



# *Pearl City School District*

## *February 2022 Newsletter*

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

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

Dear Parents/Guardians:

### **Severe Weather Information**

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.

### **5 Essentials Survey**

Beginning January 11, 2022 and running through March 11, 2022, all parents, certified teachers and students in grades 6-12 are asked to participate in a short survey on school climate and learning conditions. The State Board of Education requires all Illinois schools to participate in the Illinois 5 Essentials Survey to guide local and state improvement initiatives.

The parent survey 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 you have more than 1 child and they attend the same school, you may elect to participate multiple times. Parents with children enrolled in multiple schools may participate in the survey for each school. Only one parent per household may participate in the survey.

Pearl City Schools is asking all parents to take the time to complete the survey. Information collected from the survey provides insight that guides future improvement planning.

Please use the link below to complete the survey. If you have questions or need support to complete the survey, please contact the District office.

<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

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.

### The Mobile Dentist

The Mobile Dentist is coming to our school on **February 15, 2022!** If you would like your child to see the mobile dentist this day, please either complete the paper form and return it to school ASAP (JH and HS students can pick up forms in the Main Office) or sign-up online using this

address: [https://www.myschooldentist.com/PEPCIL\\_schsrn](https://www.myschooldentist.com/PEPCIL_schsrn)

\*Paper forms will be sent home with elementary students on Monday, January 24th

### January Students of the Month

7th: Scarlett Snyder

8th: Kameron Downs

Freshman: Anna Dampman

Sophomore: Ethan Petta

Junior: Laine Rosenstiel

Senior: Sidney Wright

Top Dog  
Lexton Endress



### Important Dates to Remember

#### Feb 2nd

5-8 grade Spelling Bee 2:00 in the IMC

#### Feb 11th

3rd Quarter Midterms will be available in Skyward Family Access—Portfolio

#### Feb 15th

Regional Spelling Bee (Highland Community College)

#### Feb 18th

EARLY RELEASE 11:15 S.I.P. day for the staff from 11:15–3:30

#### Feb 21ST

No School—Presidents Day

#### February 23rd

Spring Sports Meeting (JHT, HST, BB, SB, Bass Fish)

#### February 25th

Spring Pictures  
Daycare through 8th grade

### 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 in the near future.

Pearl City School does not follow the practice of “Social Promotion”, and placement in the following grade must be earned before students are promoted. Student progress will be monitored on an on-going basis by teachers, administrators, and parents to ensure appropriate academic progress. The decision as to pupil placement (retention or acceleration) shall be made by the school principal after careful consideration of the following:

1. Teacher Recommendation.
2. Attendance.
3. Grades.
4. A student who fails their grade level benchmarks will be considered for retention. Grade Level Benchmarks are the very minimum skills required for students.
5. A student who fails mathematics or reading for the year will be required to attend summer school or will be retained at current grade level.

Procedures to be followed in promotion or retention shall be as follows:

- A teacher feeling that a child’s problems can be improved by assistance should immediately inform the principal.
- The principal, in conjunction with parents and teacher, may develop an academic assistance program for the student.
- 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.
- In April, a teacher-principal conference will be held to review the student’ grades and achievement test scores.
- 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.

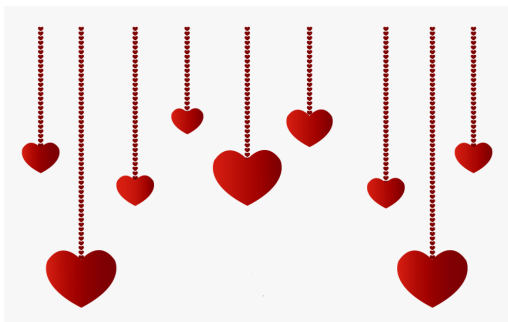
### Spelling Bees

Classroom Spelling Bees have been going on in January. Due to Adaptive Pause Virtual Learning week, we had to postpone our grades 1-4 to January 28th at 9:00 am in the Elementary Library. The School Bee for Grades 5-8 will be on Wednesday, February 2nd, at 2:00 pm. 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 15th, 2022 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 13th . This test is a graduation requirement. If you would like more information, go to collegeboard.org. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kreiser.



## Pearl City School Preschool Screening

Please visit the Pearl City School Website to fill out the Preschool Screening 2022-2023 form. Any child who will be three years old before September 1, 2022, 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 form is 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 2022-2023 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 2022 Will Be Held March 18th, 2022

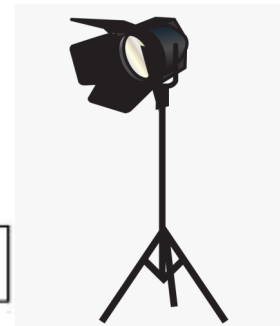
Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2022 is now open. New families to Pearl City (not currently enrolled in preschool) should use this link to begin the online registration.

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisadll/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.

### LifeTouch Spring Pictures

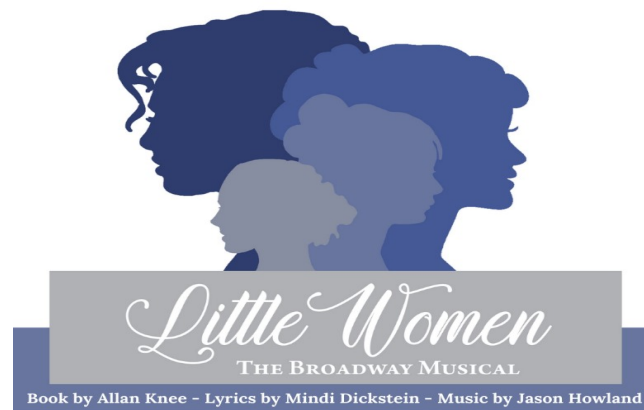
LifeTouch will be here on February 25th, 2022 to take Spring Pictures for students grades PreK - 8th. All students will have their pictures taken and parents can choose from a variety of packages.





The Pearl City Education Foundation (PCEF) has scholarships available to graduating seniors who will be full time students at a college or technical school. The application form is available from the guidance counselor and must include a transcript available from the guidance counselor or school registrar. The completed form is due April 1<sup>st</sup> to the Foundation at Box 278, Pearl City, IL 61062. Last year \$20,000 was awarded at Honors Night. PCEF also has funding for students attending College NOW for those who qualify and apply, see the guidance counselor and HCC website for full information.

## The EPC Drama Dept. proudly presents:



Produced nationally and internationally, *Little Women* has been praised by critics for its ambition in adapting such a well-known story for the stage. This timeless, captivating story is brought to life in this glorious musical filled with personal discovery, heartache, hope and everlasting love.

Based on Louisa May Alcott's life, *Little Women* follows the adventures of sisters Jo (Sidney Wright), Meg (Caylie Schubert), Beth (Nevaeh Gross) and Amy March (Emmah Cady). Jo is trying to sell her stories for publication, but the publishers are not interested – her friend, Professor Bhaer (Cody Pitts), tells her that she has to do better and write more from herself. Begrudgingly taking this advice, Jo weaves the story of herself and her sisters and their experience growing up in Civil War America. Aunt March (Allison Weese), Mr. Brooke (Keegan Straruch), Theodore “Laurie” Laurence (Hudson Groezinger), Mr. Laurence (Dylan Olvera), and a chorus of dynamic characters round out this cast.

Performances will be in the Eastland High School Fine Arts Gym in Lanark, IL, on March 11th & 12th at 7:00 pm and March 13th at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$8 dollars/ticket -all proceeds go to the drama department. County Health Covid Guidelines will be adhered to for all attending. Tickets will be available for purchase through the cast, crew, and school offices beginning Friday, February 26th and at the door prior to each performance. For more information, contact Mrs. Graf – [jgraf@pcwolves.net](mailto:jgraf@pcwolves.net).



# Pearl City FFA

## Pork Chop Dinner

**Friday, February 11, 2022**

**5 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Pearl City School Cafeteria**

**Meal includes: Butterfly Pork Chop Sandwich,  
Chips, Dessert, and Drink for \$8**

**A Silent Auction** will be held during the dinner to  
benefit the Pearl City FFA Chapter.



Sponsored by the Pearl City FFA and FFA Alumni.

All proceeds benefit the Pearl City FFA.



**Advance tickets available from Pearl City FFA Students  
Tickets can also be purchased at the door.**

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Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	Jan 31	1 Apple FRitter, Cereal, Fruit, Juice & Milk Taco's, Corn, Pears & Milk	2 Biscuits and Gravy, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Chili, Green Beans, Peaches & Milk	3 Cocoa Puff Pastry, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Oranges & Milk	4 Cereal, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Orange Chicken, Carrots, Apple Slices, Dessert & Milk	5
6	7 Mini Cinnamon Roll, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Mini corndogs, Baked Beans, Peaches & Milk	8 Mini Donut, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Nachos, Corn, Applesauce & Milk	9 Coffee Cake, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Goulash, Mixed Vegetables, Oranges & Milk	10 Pop Tart, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Pineapple & Milk	11 Variety, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Girled Chicken Patty, Broccoli, Pears, Dessert & Milk	12
13	14 Scrambled Eggs and Toast, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken Nuggets, Baked Beans, Applesauce & Milk	15 Unrustable, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Mexican Pizza, Corn, Peaches & Milk	16 Mini Bagel, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Potato Bacon Soup, Green Beans, Oranges & Milk	17 French Toast, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Chicken and Biscuit, Peas, Pears & Milk	18	19
20 No School	21 Pretzel, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Quesadilla, Corn, Applesauce & Milk	22 Apple Filled Bosco, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Fettuccini Alfredo, Green Beans, Peaches & Milk	23	24 Waffle, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Pears & Milk	25 Cheese Filled Breadstick, Carrots, Apple Slices, Dessert & Milk	26
27 Donut, Cereal Fruit, Juice & Milk Hamburger's	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	<p>Notes</p> <p><b>*Calendar is subject to change*</b></p> <p>Lunch is Offer vs. Serve</p> <p>Each meal is provided with Milk &amp; Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				

2022 February



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	Jan 31	1	2	3	4	5
		4:00 PM Academic Team vs Dakota 5:00 PM JHGB @ Dakota 6:00 PM HSBB vs Dakota	6:00 PM HSGB vs Dakota	4:00 PM Academic Team vs Polo 5:30 PM JHGB vs Orangeville 6:00 PM HSBB @ Durand	6:00 PM HSGB @ Pecatonica	Speech Regionals TBA Varsity Only 9:30 AM HSBB @ Aquin Shootout playing Forreston
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	4:00 PM JHGB @ Chadwick	4:00 PM Academic Team @ Durand 6:00 PM HSGB vs Le-Win	6:00 PM HSBB @ Orangeville 6:00 PM HSGB @ Aquin JV & Varsity	4:00 PM Academic Team @ Eastland 5:30 PM HSGB @ AFC 5:30 PM JHGB vs Eastland	Pearl City FFA Pork Chop Dinner 6:00 PM HSBB vs Le-Win	HSGB IHSA Regionals TBA Speech Sectionals TBA
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
HSGB IHSA Regionals TBA						HS Art Show at Freeport Art
	5:30 PM JHGB vs West Carroll 6:00 PM HSBB @ Warren	4:00 PM Academic Team @ Le-Win 6:00 PM HSBB vs Milledgeville	6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	4:30 PM JHGB @ Galena	Speech State TBA 11:15 am Dismissal School Improvement	HSGB IHSA Sectionals TBA IGSMA Solo and Ensemble Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl hosted at Pearl City School (6:00 PM) HSBB IHSA Regionals TBA
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
HS Art Show at Freeport Art Museum						
HSGB IHSA Sectionals TBA						K-12 Aspiring Artist Show @ Freeport Art Museum
(6:00 PM) HSBB IHSA Regionals TBA						
	No School Presidents' day	4:00 PM Academic Team vs Forreston 5:30 PM JHGB vs Le-Win	JHT, HST, BB, SB & Bass Fishing Spring Sports Meeting	JHGB Conf. Tourney @ Dakota	Spring Pictures (Pre K - 8th)	
27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
HS Art Show at Freeport Art Museum						
K-12 Aspiring Artist Show @ Freeport Art Museum						
	HSBB IHSA Sectionals TBA HSGB IHSA Super Sectionals TBA 5:30 PM JHGB vs Chadwick					
6	7	Notes				
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