



Pearl City School District December 2021 Newsletter

District Website: www.pcwolves.net

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

The school year is already into the second quarter, with the semester due to end the beginning of January. I guess either I am getting older because time is flying by or maybe we are just having fun. I am believing it is because we are having fun in the district. I want to share a few things that are going on in the district.

E-Learning Plan

Last year, the Pearl City School Board approved the use of e-Learning days to replace severe weather or emergency days. Therefore, instead of having a snow day and going later into the school year the district will utilize the e-Learning Plan. This plan is the same as what we have done on past Remote learning days. The district will still utilize the School Messenger system to notify parents of the e-Learning Day. You can find the e-Learning plan at the following link or by going to www.pcwolves.net and clicking on the District Information tab.

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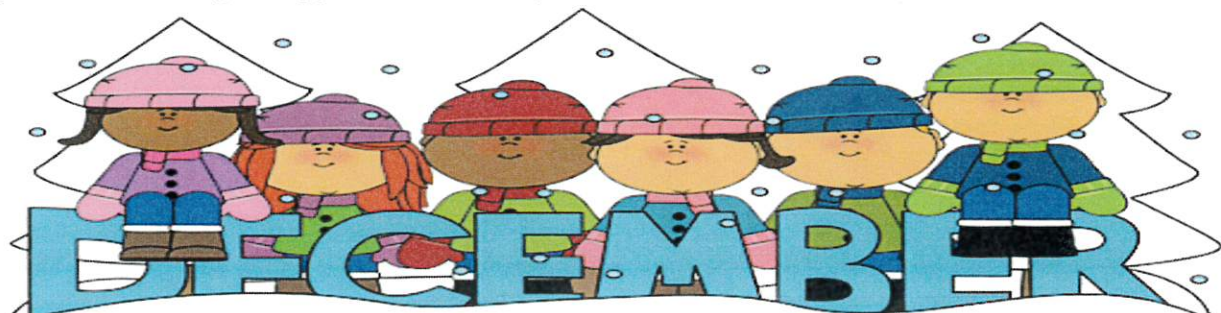
Levy

The Pearl City School Board approved an estimated tax levy at the November board meeting. This year's levy is asking for a 4.30% 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 1.4% (Consumer Price Index), but levying a higher rate ensures that the district will also receive any increases in EAV and any new construction. If a taxing body requests in its levy a dollar amount over 5% a Truth and Taxation Hearing must be held prior to the adoption of the tax levy in December. Since the school district is requesting 4.30% it does not need to conduct a public hearing, but the district will still conduct a hearing as a means to remain completely transparent. The public hearing will be held on Dec. 15th at 6:20pm in the high school cafeteria.

Citizenship

There are so many ways that the students of Pearl City show citizenship in the communities. Many of our classes have written letters to veterans and current military personnel. Students in different organizations have created food and clothing drives in the district. Some of our High School students are reading buddies for elementary students and are tutors for JH/HS students. Our high school students are required to complete a set number of community service hours each school year.

There are a lot of great things going on in the Pearl City School District. The district is very proud of all of the hard work and dedication that the educators, coaches, students and parents put into all aspects of the district. Thank you for continuing to support the Pearl City School District. We will continue to move from good to great.



Important Dates to Remember

December 1st
K-4 Winter Concert

December 9th
Winter Concert 5th-12th Grade

Dec 13th -17th
HS Finals Open Campus

Dec. 17th
End of 2nd Quarter/1st Sem
Early Release 1:00

Dec. 20st-Dec. 31st
Winter Break

Winter Clothing

Winter clothing is an important part of winter fun. The elementary students will be going outside for recess as often as the weather permits. Coats, hats, snow pants, boots, and mittens or gloves are a must.

Please send your children dressed appropriately for all conditions. Also, please have winter clothing for your children to use during recess.

Having Gym shoes to change in to in case their shoes get wet is also vey helpful.



WooHoo!

November Student of the Month for JH/HS

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Top Dog for HS

7th Parker Allen
8th Xander Krolow
9th Jorja Johnson
10th Miranda Posey
11th Aiden Dampman
12th Brynn Solt

Top Dog

Nathan Brinkmeier

High School Semester Finals

As in previous years, semester finals will be prior to break. The finals will begin on Monday, December 13th. This will be a full day of school. Then beginning on Tuesday, December 14th, Pearl City High School will have open campus. Students will only be required to come to school when they have a final. The schedules for finals will be posted on the website and sent to parent emails. Finals count for 15% of the students' semester grade. Please make sure your child knows when his/her finals are. If a student misses a final, they will receive a zero on that final. Students must also be on time to their final. Please encourage your student to study early and often.



*Pearl City Schools
Christmas Concerts*



K-4 Elementary Winter Concert
December 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm

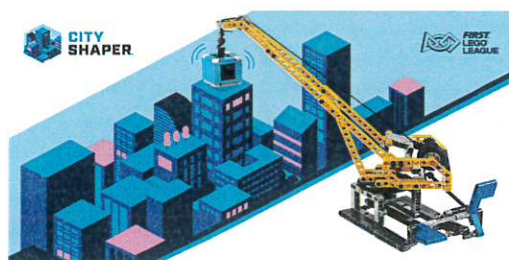


December 9, 2021
5-12 Choral Concert at 6:30pm
5-12 Band Concert at 7:30 pm



Pearl City Technowolves Lego League

Lego League season "Cargo Connect" is underway! This year's team includes: Xander Krolow (8th), Scarlett Snyder (7th), Mackenzie Lotz (7th), Brogan Keltner (6th), Hannah Dinderman (6th), Kennedy Solt (6th), Miles Corbin (6th), and Ayden Hayes (5th). Meeting since the beginning of September, the Technowolves team hopes to score some major points at their qualifying tournament Dec. 11 at Eisenhower Middle School in Rockford. Innovating a solution to a current problem in our community involving the transportation of cargo, the team researched, created the idea of "Smart Straps" for hauling loads on semis more efficiently, and wrote a 5-minute skit that they'll present to judges. Also, programming a small Spike robot to perform missions on a large table full of Lego obstacles will be tested through four opportunities at that same competition; the highest point total of the four rounds becomes the team's best for the day. Go, Technowolves!

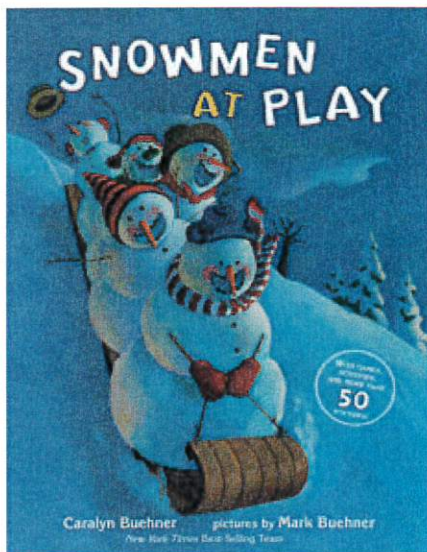


Read, Read and Read Some More!

Take some time to enjoy a good book with your child. No matter their age, read to them, read with them, read and discuss what you are reading, model for your child daily. READ, READ, READ. Admire the book by noticing the cover, pictures and other features. Who wrote it? Who illustrated it? To whom is it dedicated? Take your time instead of flying through pages, turn them slowly to build anticipation. What will happen next? Can you guess? Talk about it. What did you and your child think of the story? Did you agree? You don't have to agree. Do you want to read another book about the same topic or maybe the same author?

When you read with your child, do it with excitement and show how much fun reading can be. That is a gift that can last a lifetime.

Also please work with your children through their work and reading. Parent interest and participation helps students to be successful in their school work.



Elementary Young Author Program

Everyone should be thinking about story ideas for their Young Author's book. More information will be coming about due dates and requirements. These books will be judged and a representative will be selected to represent Pearl City School at the Illinois Young Author Conference in Bloomington, IL

AT-HOME HABITS LEAD TO SCHOOL SUCCESS

To support your child's learning experience:

Establish sleep routines. Kids who get enough rest are better able to concentrate and follow rules.

Have them clean out their backpack daily.

You're sure to find important papers, notes, permission slips and maybe a leftover snack.

Keep a class schedule handy. This makes it easy to ask specific questions about school, such as, "What did you do in P.E. today?" Logging into Skyward to see what kinds of assignments they are doing could also be a good conversation starter.

Get organized. Does your child always know where to find their backpack, jacket, glasses, shoes and other items? Pick a special place to keep them. Do they know where they are going after school, so they are not worrying about that all day when they should be concentrating on lessons.

Practice manners. Role-play challenging situations. "You and a classmate disagree about who is first in line. What should happen next?" Give them positive words to use when they are upset.

Answer questions. Encourage your child to ask you-and their teachers-if they are confused. "What does this mean?"

Read together. In addition to reading to your child and listening to them read, read the same books separately and discuss them.

Make a study spot. Choose a comfortable homework location. Stay nearby to offer support and supervision. Come up with a study schedule with an ending time. Remember home work should equal 10 minutes x their grade level—1st grade 10x 1 = 10 min. 2nd 10 x 2 = 20 min. 3rd 10 x 3 = 30 min. 4th 10 x 4 = 40 min. 5th 10 x 5 = 50 min. 6th

10 x 6 = 60 min. This is an average amount of time for each night. We all know that some nights will have less homework and some nights might have more. If your child has more than this regularly—contact their teacher.



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Missing School Means Missing out on Learning

A missed day here, a missed day there. Does being absent really affect learning? "Yes!" say experts. When kids miss too much school, everyone suffers. Absent students may fall behind, and catching up distracts from lessons and may be disruptive to the rest of the class. Some absences are unavoidable, of course, but it helps when families:

- Please talk to your child's teacher concerning make-up homework
- Prepare at night. Choose outfits, pack lunches and prepare school bags at night. Get to bed on time and set a morning alarm. Fall asleep relaxed, knowing you're ready for the next day.
- Streamline mornings. Wake up at the same time each day and stick to a routine. If your child tends to forget certain responsibilities, make a chart to keep them on track. Take family pride in being prompt.
- Avoid conflicts. When possible, schedule appointments and trips when school isn't in session. If your child needs to miss school, notify the school and ask about make-up work.
- Learn school procedures. Find out when students should stay home from school and the difference between excused and unexcused absences, check the handbook or ask school personnel.



2021 December



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
28	29	Nov 30	1 5:30 PM HSGB @ Forreston 5:30 PM JHBB @ Stockton 6:00 PM K-4 Winter Concert	2 6:00 PM HSBB VS River Ridge	3 5:30 PM JHBB vs Dakota	4 HSBB @ Le-Win Shootout (varsity only) TBA 8:00 AM Speech @ Stockton 6:00 PM HSGB @ Stockton	
5	6 5:30 PM JHBB vs Chadwick 6:00 PM HSBB @ Polo 6:00 PM HSGB @ Orangville	7 6:00 PM HSGB vs Aquin	8 5:30 PM JHBB @ South Beloit 6:00 PM HSBB vs Aquin	9 JHBB Conference Tourney @ Le-Win TBA 7:00 PM 5th-12th Band and Choir Winter concert 7:00 PM 5th - 12th Winter Concert	10	11 HSBB Forreton Tourney TBA (Varsity Only) HSGB /PC Holiday Invite TBA 8:00 AM Speech @ Rochelle	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
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19	20	21	22 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	23	24	25	
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26	27 6:00 PM HSGB @ West Carroll	28	29 6:00 PM HSBB vs West Carroll	30	31	Jan 1	
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2	3	Notes					
<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>							

2021 December

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
28	29	Nov 30	1 Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice & Milk Potato Bacon Soup, Broccoli, Peaches & Milk	2 Mini Donuts, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Goulash, Green Beans, Pears & Milk	3 Cereal Bar, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Bacon Cheese Fries, Carrots, Apple Slices, Dessert & Milk	4	
5	6 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Strips, Baked Beans, Peaches & Milk	7 Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Nachos, Corn, Applesauce & Milk	8 Mini Waffles, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chili, Green Beans, Oranges & Milk	9 Cinnamon Pastry, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Country Fried Steak, Broccoli Pears & Milk	10 Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Christmas Dinner, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Dinner Roll, Fruit Salad, Dessert & Milk	11	
12 Scrambled Eggs and Toast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Pizza, Green Beans, Applesauce & Milk	13 Pancakes, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Taco Casserole, Corn, Pineapple & Milk	14 Pretzel, Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Noodle Soup, Broccoli, Peaches & Milk	15 Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges & Milk	16 Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges & Milk	17 Dutch Waffle, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Cheese Filled Breadstick, Carrots, Applesauce Cup, Dessert & Milk	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 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>					