



# *Pearl City School District*

## *February 2020 Newsletter*

District Website: [www.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net)

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

### Superintendent News

I was always told the older I get the faster time will begin to slip away. I say this because, I can't believe that we are already starting the second semester of the school year. The first semester was filled with a lot of new, important, and exciting initiatives in the Pearl City School District.

At the December school board meeting Dr. Mandrell and Mr. Chrisman provided a presentation to the school board members regarding the state test results and other state data that can be found on the Illinois State Report Card. Below are a few of the highlights from the presentation.

- \* Graduation rate for PC School is 90%. State is 86%
- \* Freshman on track to graduate in 4 years is 92%. State is 87%
- \* 41% of Juniors that took the SAT test Met or Exceeded. State was 37%
- \* As a district, 30% of our students met or exceeded in Math on the state assessment. State Ave. was 32%
- \* As a district, 50% of our students met in ELA. State was 38%
- \* On the KIDS state assessment 55% of PC K students were prepared Socially and Emotionally to enter Kindergarten

More details can be found on the Illinois Report Card at <https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/>

The Pearl City School District educators are committed to continuing to improve upon the criteria set forth by the state of Illinois and our own high expectations. We will continue to grow and better serve the Pearl City students through our use of the district goals, school improvement goals, and continued monitoring of the curriculum.

The work of the educators in the Pearl City School District is to support all students. To create a safe environment for our students both physically and emotionally. To guide students to be prepared for life as great leaders and citizens. To have graduates that think critically, embrace diversity and to be self-empowered. To be responsive to student voices, and guide them on how to use those voices positively. You know, all of the things that are not measured on a report card. Thank you for your continued support to the educators and students of Pearl City School District!

Dr. Mike Schiffman  
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.

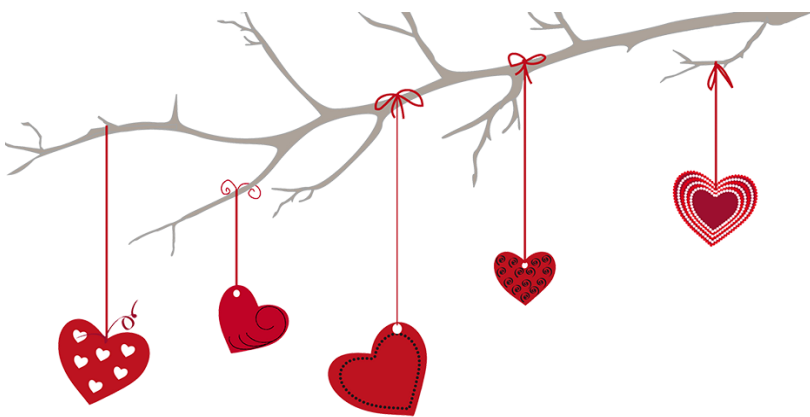
**Caring:** Being compassionate, kind, generous and sharing.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



### January Students of the Month

7th– Adeline Smith  
8th– Hailey Zimmerman  
9th– Dylan Olvera  
10th– Oliver Petta  
11th– Caitlin Niesman  
12th– Nicki Adolph

**Top Dog**  
Sidney Wright



## Important Dates to Remember

### Feb 4th

Grade 1-4 Spelling Bee  
1:30 (Elem library)  
Grade 5-8 Spelling Bee  
1:30 (IMC)

### Feb 7th

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Cake Raffle  
No PASS Classes

### Feb 10th

PTO Mtg. 3:30

### Feb 13th

Elem Valentine Parties

### Feb 14th

Mid Terms Sent Home  
Early dismissal 11:15  
No PASS Classes  
Parent Interaction Day

### Feb 17th

No School

### Feb 18th

Regional Spelling Bee  
7:00 (small gym)

### Feb 20th

Lifetouch Spring  
Pictures PreK-8



## 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’ 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 4th at 1:30pm in the Elementary Library. Classroom winners will be participating in The School Bee for Grades 5-8 on Tuesday, February 4th at 1:30 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 18th, 2020 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.

## SAT

At this time, the State of Illinois will be giving the SAT to all Juniors. This test will be given on April 14th . 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.

In a  
WORLD  
where you can be  
anything  
BE KIND

Mrs. ADK

## Pearl City School Preschool Screening March 19th

Preschool Screening for the 2020-2021 school year will be taking place on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 2020, is eligible to screen on March 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>, please go to the school website, [www.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net) Parent tab, then to PreSchool Registration to make an appointment.

## Pearl City School Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2020

Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2020 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 \$17. Checks can be made payable to the Pearl City PTO. Orders should be to the school office by March 22nd. You can also order your yearbook online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) using yearbook ID code 6825920. Extra copies will be limited this year, so get your order in soon!*

## **LifeTouch Spring Pictures**

LifeTouch will be here on Thursday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> to take Spring Pictures for students grades PreK - 8th. All students will have their pictures taken and parents can choose from a variety of packages.





## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020

The April 1st deadline for turning PCEF Senior Scholarship applications is not that far away. PCEF, (Pearl City Education Foundation), has **\$12,000** available for scholarships to be awarded to Pearl City Seniors going on to college or to a vocational/trade school. A completed Multiuse Application form and its requested attachments should be turned in to the school office or to the guidance counselor by April 1st 2020. (The guidance counselor, the school registrar, or a school administrator will assist with the transcript copy requested on the application form.)

All PCEF Senior 's Scholarships will be presented at the May 13th Senior Honors Night program. We look forward to receiving your applications and to presenting those Pearl City Education Foundation Scholarships.

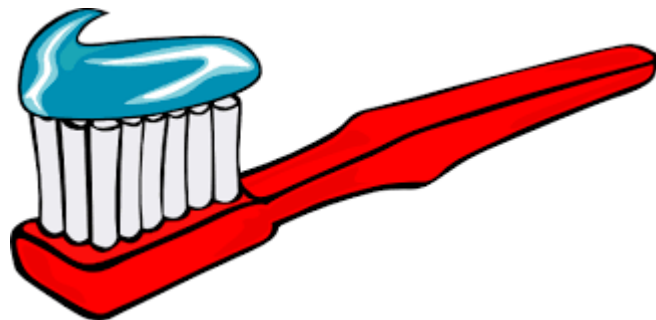
## **Smile Illinois Mobile Dentist is Coming to Pearl City School February 27th**

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 27th, 2020. 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



2020 February



# Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Jan 31	1 8:00 AM Speech @ Jefferson (Rkfd) 11:40 AM HS Girls Basketball Aquin Shootout vs. Hiawatha 1:00 PM HS Boys Basketball vs. Warren
2	3 4:00 PM Academic Bowl @ Pecatonica 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball vs. Stockton	4 6:00 PM HS Girls Basketball @ Le-Win	5 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball vs. Aquin 6:00 PM HS Boys Basketball @ Dakota	6 9:30 AM ACES Regional Competition (HCC) 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball vs. Orangeville	7 6:00 PM HS Boys Basketball vs. Durand	8 8:00 AM Speech Regionals @ Sterling 10:30 AM HS Boys Basketball-Aquin Shootout vs. W. Carroll 6:00 PM Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Forreston
9	10 HS Girls Basketball Regionals 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball vs. Pecatonica	11 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball @ Dakota 6:00 PM HS Boys Basketball vs. Stockton	12 6:00 PM Booster Meeting	13 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball @ Eastland 6:00 PM HS Boys Basketball vs. Orangeville 6:00 PM Senior Night-Academic Team, HS Boys Basketball, & Speech	14 9:00 AM PASS Parent Interaction 11:15 AM Early Release	15 8:00 AM IGsMA Solo & Ensemble @ Stockton 8:00 AM Speech @ Freeport
16	17 FFA Proficiency Interviews No School 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball vs. W. Carroll	18 4:00 PM Academic Bowl @ Forreston 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball vs. Durand 6:00 PM HS Boys Basketball @ Le-Win 6:00 PM Community Forum (IMC) 7:00 PM 38th Annual Regional	19 6:00 PM Spring Sports Meeting 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	20 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball @ Orangeville 6:00 PM HS Boys Basketball @ Durand 7:00 PM Regional Spelling Bee (Snow Day)	21 Speech - State 6:00 PM HS Boys Basketball @ Rkfd Christian Life	22 JH Girls Basketball @ Le-Win Tourn 9:00 AM Servant Leadership @ HCC
23	24 HS Boys Basketball Regionals in PC	25 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball @ Le-Win	26	27 Mobile Dentist 5:30 PM JH Girls Basketball @ Stockton	28	29
Mar 1	2 Notes					
<b><i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i></b>						

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Menu



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	Jan 31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Frudel Hot Dogs and Mac-n-Cheese	Sausage Breakfast Pizza Nachos	Breakfast Sandwich Broccoli Cheese or Potato Bacon Soup	French Toast Sticks Pulled Pork	Mini Pancakes Pizza		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Donut Chicken	Coffee Cake Taco Casserole	Mini French Toast Chicken Dumpling Soup	Breakfast Pizza Salisbury Steak	Early Release 11:15am Funnel Cake		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
No School No School	Pancakes Tacos	Breakfast Sandwich Chili	French Toast Sticks Spaghetti	Cinnamon Roll BBQ & Fries		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Muffin Pork Tenderloin	Scrambled Eggs & Toast Taco Bites	Mini Waffles Chicken Noodle Soup	Sausage Breakfast Pizza Hot Beef Sandwich	Egg Casserole Quesadillas		
Mar 1	2	<p><b>*Calendar is subject to change*</b> Lunch is Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk &amp; Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				