

Pearl City School District

November 2023 Newsletter

"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

District Website www.pcwolves.net

Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,

The first quarter has already finished up and we are all set to bring on the busy 2nd quarter. The second quarter is filled with several holidays, parent-teacher conferences, and professional development days for the teachers. Therefore, the 2nd quarter has a way of getting away from us. So, I ask that you continue to monitor your child(s) progress throughout this quarter. Continue to work with the teachers and your child to start the 2nd quarter and end the 1st semester on a positive learning note.

The Pearl City School District is proud to announce that the Pearl City High School has earned a 2023 Annual Summative Designation of Exemplary from the Illinois State Board of Education. An Exemplary designation indicates that a school is in the highest performing 10 percent of schools in the State. Exemplary is the highest designation awarded to a school. This year's report card shows a graduation rate of 97% (2022 was 87%) as well as an improvement in 9th grade students on track with their coursework from 86% to 93%. The high school also did not have any subgroup fall below the "all students" group of the lowest-performing 5 percent of schools.

We are also proud to share that the Middle School and Elementary School received an annual summative designation of Commendable on the Illinois State Report Card. This summative designation is the second highest that is awarded in the State. The Middle School performed 11% higher in English Language Arts and 15% higher in Math on the state assessment scores from last year. The elementary out-performed the state on their state assessment by 9% in Math and did not have any underperforming groups at or below the "all students" group of the lowest-performing 5 percent of schools in the state.

A school's annual summative designation describes how well an individual school is meeting the needs of all its students. The designations recognize schools with strong overall performance across a range of academic and student success indicators. Academic indicators make up 75% of a school designation (ELA and Math Growth; ELA and Math Proficiency; Science proficiency; English Learner Progress to Proficiency; Graduation rate). School quality and student success makes up the other 25% of the designation (Chronic Absenteeism; Climate Survey; 9 th graders on track to graduate).

This year's District 2023 report card is a direct reflection of the hard work and effort put forth

by our students, parents, teachers and administration over the past year. The top Exemplary designation for the high school and the Commendable designations for the Middle School and Elementary schools accurately reflects the high culture of academic excellence that we strive for in the Pearl City School District.

The State Board of Education will post the 2023 District Report Card, on Nov. 1st, at www.illinoisreportcard.com. You can also access the report card by going to our district website www.pcwolves.net by clicking on District Information and then click on School Report Card. This will take you directly to all of our school and District data.

E-Learning Plan

In Illinois you never know what the weather is going to do. So, I wanted to start sharing our e-Learning plan this month so you were all prepared. 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. 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.

Important Dates to Remember

November 9th: Winter sports pictures

(HSGB, HSBB, JHBB)

November 9th: Picture Retakes for

Daycare-12

November 10th: 9:00 am Veterans Day

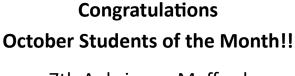
Celebration

November 10th: 11:15 am Early Release

November 22nd: Mid-Terms

November 22nd: Early Dismissal 1:00

November 23rd & 24th: No School



7th Aubrianna Mefford 8th Kassidy Dorty 9th Parker Allen

10th Gracie Ditsworth
11th Marley Joseph
12th Alex Spahr

Top Dog

Alex Spahr





Veterans Day

Date: November 10th

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Pearl City High School Gymnasium

Please join us in honoring and celebrating our Veterans!

8:30 am a <u>Veterans Continental Breakfast</u> will be served in the IMC

Please RSVP by November 7th at 815-443-2715



**The third Thursday in November is annually known in Illinois as FAMILY READING NIGHT **

Pearl City schools in joining the entire state of Illinois

in encouraging families to spend quality reading time together on.... November 16th!

A couple of ideas for ways to celebrate reading:

- Have a Pajama Party with pillows and blankets and read bedtime stories together.
- Read a recipe to your younger children and then cook it!
- Build a tent using blankets and folding chairs and read stories by flashlight under the tents.
- Look up information about your child's favorite author. Write them a letter!
- Encourage your older children to read to younger siblings
- Invite grandparents over for a pizza night and have them read out loud to your children.
- As a family, draw pictures about a book you read aloud.

Spark a love for reading all year long!



2023 November



Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	Oct 31	5:30 PM JHBB vs Stockton	6:00 PM 5th Grade Operetta	JHBB @ PC 7th grade Tournament HSVB - IHSA Super Sec TBD	4
5	5 5:30 PM JHBB @ Orangeville	7	8 4:00 PM JHBB @ Chadwick	Picture retakes for Daycare - 12th grade Winter Sports Pictures(JHBB,HSBB & HSGB)	HSVB - IHSA State TBD JHBB @ PC 8th Grade Tournament	Highland Servant Leadership
12	2 13 5:30 PM JHBB vs Eastland	5:30 PM HSGB vs RR/SM	15 4:00 PM JHBB @ West Carroll 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting	16 HSGB JV @ Dakota Tournament -TBD	17	18
19	HSBB @ RR/SM Tournament HSGB Varsity @ Dakota Tournament - 5:30 PM JHBB vs South Beloit		22 1:00 PM Early Dismissal	No School	No School	25
26	5 27 5:30 PM HSGB vs Amboy 5:30 PM JHBB @ Stockton	5:30 PM HSBB vs Forreston	5:30 PM HSGB @ Forreston 5:30 PM JHBB vs Chadwick	30 6:00 PM 5th - 12th Winter Concert	Dec 1	2
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2023 November

Menu



Pearl City Schools

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Calendar is subject to change Lunch is Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading						