



Pearl City School District

February 2023 Newsletter

District Website: 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 24, 2023 and running through March 31, 2023, all parents, certified teachers and students in grades 4-12 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.

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>

School Board Candidates

We have five candidates running for the three vacant positions on the Pearl City School Board. Alphabetical order, the candidates are: Tracy Downs, Jace Kempel, Tim Pauley, Richard Sargent, Nicole Sheffey. The ballot order will be determined by the order that the petitions were returned to the county clerk. I have notified all candidates and they are providing bios that will be published in the March newsletter. Thank you to all candidates for your interest in serving the Pearl City Schools.

Please visit our website at 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, workplace 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 12th 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

The Mobile Dentist

The *Mobile Dentist* is coming to our school on **March 15, 2023!** 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

https://www.myschooldentist.com/PEPCIL_sch

The Paper forms were sent out with the Students on January 26th.

7th: Marlee McPeek

8th: Danica Stager

Freshman: Daniel Garcia

Sophomore: Ethan Bremmer

Junior: Austin Gravert

Senior: Brooklyn Schreck

Top Dog
Cade Monks



Important Dates to Remember

Feb 8th

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

Feb 17th

STUDENT EARLY RELEASE 11:15 (S.I.P. day for the staff from 11:15—3:30)

Feb 15th

Regional Spelling Bee (Highland Community College)

Feb 18th

JH Choir/Band Solo/Ensemble at Stockton

Feb 20th

No School—Presidents Day

Feb 22nd

February 22—Elementary/JH Spring Pictures (Daycare - 8th)

February 26th

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



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. Grades 1-4 and 5-8 had their school spelling bees on January 24th. 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 14 th, 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.

Elementary Spelling Bee Champion
Oliver Plager

5th-8th grade Spelling Bee Winners
1st Place — Nathan Buss 7th Grade
2nd Place—Parker Marsh 5th Grade
Alternate—Lillionna Duncan 7th Grade



SAT

The State of Illinois will be giving the SAT to all Juniors. This test will be given on April 12th. The test is a graduation requirement. If you would like more information, go to collegeboard.org.

The 9th/10th grade PSAT will also be given on this date.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kreiser.

Pearl City School Preschool Screening
MARCH 17th, 2023

Please visit the Pearl City School Website to fill out the Preschool Screening 2023-2024 form. Any child who will be three years old before September 1, 2023, 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 to complete the Preschool Screening form for the 2023-2024 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 2023

Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2023 WILL BE OPEN MARCH 17th. New families to Pearl City (New to District) 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.

LifeTouch Spring Pictures

LifeTouch will be here on February 22nd, 2023 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.





Scholarships

Attention Pearl City Seniors!!!

PCEF (Pearl City Education Foundation) has the money

Need money for your education/training? (College or tech and trade schools)

\$12,000 (maximum per scholarship \$1,500) available to Seniors who apply

- Enroll as a full time student
- 2 or 4 year colleges
- Tech/trade schools
- Scholarships specific to service, agriculture, business, Platteville, out of state and Illinois only, scientific fields of study
- Application form available from Mr. Kreiser or download Multi Use Scholarship from school website
- Applications postmarked by April 1 to PCEF, PO Box 278, Pearl City, IL

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS will be considered

Pearl City Education Foundation has several scholarships donated by generous individuals, families and groups along with Foundation funds to administer. Get the application and fill it out and MAIL it before Apr 1. See you at Honors Night!!

Phone Calls and Messages

Staff will accept calls or messages for students from a parent or guardian only. Calling after 2:30 pm to inform us about changes in the routine gives the staff limited time to get the message to the teacher and student. There are no guarantees on messages received after 2:30 pm

Lost and Found

Lost and found items are located in 3 locations in the school.

1. At the bottom of the first stair well going into the Cafeteria on a cart
2. Outside of the Daycare
3. In the Grade school hallway hung on hooks

When coming in to check for items, make sure you are signing it at the main office first.

Next PC Booster Club Meeting:

Wednesday, February 15th at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria
(Subject to change- A school reach will be sent out
closer to the date to confirm date, time, and
location)

PC Booster Club Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser:

2023 Golf Outing Save the Date: Saturday, June 3,
2023 at Lake Carroll Golf Course (Subject to change-
will be confirmed by mid-February)

We are currently looking for someone interested in
leading the Golf Outing and becoming the Point of
Contact. Ashley Gronewold is willing to do a
transition year. Please let Ashley know if you're
interested in becoming the new POC. She can be
reached at 815.541.0394.

We will be starting to plan our biggest fundraiser
again soon and are seeking help! If you're interested
in sponsoring monetarily, donating items, or
volunteering your time, please email us at
PCBoosterClub@gmail.com or text Ashley
Gronewold at 815.541.0394.

PC Booster Club Concessions:

The Boosters can consistently earn funds during
athletic seasons with a successful concession
stand. For the stand to be successful for the fans
and athletes at the games, and for us financially,
we require parent volunteers of student athletes
of the current sports season to volunteer for con-
cession stand slots.

We ask for you to sign up to volunteer for 2 slots
per athlete per season. We will be utilizing the
Signup Genius app this year to make signing up
an easier process for all parents.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/8050845ABAE2AA7F94-pcparent](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845ABAE2AA7F94-pcparent)



Please take your turn and volunteer!

Find us digitally:

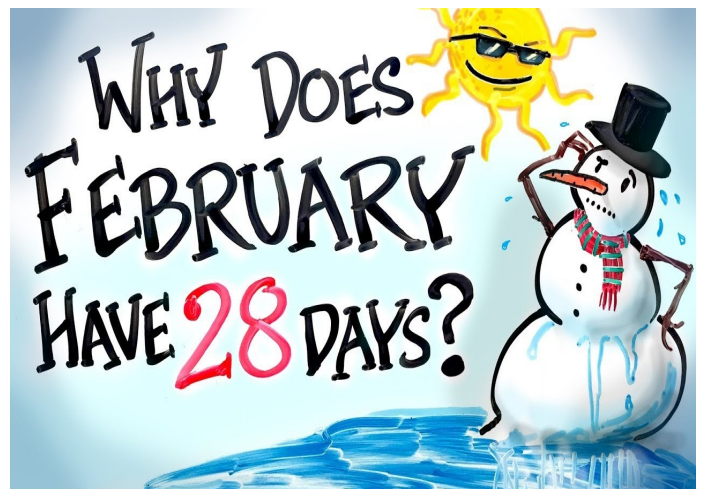
Please find or contact us on the below digital
platforms for the most up to date information.

- PC School Website: Athletics- PC Booster Club
- Email: PCBoosterClub@gmail.com
- Facebook: @pearlcityboosterclub
- Venmo: @PCBoosterClub200

PC Booster Club Contact Information:

Please contact us if you have any questions or
ideas.

- Ashley Gronewold, President: 815.541.0394
- Angie Niehaus, Vice President: 815.266.7260
- DJ Scott, Treasurer: djscott@pcwolves.net
- Mel Bremmer, Secretary: 815.821.4715



We can thank the Romans for our chaotic com-
plex calendar system. February has been a ne-
glected month throughout history.



PEARL CITY FFA



PORK CHOP DINNER

Thursday, February 2nd, 2023

5 to 7:30 PM

Pearl City Jr/Sr High School

*In the Pearl City School Cafeteria

Meal Includes: Butterfly Pork Chop Sandwich,
Chips, and Dessert 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 members****

*****Tickets can also be purchased at the door*****

2023 February



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	Jan 31	1 5:30 PM JHG Basketball @ Orangeville 6:00 PM HSGB vs Durand Varsity Only	2 FFA Pork Chop Dinner & Silent Auction 5:30 PM HSBB vs Durand	3 5:30 PM HSGB vs Orangeville	4 8:00 AM EPC Speech Regionals @ Freeport 10:00 AM Freshman GBB Jamboree in Forreston 12:30 PM HSBB @ Aquin Shootout Varsity Only vs LaMoille
5 8:05 AM HS Chestnut Mountain Ski Trip 4:00 PM JHG Basketball @ West Carroll 5:30 PM HSBB vs AFC	6 4:00 PM Academic Bowl vs Durand 5:30 PM HSGB @ Le-Win	7 4:30 PM JHG Basketball @ Forreston 5:30 PM HSBB vs Orangeville (Senior Night)	8 5:30 PM JHG Basketball @ Le-Win 6:00 PM HSGB vs AFC Varsity Only	9 5:30 PM HSBB @ Le-Win	10 HSGB - IHSA Regionals EPC Speech - Sectionals @ Dekalb 10:00 AM Freshman Boys Basketball Jamboree	11
12 HSGB - IHSA Regionals	13 Girls Basketball Regionals 5:30 PM HSBB @ Warren	14 4:00 PM Academic Bowl vs Le-Win 5:30 PM JHG Basketball @ Stockton 6:00 PM HSBB @ Milledgeville	15 8:15 AM 5th and 6th Grade Ski Trip 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	16 5:30 PM JHG Basketball vs Chadwick	17 EPC Speech - State no Eastland AB Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament 11:15 AM Early Student Dismissal/School Improvement	18 HSBB - IHSA Regionals IGSMA Solo & Ensemble
19 HSBB - IHSA Regionals	20 No School	21 HSGB - IHSA Sectionals 4:00 PM Academic Bowl @ Forreston 5:30 PM JHG Basketball vs Eastland	22 Elementary Spring Pictures(Daycare-8th)	23 JHGB Conf. Tournament	24	25
26 Spirings Sports Meeting	27 HSBB - IHSA Sectionals HSGB - IHSA Super Sec	28 4:00 PM Academic Bown @ Pecatonica	Mar 1	2	3	4
5	6	<i>*Calendar is subject to change *</i>				

2023 February

Menu



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29	30	Jan 31	1	2	3	4	
			Pancakes Sausage Stick, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Donut Holes, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Mini Bagels, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk		
			Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Peaches and Milk	Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Pears and Milk	Cheeseburger, Carrots, Pineapple, Dessert and Milk		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Cereal Bar, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Cherry Frudel, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Uncrustable, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Mini Donuts, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Variety Breakfast, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk			
Mostaccioli, Green Beans, Peaches and Milk	Fiesta Pizza, Baked Beans, Applesauce and Milk	Chicken Dumpling Soup, Carrots, Pears and Milk	Biscuits and Gravy, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges and Milk	Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Mashed Potatoes/Corn, Apple Slices, Dessert and Milk			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Cinnamon Pastry, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	French Toast Bake, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Pancakes, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Blueberry Bagel, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Muffin Tops, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk			
Pork Rib Patty Sandwich, Carrots, Peaches and Milk	Mini Tacos, Corn, Applesauce and Milk	Chili, Green Beans, Pears and Milk	Pork Tenderloin, Baked Beans, Pineapple and Milk	Early Dismissal / No Lunch			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
No School	Pretzel W/Cheese, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Coffee Cake, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Mini Bagels, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Cereal Bar, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk			
	Nachos, Corn, Applesauce and Milk	Potato Soup, Green Beans, Oranges and Milk	Chicken Nuggets, Baked Beans, Pears and Milk	Pizza, Carrots, Apple Slices, Dessert and Milk			
26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	
Cinnamon roll, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Donut, Cereal, Fruit, Juice and Milk	Tacos,					
Tator Tot Casserole							
5	6	Notes					
<p>*Calendar is subject to change* Lunch is Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>							