



Pearl City School District
November 2018 Newsletter



District Website: www.pcwolves.net
"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

Parents and Community Members:

The State Board of Education will post the 2018 District Report Card at www.illinoisreportcard.com. You can also access the report card by going to our district website click on District Information and then click on School Report Card. This will take you directly to all of our school and District data. The data on the report card includes student and teacher demographics, enrollment, district-level financial information, Illinois 5Essentials Survey information, graduation rates, postsecondary enrollment, and freshmen on track. The Report Card will showcase new metrics and features to show a more complete picture of school climate and students' progress toward college and career readiness. Data involving student academic growth and achievement will be included in this release. This data will be based on student, school, and district-level PARCC and SAT test results.

There are three (four year term) seats available for anyone interested in running for a position as a school board member in the April Election. Interested candidates may pick up a board packet at the Stephenson County Clerk's office in Freeport. It is important to note that the law has changed. The school is no longer the governing agent over the election process. This is now completely controlled by the county clerk. All required documents that need to be completed for a candidate to be placed on the ballot must be turned into the county clerk. Petitions can be circulated starting September 18, 2018.

The 5 Essential survey will again be conducted this school year. The window to complete the survey is from November 15, 2018 – January 18, 2019. The parent survey is now open and is to be completed by parents, guardians, or other caregivers with a child in grades prekindergarten through 12. The parent survey is available in English and Spanish and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. If parents have more than one (1) child that attends the same school, they may elect to participate multiple times. For parents with children enrolled in multiple schools, we recommend that they participate in the survey for each school. Only one parent per household may participate in the survey. To access the parent survey, Visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/> and select Parent Survey. This link is also located on the homepage of the district website under 5 Essentials Survey. See enclosed letter for additional information.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter or any other topics, please feel free to contact me at 815-443-2715.

Tim Thill
Interim Superintendent, Pearl City Schools

Important Dates to Remember

- Veterans Day Ceremony
Fri, Nov. 9th - 9am
 - No PASS
Parent Interaction Day
Fri. Nov. 9th
- Early Release Day Fri.
Nov. 9th 11:15
- Family Reading & Math
Night Thurs. Nov. 15th
5:30-7:00
 - PTO Mtg.
Mon. Nov. 19th 3:30
 - K-2 to Highland
Miss Nelson Is Missing
Wed. Nov. 21 9:00-11:00
- Mid Terms Sent Home
Early Dismissal 1:00
Wed. Nov. 21st
 - No School Thurs,
Nov. 22nd & Fri,
Nov. 23rd Thanksgiving
 - Elementary Concert
K-4th Grade Wed.
Nov. 28th 7:00

October Students of the Month

- 7th Ava Bremmer
 - 8th Aiden Dampman
 - 9th Sidney Wright
 - 10th Caitlin Niesman
 - 11th Isabella Kostallari
 - 12th Calen Tichler
- Top Dog
Collyn Kuberski

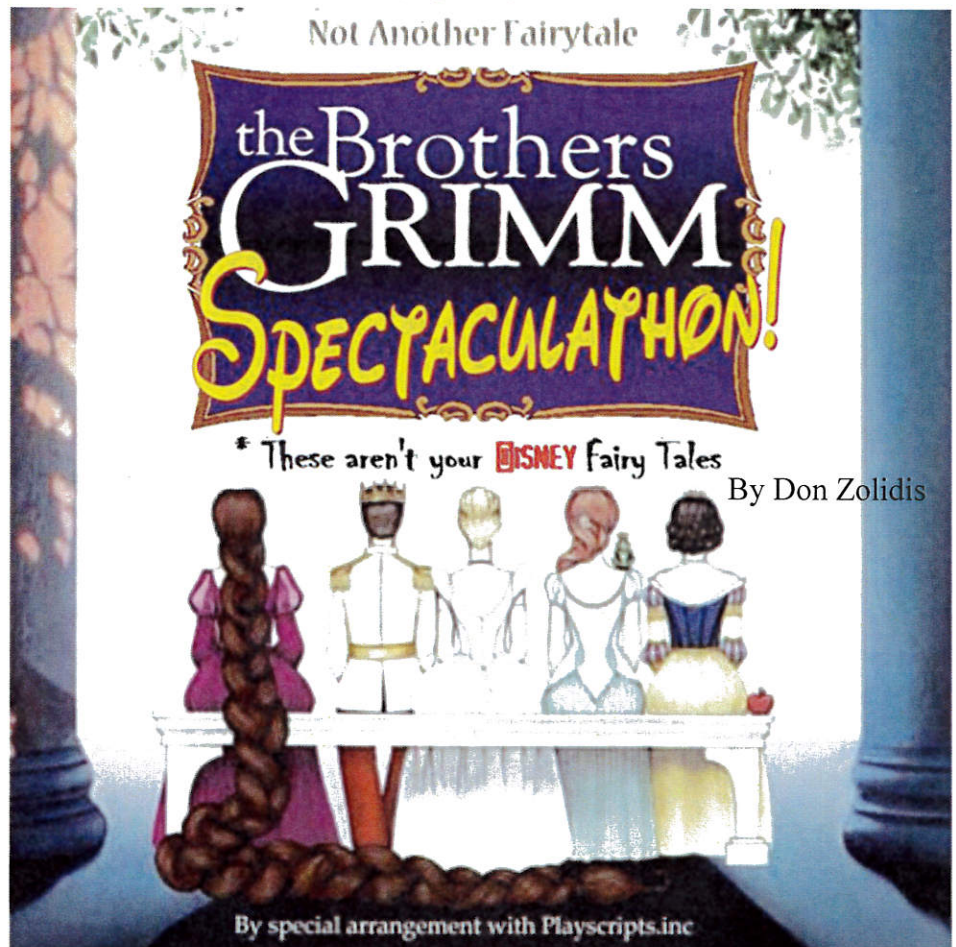
Winter Sports/Clubs Pictures

On November 16th, all high school winter sports and clubs will be having their pictures taken for the yearbook. There will be a schedule that will go out in an email through School Messenger.

PTO News

Our PTO meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 3:30 in Mrs. Wallace's office. All parents are encouraged to attend and participate in decision-making. The PTO has been responsible for funding many activities and purchasing needed items for the classrooms.

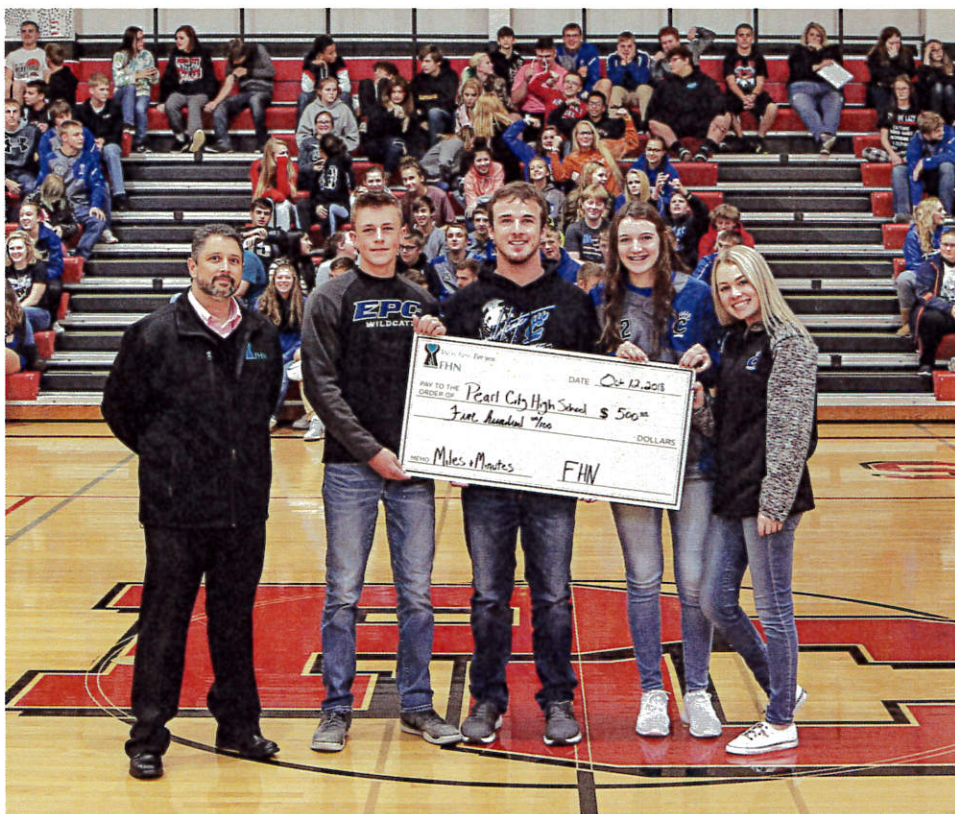
EPC Theatre Presents:



Friday, November 9
Saturday, November 10
7:00 pm
Eastland High School
500 S. School Drive, Lanark
Tickets: \$5.00 presale
\$6.00 at the door



Sergeant Hellwig of the US ARMY National Guard will be leading all Physical Education and Strength Training classes on Wednesday, November 7th. During this time, he will introduce the students to different workout concepts he has learned throughout his training. We are thankful of Sergeant Hellwig for this opportunity and hope to have him return in the spring!



Matt Gridley was in Pearl City to present a \$500.00 check to the Pearl City High School for the FHN Miles & Minutes drawing. Receiving the check is Riley Schauer, Zach Lieb, Mari Brenner, and Sydney Monks.



Student Absence Procedures

As we enter the time of year when students seem to be missing more school due to illness, I feel it has become necessary to remind parents and guardians of our district procedures. If your son or daughter is absent, please follow these steps:

1. On the day of the absence call the district office.
2. Tell the office staff why your son/daughter is absent.
3. Provide the office with a written confirmation of the absence upon your son/daughters return to school.

If a phone contact is not made, office staff will call the students parent/guardians by 10:00 am.

Illinois 5Essentials Survey

Organizing Schools for Improvement

Dear Parents,

Beginning November 15, students and teachers across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the seventh annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

All teachers and 4th through 12th grade students will be responding to this survey. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and districts in March 2019 and will also be included in the State School Report Card.

Additionally, your district has chosen to provide the optional Parent Supplement survey. If at least 20 percent of Pearl City School parents complete this survey, a parent supplement report will also be generated. The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey for students and teachers will be conducted November 15 through January 18, 2019. The Parent Survey Supplement will be conducted from October 23 through January 18, 2019. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' Reports, please visit <https://www.5-essentials.org/illinois>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or 5essentials@uchicago.edu.

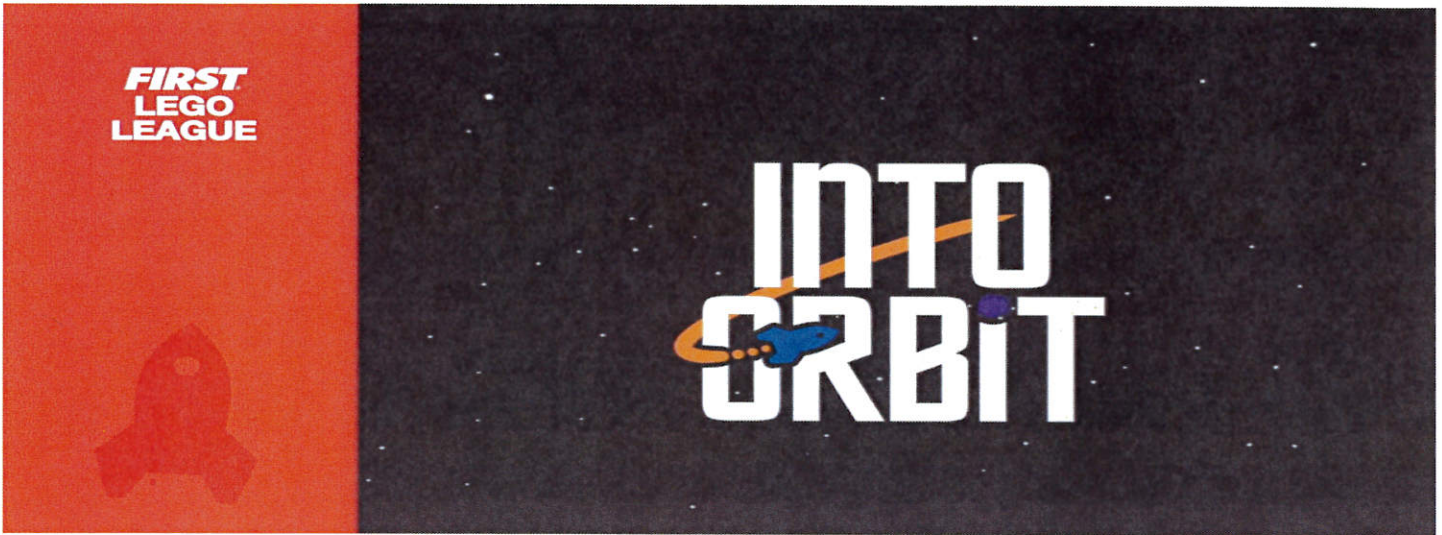
Sincerely,
Tim Thill



Pearl City Celebrates Its Veterans

Join us Friday, November 9th for our 4th annual Pearl City Veteran's Day celebration. The celebration starts at 9am in the high school gym. Veteran's you are invited to a thank you reception in the IMC starting at 8:30am. This year we will feature Caitlin Niesman as our keynote speaker, Caitlin is a junior here at Pearl City. We will also feature music from our students and Steve Sheffey. We will have a reading of the Pearl City Roll of Honor, listing everyone who served our country. After the celebration the Veterans will be able to visit our classrooms to share their stories with our students. We hope this will be a very good morning, one fitting the honor the veterans deserve.





Working with this year's theme of "Into Orbit," the 2018-2019 Pearl City Technowolves continue to work on missions, a skit, and problem solving. The focus this year centers around isolating a problem with long-term space travel, like to our nearby planet of Mars, and creating an innovative solution/invention! Members include: Addison Bremmer (8th), Jordan Johnson (8th), Miranda Posey (7th), Jacob Lieb (7th), Jackson Corbin (6th), Kendra Kuhlemeier (6th), Natalie Greene (6th), Kayden Martin (5th), and Xander Krolow (5th).

After performing a skit (illustrating their innovation) for the Pearl City School Board and various classes, the team will compete in December with their programmed robot and creative solution.

Go, Technowolves!



2018 November



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Oct 31	1 5:30 PM JHBBB vs. Le-Win	2 5:00 PM JHBBB 7th Grade PC Tournament 5pm	3 8:00 AM JHBBB 7th Grade PC Tournament
4 5:30 PM JHBBB @ Stockton	5 5:30 PM JHBBB vs. Chadwick	6	7	8	9 Veterans Breakfast & Program 11:15 AM Early Release 5:00 PM JHBBB 8th Grade PC Tournament 5pm 7:00 PM Fall Play at Eastland	10 8:00 AM JHBBB 8th Grade PC Tournament 7:00 PM Fall Play at Eastland
11	12	13 Fine Arts Trip-Chicago Hamilton 5:30 PM Booster Meeting 5:30 PM JHBBB vs. Aquin 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	14 5:30 PM Family Reading & Math Night 5:30 PM JHBBB @ Eastland 8:00 PM F/S GBB vs. Aquin @ Dakota Tourn	15 Winter Sports/Clubs/Seniors & retakes 5:30 PM F/S GBB vs. Dakota @ Dakota Tourn	16 10:00 AM F/S GBB @ Dakota vs. N. Boone 1:45 PM F/S GBB @ Dakota vs. RR/SM	17
18 3:30 PM PTO Meeting 5:30 PM JHBBB vs. W. Carroll 6:30 PM V GBB vs Dakota @ Dakota Tourn	19 5:00 PM V GBB vs N. Boone @ Dakota Tourn 5:30 PM JHBBB vs. Orangeville 6:00 PM F/S BBB vs. Fulton @ RR 7:30 PM V BBB vs. Fulton @ RR	20 1:00 PM Early Release 4:30 PM V GBB vs. RR/SM @ Dakota 7:30 PM F/S BBB vs. RR @ RR	21 No School Happy Thanksgiving	22	23 3:15 PM F/S BBB vs. SM @ RR 4:30 PM V BBB vs. SM @ RR	24 11:30 AM V GBB vs Aquin @ Dakota 12:15 PM F/S BBB vs. E DBQ @ RR 1:30 PM V BBB vs. E DBQ @ RR 4:30 PM V GBB vs Byron @ Dakota
25 5:30 PM JHBBB @ Le-Win 6:00 PM BBB @ Dakota	26 6:00 PM GBB vs. Pecatonica	27 6:00 PM BBB @ Stillman Valley 7:00 PM Elem K - 4 Concert	28	29 5:30 PM JHBBB vs. Stockton	30 6:00 PM GBB @ RR/SM 6pm	Dec 1
2	3 Notes	<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>				

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Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Oct 31	1	2	3
				Variety Pizza Tenderloin Sandwich	Pancakes & Bacon Chicken Strips	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bacon Scrambled Egg Square Goulash	Combo Bar Mexican Pizza	Breakfast Sandwich Nachos	French Toast Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich	Early Release ~ No Lunch Pancake & Sausage on a stick		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pretzel w/cheese Chili	Donuts Cheese Pizza	Sausage Pizza Corn Dogs	Sausage & Potato Patty Taco Casserole	Chicken Nuggets & Waffles Chicken Quesadillas		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Combo Bar Chicken Nuggets	Variety Pizza Thanksgiving Dinner	French Toast & Bacon BBQ Sandwich	Thanksgiving Break No School			
25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1
Donuts Mini Corndogs	Pretzel w/cheese Orange Chicken	Bagel Chicken & Noodles	Bacon Scrambled Egg Square Sub Sandwich	Mini Blueberry Pancakes Cheese Filled Breadsticks		

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Lunch is Offer vs. Serve

Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading