



Pearl City School District

January 2021 Newsletter

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

District Website—www.pcwolves.net

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

The school year has reached the mid-way point. There have been some advances to our curriculum, teaching strategies, schedules and the way our students are learning. However, the one thing that has not changed is the commitment and dedication of the entire Pearl City School District educational staff. They continue to strive for excellence and they continue to prepare all students to make positive contributions in an ever-changing world.

E-Learning Days for Severe weather

As we prepare to enter the winter season we will be notifying students and families of e-Learning days (instead of closures), delays, early releases via the District calling system (School Messenger), website, local TV stations and local radio station. We will try to have our message out to everyone the night before or between 5:30am and 6:00am. Please remember that the district will be utilizing e-Learning days instead of closing for snow days or cold days. Students should log into their Chromebook and sign in for attendance. Teachers will have work prepared for students in case of the need for the e-Learning day. The school day will be from 8:30-1:30. This is similar to our current Friday Remote Learning Days.

Levy

The Pearl City School Board approved the 2020 tax levy at the December board meeting. This year's levy is asking for a 4.96% increase. Please understand that the district does not receive what we ask for in the estimated levy, we only receive what the PTELL (Tax Cap) law allows. PTELL will limit the district's rate at 2.3% (Consumer Price Index), but levying a higher rate ensures that the district will also receive any increases in EAV and any new construction.

Curriculum

The Pearl City School District is continuing to update and improve the curriculum of the district. In 2018, the school district implemented a K-12 Math curriculum. This school year the school district is piloting English and Reading curriculums in order to implement the curriculum in the 2021-2022 school year. Select teachers will be piloting the sampled curriculum during the third quarter. The Junior High and High School are also piloting a new Social Science curriculum. Both new curriculums would focus on a digital learning platform. The curriculums will also focus on a tier system of learning. A tiered system would allow students to work and succeed at their individual levels.

Building and Grounds

The Pearl City School District is looking to do a couple of major construction projects this coming Spring and Summer. A portion of the Working Cash Bond that was approved last year was earmarked to go to the construction of the parking lot and the roof of the school building. A large section of the front parking lot, by the bus garage, has been sinking due to the eroding of the core gravel underneath the blacktop. Therefore, this section of the parking lot will be cored out and resealed. The rest of the front parking lot will be sealed along with the back parking lot and playground area. The majority of the roof on the school building will also be replaced. The roof has been leaking in many places and has been needing to be replaced for many years. However, due to financial concerns and to get us by, the district has done a great job of continuing to "patch work" the roof. Now, with the passing of the Working Cash Bond the school district is able to move forward to properly replace the roof.

There continues to be a lot of positive changes to the Pearl City School District. We continue to look forward to sharing these changes as the year progresses. Please continue to follow us on our website and soon District Facebook Page to see a lot of the positive things that are happening in the district. You can find these positives on our webpage www.pcwolves.net. We thank you for your continued support.

Important Dates to Remember

School Resumes Jan. 4th

MAP Testing Jan. 6th

Report Cards available on Skyward Jan.11

AIMS Web Benchmark Testing Jan. 6th, 7th, 11th, & 12th

No School-District Institute—Jan. 15th

No Early Learning Classes Jan. 15th or 18th

No School-Martin Luther King Day Jan. 18th

Young Authors



Young Authors Stories

Everyone should be thinking about story ideas for their Young Author's book. Students will be working on completing their Young Author Stories in January. More information will be coming about due dates and requirements. These books will be judged and several representatives will be selected to represent Pearl City.



Winter Clothing

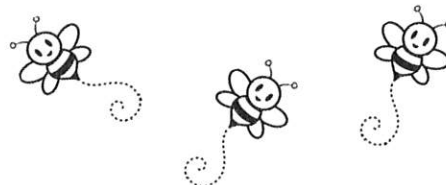
Winter clothing is an important part of winter fun. The students will be going outside for recess as often as the weather permits. Coats, hats, snow pants, boots, and mittens and gloves are a must. If you need help providing these items for your child, please contact Mr. Chrisman.



Spelling Bee

The students will be having classroom bees to choose representatives to participate in the Pearl City School Spelling Bee on January 27th. More information will be sent home.

The Regional Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, February 16th at Highland Community College. Winners from the Regional Bee will be going directly to the competition in Washington DC this year.





Be Safe On-Line General Tips for On-Line Safety

There are some very important things that you need to keep in mind when you're on your computer at home or at school.

First, remember never to give out personal information such as your name, home address, school name, or telephone number in a chat room or on bulletin boards. Also, never send a picture of yourself to someone you chat with on the computer without your parent's permission.

Never write to someone who has made you feel uncomfortable or scared.

Do not meet someone or have them visit you without the permission of your parents.

Tell your parents right away if you read anything on the Internet that makes you feel uncomfortable.

Remember that people online may not be who they say they are. Someone who says that "she" is a "12-year-old girl" could really be any age from anywhere in the world!

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's/daughter's return to school.
4. If a phone contact is not made, office staff will call the students parent/guardians by 10:00 am.

Students OF THE MONTH

December

Student of the Month

7th: Kayden Martins

8th: Slyvia Schnoor

9th: Kyle Niehause

10th: Addison Bremmer

11th: Audra Lartz

12th: Makayla Milam

Top Dog: Brooklyn Schreck

Message from Phil

Hope this message finds you well and anticipating a wonderful Christmas.

The flood of prayers, cards and donations have been overwhelming. I needed a few tissues to get through all of the kind thoughts that were expressed.

Finally home, but a lot of rehab to go. Looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as I'm able. You all feel like family, and I thank you again.

Phil



High School Volunteer Hours

This is just a reminder that for students to graduate, they need to complete volunteer hours.

Seniors— 5 hours by
March 31, 2021

Juniors— 10 hours by
March 31, 2022

Sophomores— 15 hours by
March 31, 2023

Freshmen— 20 hours by
March 31st, 2024

The forms are available online as well as in the office.

2021 January



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------------------------|---|--|----------|--|---|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 31 | January - Winter Break | 1 2 |
| 3 | January - School Resumes | 4 | 5 | 6 | January - Academic Bowl @ West Carroll | 7 8 9 |
| 10 | 11 | January - Academic Bowl VS AFC | 12 | 13 | January - F/S Academic Bowl @ Pecatonica | 14 15 16 January - No School January - Teachers Institute |
| 17 | January - No School | 18 | January - Academic Bowl VS Galena | 19 | January - Board of Education Meeting | 20 21 22 23 January - Photos Academic Team Speech January - Sports Photo JH Girls Basketball January - NUIC Academic Bowl VS Durand TBA |
| 24 | 25 | January - Academic Bowl vs Milliedgeville | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 30 January - Speech @ Rkfd-Jefferson 8:00 |
| 31 | Feb 1 | Notes | <i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i> | | | |

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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 31 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk Pizza, Green Beans Applesauce and Milk | Biscuit & Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and milk Taco Bites, Corn, Pears, and Milk | Breakfast Casserole, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham Sandwich, Broccoli, Peaches and milk | Dutch Waffle, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Warm Apples, Dessert and Milk | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, fruit, Juice & Milk Hamburgers Baked Beans, Potato Smile Fry, Peaches & Milk | Mini Pancakes, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Nachos, Corn, Pears and Milk | Cinnamon Roll Casserole, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Potato Bacon Soup, Corn bread, Green beans, Applesauce | French Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk Teriyaki Chicken & Rice, Broccoli, Banana, Dessert & Milk | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | | Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Quesadillas, Corn, Pears and Milk | Waffles, Cereal, fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Dumpling Soup, Cornbread, Green Beans, Peaches & Milk | Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Pancakes & Sausage, Hash brown, Applesauce, Dessert & Milk | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | Cinnamon Cake, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Warm Apples & Milk | Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Fajitas, Corn, Peaches & Milk | Chocolate Croissant, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chili, Beef Hot Dog, Broccoli, Pears & Milk | Dutch Waffle, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Applesauce, Dessert & Milk | | |
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