. Sale
- May 20th** -May 23rd- 9th -11th Grade Finals and Open Campus
- May 17th-** Graduation Practice at 8:00 am
- May 23rd-** Elementary Movie Day
- May 24th** - 7th -11th Awards Day at 8:00am
El. Field Day am
El. Awards 12:15
Report Cards Issued
Last Day of Student Attendance
Dismissal 1:00
- May 28th** Teacher Institute



Graduation

Graduation will be on May 19th at 1:00pm. All Seniors are to meet in the IMC at 12:30 pm. When students are in the IMC, we ask that parents not come in due to lining up of students and making sure everyone is here. Doors for graduation will not open until 12:00 pm. Please do not arrive early as you will not be able to come in. Graduation will begin at 1:00 pm.

PTO News

PTO was able to provide new chrome-books and a charging cart to the elementary this year. They also funded the MADCAP Puppet show and a variety of field trips, AR Pizza parties and Book Fair credit to students. Please consider volunteering.



Honors Day and Community Service Day

Junior High and Senior High Honors Day will be on May 24th at 8:00 am. The students will be going out into the communities of Pearl City, Kent and Loran to help with spring cleaning. The students will return back to the school around 12:00pm for lunch and cleaning out lockers. Students will be dismissed on that day at 1:00pm.



Pearl City Schools is looking for substitute paraprofessionals/teacher aides. If interested, you need to hold a paraprofessional license. If you do not have a paraprofessional license, you need to have completed an associate's degree and then apply for the license through the ROE. If interested, please contact the school office at 815-443-2715 and we can provide further assistance in acquiring the license or add you to our substitute list.

A note from Mrs. Wallace.....

I just want to say quickly that I am retiring to be a full time Grandma. I have enjoyed working with the students, families and staff all my years here in Pearl City. I am thankful every-day for the wonderful opportunities that I have had.

:) Mrs. Wallace



Ken Baldauf
Diane Chambers
Dorothy Ditsworth
Mike Strohecker
Tim Thill
Christina Wallace

Thank you for your
commitment & service!

PEARL CITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION: SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

PCEF's Pearl City Seniors Scholarships Update

PCEF thanks all our Seniors who submitted Scholarship applications. They were all complete submissions and a pleasure to review. We look forward to awarding your scholarships on May 8th Honors night.

PCEF Upperclassman Scholarships Reminder:

Pearl City Education Foundation announces the availability of \$8000 to fund Pearl City Upperclassman Scholarships for College or Trade School students for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

Applications are available at the Pearl City School office or the School website www.pcwolves.net and also at the Pearl City Public Library and the State Bank of Pearl City.

The deadline for returning completed applications to the Pearl City School is July 01, 2019.

Since its 2010 inception the Pearl City Upperclassman Scholarship program has awarded 80+ scholarships with over \$35,000 having been distributed. This program is designed to be perpetual.

The Pearl City Education Foundation (PCEF) welcomes additional donations to help increase the number, size, and scope of scholarships as well as helping to provide funds for learning experiences for students beyond the regular academic programs. These donations are tax deductible as PCEF has a 501(c) (3) tax status.



Mr. Johnson and Mr. Scott would like to thank all the people who made this year's Washington DC trip a success. From all the parents, grandparents, and family members who helped with fundraising to Little John's and Applebees that helped the group raise funds as well. This year's trip was another huge success with visits to all the great memorials including the Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, FDR Memorial, Korean Memorial, and many more. Henry Savaadra made our trip to the Vietnam Memorial the most moving part of the entire trip. Thank you Henry for your service!! Several students got to take part in laying flowers at the Vietnam Memorial, the Women's Memorial and the Soldiers Memorial. We also got to visit many Smithsonian Museums including the newly opened African-American Museum. Our stops at the Holocaust Museum, the National Cathedral and Mount Vernon were also very moving and inspiring. For many of our students experiencing being on an air plane for the first time was a thrill. The flights to and from Washington DC went off without a hitch!

We hope to continue the tradition next April with the class of 2023! We are taking reservations now. All deposits and registration forms are due to Mr. Scott by Friday, May 3th!! Make you checks payable to Pearl City School.



Pearl City
Athletic Boosters

GOLF OUTING

Saturday, June 1, 2019 Lake Carroll Golf Course

Registration: 10:00 a.m.
Shotgun Start: 11:00 a.m.
Dinner: 5:00 p.m.
\$300 per foursome if paid by May 15
\$340 per foursome if paid after May 15

**18 Holes of Golf with Cart * Brats on Course
Steak Dinner * 2 Beer Tickets * Raffle
PC Wolves Gear * And More!**

All proceeds go to Pearl City Athletic Boosters

Sponsorship Opportunities

Reservations & Payment

Check all that apply

Golf \$75 per person

Dinner Only \$25

**If not registered by May 15, 2019 entry fee will be \$85/person
and fan gear is not guaranteed.**

Total Due \$_____

Payment Options Check Cash

PayPal

Please make checks payable to Pearl City Athletic Boosters.

*PayPal payments can be
sent via friends/family to
pcboosterclub@gmail.com*

Golfers

Golfer 1: _____

Golfer 2: _____

Golfer 3: _____

Golfer 4: _____

*For more information contact Tim Pauley at 815-541-6642
Return forms to Tim Pauley 107 W Walgren Road. Pearl City, IL 61062*

Hole In One (\$300)

- Sponsor of dinner activities
- Logo on banner
- Corporate logo on each golf cart
- Sponsor sign on 10th hole
- Social media advertising

Eagle (\$200)

- Sponsor sign on putting green
- Company name on score card
- Social media advertng

Birdie (\$100)

- Sponsorship sign on hole
- Social media advertising

2019 May



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	Apr 30	1	2	3	4
			8th Grade Timber-lee	Bass Fishing Regional Last day of homework helper (Elem) 4:00 PM GT @ Forreston NUIC 4:00 PM BT @ Galena/RR/E. DBQ 4:30 PM BsB/SB vs. W. Carroll 4:30 PM Sr. Night for Softball	No PASS-Teacher Training 8:00 AM RAKU @ Stockton 4:00 PM BT @ Winnebago 5:00 PM SB @ Quincy Notre Dame (5 &)	10:00 AM SB @ Quincy Notre Dame (10am & noon) 10:00 AM JV BsB PC Tour
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
4:00 PM GT @ Forreston 4:30 PM SB vs. Byron (Libby Petersen Night)	8:00 AM ENG 3-Japanese Gardens 4:30 PM BsB vs. E DBQ (Senior Night)	7:00 PM Senior Honors Night	4:00 PM BT @ NUIC Dakota 4:30 PM BsB @ Eastland 4:30 PM SB @ So. Beloit	4:00 PM GT Sectionals @ Oregon 4:30 PM SB vs. E DBQ 4:30 PM BsB vs. Bureau Valley		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4:00 PM JV BT & JV GT @ Pecatonica 4:00 PM V-BT @ Oregon Prep	4:30 PM SB Regionals PC (4:30 & 6pm)	7:00 AM Physics Trip to Great America 4:30 PM BsB PC Regionals 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	GT State 4:00 PM BT Sectionals @ Le-Win 4:30 PM BsB PC Regionals	GT State 4:30 PM SB PC Regional Final		FAM K-11 Art Show (Freeport) - 6/15 GT State 11:00 AM BsB PC Regional Final 6:00 PM JH Dance (small gym)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1:00 PM Class of 2019 Graduation	High School Finals Week 5:30 PM Booster Meeting		Boys Track State	Last Day of School 1:00 PM Early Dismissal		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
Memorial Day No School	Institute Day	5:30 PM FHN Sports Physicals				
2	3	<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>				

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Menu



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	Apr 30	1 Donuts & String Cheese Cheddarwurst	2 Combo Bar Chicken Nuggets	3 Bagels & Yogurt Cooks Choice	4
5 Pretzel w/cheese sauce Cooks Choice	6 Scrambled Eggs & Toast Orange Chicken	7 Pancakes Cheese Filled Breadsticks	8 Cooks Choice Mini Corndogs or Fishsticks	9 French Toast & Sausage Chicken Noodle Soup	10	11
12 Sausage & Potato Patties Goulash	13 Bacon Scrambled Egg Square Grilled Cheese Sandwich	14 Pancakes & String Cheese Chicken Strips	15 Bagels & Yogurt Variety Sandwich	16 Cooks Choice Chicken & Noodles	17	18
19 French Toast & String Cheese Variety Pizza	20 Sausage & Potato Patties Cooks Choice	21 Cooks Choice Cooks Choice	22 Cooks Choice BBQ	23 Trix Bar Hot Dogs	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
2	3	<p>*Calendar is subject to change* Lunch is Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				