



# *Pearl City School District*

## *February 2021 Newsletter*

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

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

### Feb. District Newsletter

Winter has arrived! 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. If we do not use any emergency days the last day of attendance, for students, will be May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Pearl City School Board has now approved the construction bids for both the school parking lot and the school roof project. The school building and grounds work will begin in June, right after the school year ends. 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. Please be aware of the construction that will be happening over the summer.

We have five candidates running for the four vacant positions on the Pearl City School Board. The candidates are Chad Bremmer, Wayne Crakenberger, Nikki Keltner, Richard Sargent, and Carlee Tessendorf. I have notified all candidates and they are providing bios that will be published in the March newsletter. Thank you to all candidate for your interest in serving the Pearl City Schools.

Please visit our website at [www.pcwolves.net](http://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.

Mike Schiffman  
Superintendent

## 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 8th

Mid Terms available on the parent portal.

#### Feb 12th

Remote learning until 11:15 S.I.P. day for the staff from 11:15—3:30

#### Feb 15th

No School

#### Feb 16th

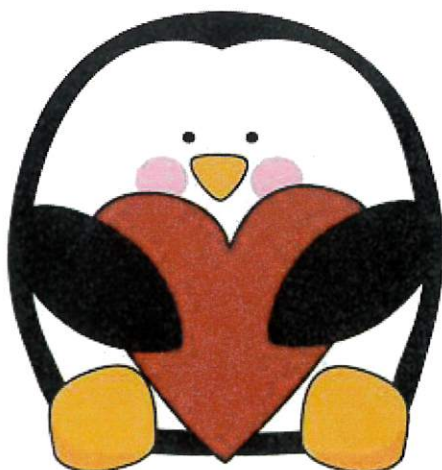
Regional Spelling Bee (Highland Community College)

#### Feb 20th

Lifetouch Spring Pictures PreK-8

#### Feb 22nd

PTO Mtg. 3:15



### 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 receive certificates and be recognized in school. Due to COVID protocols we will not be having a spelling bee for grades 1-4. Only winners from the Grade 5-8 bee will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee. The Regional Spelling Bee will take place at Highland Community College on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 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.



5th through 8th

Congratulations to Natalie Greene for winning the School Spelling Bee on Wednesday and Maxton Freier for being the runner-up. Both will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee in February with a chance to advance to Washington DC!

### 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.

## Pearl City School Preschool Screening

Please visit the Pearl City School Website to fill out the Preschool Screening 2021-2022 form. Any child who will be three years old before September 1, 2021, is eligible for the screening and can attend the preschool program next year. Children must be screened in order to be considered for the preschool program. The Preschool Screening forms are a quick assessment to determine eligibility for the Preschool for all program. The purpose of this screening is to identify children who would benefit and/or be eligible to attend the preschool program next year. Space in this program is limited and therefore, children who are not initially enrolled in the program will be placed on a waiting list. Please go to the school website, [www.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net) to complete the Preschool Screening form for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have any questions, please contact the district office or contact the Elementary Principal, Brent Chrisman.

## Pearl City School Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2021

Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2021 is now open. New Families to Pearl City should use this link to begin the online registration.

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsedupearlcityil/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. If you have any questions, 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 12th. You can also order your yearbook online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) using yearbook ID code 6825921 Extra copies will be limited this year, so get your order in soon!*

## LifeTouch Spring Pictures

LifeTouch will be here on March 3rd, 2021 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 2021

The April 1st deadline for turning PCEF Senior Scholarship applications is not that far away. PCEF, (Pearl City Education Foundation), has **\$15,000** 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 2021 (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 Senior Honors Night. We look forward to receiving your applications and to presenting those Pearl City Education Foundation Scholarships.

## Pearl City FFA Drive -Thru Pork Chop Dinner Saturday, March 13th 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

The Pearl City FFA and the Pearl City FFA Alumni are hosting a drive - thru pork chop dinner on Saturday, March 13th from 5:00 PM- 7:30 PM at the school. Meals will be offered for \$7 and all orders will be carry-out only. Our FFA members are looking forward to providing a delicious meal for the community.



2021 February

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 31	1 French Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Mini corn Dogs, Applesauce, Baked Beans & Milk	2 Apple Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Nachos, Pears, Corn & Milk	3 Breakfast Casserole, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Potato Bacon Soup, Corn Bread, Peaches, Broccoli & Milk	4 Cinnamon Rolls, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Sandwich, Mixed Fruit, Green Beans, Dessert & Milk	5	6
7	8 Pancakes, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken & Biscuit, Warm Apples, Peas & Milk	9 Egg & Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Taco Casserole, Peaches, Corn & Milk	10 Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken & Rice Soup, Ham Sandwich, Pears, Green Beans & Milk	11 Cinnamon Cake, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Pizza, Applesauce, Broccoli, Dessert & Milk	12	13
14	15 Cinnamon Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Tacos, Peaches, Corn & Milk	16 Waffles, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Dumpling Soup, Breadstick, Pears, Green Beans & Milk	17 Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Tater Tot Casserole, Applesauce, Carrots, Dessert & Milk	18	19	20
21	22 Pancakes, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Tenderloin, Pears, Baked Beans & Milk	23 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Taco in a Bag	24 Cinnamon Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chili, Beef Hot Dog, Applesauce, Green Beans & Milk	25 Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Teriyaki, Orange, Broccoli, Dessert & Milk	26	27
28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	<p>8 Notes</p> <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>					

2021 February



# Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jan 31		1 4:00 PM January - Scholastic Bowl @ Dakota	2	3 6:00 PM January - HSBB @ Stockton	4 6:00 PM January - HSBB vs Warren	5 10:00 AM January - Speech Regionals TBA 6:00 PM January - HSGB @ Stockton
7 5:30 PM January - JHBB vs Eastland 5:30 PM January - JHGB @ Eastland 6:00 PM January - HSBB @ Aquin	8 4:00 PM January - Academic Bowl vs Durand 6:00 PM January - HSGB vs Aquin	9 5:30 PM January - JHBB @ Eastland 5:30 PM January - JHGB vs Eastland	10 6:00 PM January - HSGB @ Aquin	11 11:15 AM January - Early Dismissal 6:00 PM January - HSBB vs Aquin	12 10:00 AM January - Speech Sectionals TBA 1:00 PM January - HSBB vs East Dubuque	13
14 4:00 PM January - JHBB @ West Carroll 5:30 PM January - HSGB @ Pecotonica 5:30 PM January - JHGB vs West Carroll	15 5:30 PM January - HSBB @ Pecotonica 5:30 PM January - JHBB vs West Carroll	16 6:00 PM January - HSGB vs Pecotonica 6:30 PM January - Board of Education Meeting	17 4:00 PM January - JHGB @ West Carroll 4:00 PM January - Academic Bowl vs Eastland 6:00 PM January - HSBB vs Pecotonica	18 10:00 AM January - Speech @ State TBA 6:00 PM January - HSGB vs Durand	19 10:00 AM January - Speech @ State TBA 1:00 PM January - HSBB vs Durand	20
21 5:30 PM January - HSBB @ Durand 5:30 PM January - JHBB vs Le-Win 5:30 PM January - JHGB @ Le-Win	22 4:00 PM January - Academic Bowl @ Forreston 5:30 PM January - HSGB @ Durand	23 1:30 PM January - JH/HS Solo-Ensemble JH 11:15 to 1:30 / HS 5:30 PM January - JHBB @ Le-Win 5:30 PM January - JHGB vs Le-Win 6:00 PM January - HSBB @ Dakota	24 4:30 PM January - JHGB @ Galena 6:00 PM January - HSGB vs Dakota	25 6:00 PM January - HSBB vs Dakota	26 1:00 PM January - HSGB @ Dakota	27
28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	Notes <b>*Calendar is subject to change *</b>				