



Pearl City School District

May 2018 Newsletter



"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

District Website: www.pcwolves.net

Superintendent News

As we enter the last month of the school year, I would like to remind you to please check the district website for the many events that are going to happen as we conclude our present school year. Two such events are graduation, which is set for Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 1:00 pm and the last day of school for students, which is Monday, May 21, 2018 with a dismissal time of 1:45 pm.

I would like to thank the following staff who will be retiring at the conclusion of this school year: Tom Bull, Agriculture teacher who has served 23 years, Russ Bradford, School bus driver (21 years), Sally Schaeffer, 4th grade teacher (19 years), Caroline Eden, Elementary Library Aide (16 years), Deanna Koester, District nurse (15 years), and Julie Pickard, PASS Aide (7 years). This is a combined 101 years of service. Their commitment/dedication to the students of Pearl City has been a big part of why Pearl City Schools is an exceptional school. Thank you and good luck in your future endeavors.

The State of Illinois eliminated General State Aid this year and replaced it with Evidence Based Funding. This funding model was developed and approved so that adequate and fair funding is distributed to schools throughout the State. The premise is to provide districts with lower local sources of revenue additional funding based on Final percentage's of Adequacy or targets. Each District is assigned a target and depending on their final percentage of adequacy would be provided additional revenue. The funding model also has determined that adequate funding for schools would have a target of 100%. School falling below 100% would be provided additional funding, if available, to help them get closer to the 100%. Pearl City Schools final percentage of adequacy is 68%, the third lowest of all schools in our 3 county region. With a target of 68% the State is saying that we are 32% below the funding level for our students to receive an adequate education. The State has allocated an additional \$38,188.28 to our school based on this funding. We all know that our students are receiving a far better education than the 68% indicates, which is a tribute to our staff, administration, and Board of Education doing everything they can to help our students. This is evidenced by looking at multiple sources of data as outlined in the District/School report card, which can be accessed on our website. The State hopes that over the next few years that they will be able to provide additional money to help the lowest targeted schools.

It is important to know that even though the State has created a better source of funding, they have only made one of their required categorical payments still owing us \$82,538. So in essence we get an additional \$38,188, but by not making categorical payments we are still getting hurt financially from the State.

Pearl City schools was recently recognized as a Top 100 School (93) according to Backgroundchecks.org. The following contributed to the ranking: student performance (math and reading test scores), dropout rates, school funding, and area poverty rates. Data was collected from a total of 9,577 school districts. To view this ranking, please visit the homepage of our website.

Thank you for helping make our schools great.

Tim Thill

Superintendent, Pearl City Schools

Important Dates to Remember

- May 1- TMC Meeting at 9:00 am
in IMC
6th Gr. to Midway Village
4th Gr. to Discovery Center/
Skate Station
- May 2nd - 4th -8th Grade at
Timberlee
2nd Gr. Discovery Center/
Burpee Museum
- May 3rd - 5th Gr. to Chicago Museums
- May 6th- Baccalaureate Services at
St. John's 6:00pm
- May 7th - No PASS Classes
- May 8th 2nd Gr. to Steph. Co,
Museum/Krape Park/
Skate Station
- May 9th PTO Teacher Appreciation
Luncheon
6th Gr. AR Pizza Party
- May 10th -15th- Senior Finals-
Open Campus
- May 10th 3rd Gr. AR Pizza Party &
Spring Fling
1st Gr. to Madison Zoo
4th Gr. Hawaii Day
- May 11th 6th Gr. to Mississippi River
Museum
3rd Gr. to Timberlake Play
house/Skate Station
2nd Gr. AR Pizza Party &
Spring Fling
4th GR. AR Pizza Party
1st Gr. Mothers' Day
Celebration
- May 14th- PE, Choir, and Art Finals
- May 15th- AP Calculus Test
4th Gr. to Cave of the
Mounds
Senior Honors Night
at 7:00pm
- May 15th-18th- -9th- 11th grade
Finals- Open Campus
- May 16th 1st Gr. to skate Station/
Krape Park/ Horse Farm
- May 17th 4th Gr. Sale
PASS Graduation-Last Day
for PASS
5th Gr. AR Pizza Party
1st Gr. AR Pizza Party/Spring
Fling
- May 18th- Graduation Practice
at 8:00 am
5th Gr. Spring Fling am
El. Movie Day pm
- May 21st- 7th -11th Awards Day
at 8:30am
El. Field Day am
El. Awards 1:00
Report Cards Issued
Last Day of Student Attendance
- May 22nd - Teacher Institute



Graduation

Graduation will be on May 20th at 1:00pm. All Seniors are to meet in the IMC at 12:30 pm. When students are in the IMC, we ask that parents not come in due to lining up of students and making sure everyone is here. Doors for graduation will not open until 12:00 pm. Please do not arrive early as you will not be able to come in. Graduation will begin at 1:00 pm.

Honors Day and Community Service Day

Junior High and Senior High Honors Day will be on May 21st at 8:30 am. After cleaning out their lockers, the students will be going out into the communities of Pearl City, Kent and Loran to help with spring cleaning. The students will return back to the school around 12:00pm for lunch. Students will be dismissed on that day at 1:45pm.



Pearl City Schools is looking for substitute paraprofessionals/teacher aides. If interested, you need to hold a paraprofessional license. If you do not have a paraprofessional license, you need to have completed an associate's degree and then apply for the license through the ROE. If interested, please contact the school office at 815-443-2715 and we can provide further assistance in acquiring the license or add you to our substitute list.

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we will **NOT** allow charging on any lunch accounts after May 1st. **PLEASE** make sure your child/children have enough money on their accounts otherwise they will be served a peanut butter sandwich and milk. Also, please remember any money left on their lunch accounts will remain on their accounts for next year!

PTO News

PTO was able to provide new chromebooks and a charging cart to the elementary this year. They also funded the MADCAP Puppet show and a variety of field trips, AR Pizza parties and Book Fair credit to students. Next school year we'll again be looking to increase the number of chromebooks available and again fund field trips, the AR program and special events for the students. Please consider volunteering. We will start next year with the Brat Stand at Cub Foods Aug. 31 and Sept. 1

PCEF's Pearl City Seniors Scholarships Update

We thank those Seniors who took the time to complete and submit Multiuse Scholarship Applications. PCEF Scholarship Team's review of those applications is in progress. (And they look Good!) A listing of recipients will be on the Pearl City School website after the senior honors night. Scholarship Certificates will be presented to recipients as part of the May 15th Honors Night Program. Checks follow after evidence of each recipient's college enrollment is received by PCEF. A copy of the "Schedule Bill" from Highland would be an example of the "evidence of enrollment" needed to release PCEF Scholarship checks. We look forward to seeing you on Honors Night.

PCEF Upperclassman Scholarships Reminder:

For those prior graduates of Pearl City who have completed their first year of college and intend to continue with full-time college studies, PCEF has \$6000 in Pearl City Upperclassman Scholarship funding available for the 2018-2019 year. Pearl City Upperclassman Scholarship applications are available at Pearl City Bank, Pearl City Public Library, and also on the School's Website. (Go to the guidance counselor's page and print out using the pdf [Pearl City Upperclassman Scholarship Application](#)).

Applications with all requested attachments are due no later than June 30, 2018. Either drop off at the School Office or mail to: Pearl City School, 100 S. Summit, P.O. Box 9, Pearl City, IL 61062.

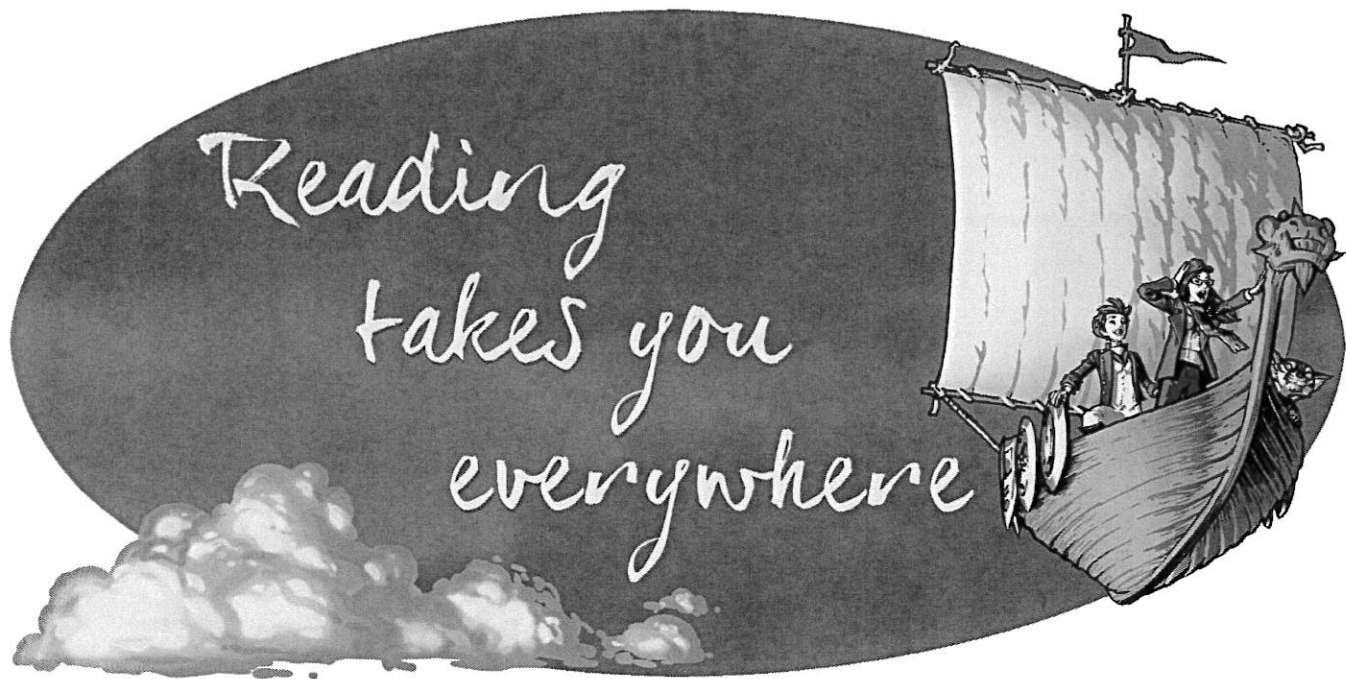


Pearl City 8th Grade Students Travel to Washington D.C.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Scott would like to thank all the people who made this year's Washington DC trip a success. From all the parents, grandparents, and family members who helped with fundraising to Little John's and Applebees that helped the group raise funds as well. This year's trip was another huge success with visits to all the great memorials including the Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, FDR Memorial, Korean Memorial, and many more. Henry Savaadra made our trip to the Vietnam Memorial the most moving part of the entire trip. Thank you Henry for your service!! Several students got to take part in laying flowers at various parts of the Vietnam Memorial and four others got to be part of a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arlington National Cemetery. We also got to visit many Smithsonian Museums including the newly opened African-American Museum. Our stops at the Holocaust Museum and Mount Vernon were also very moving and inspiring. Many students even got to experience their first ride on the subway in Washington this year. And the flights to and from Washington DC went off without a hitch!

We hope to continue the tradition next March with the class of 2023! All deposits and registration forms are due to Mr. Scott by Friday, May 4th!! Make you checks payable to Pearl City School.

DJ Scott
Bill Johnson



2018 Summer Reading Program Pearl City Public Library District

The summer reading program at the Pearl City Public Library is open to children ages 3 through 6th grade. **Registration is May 1st through May 31st** and a parent/guardian must be with their child to register for the program. Once a child is registered they may begin to log their reading. **Children have until July 24th to meet their reading goal.** All age groups will be tracking their reading by the amount of time they have spent reading. The summer reading program is offered FREE of charge.

READING GOAL: (All Age Groups) READ 10 HOURS

Children's reading logs will be kept at the library. Families will have to track the amount of minutes your child has read. Readers will not be required to keep track of the titles and/or authors of the books they have read for the library program. Calendars for May, June, and July with dates and activities for the 2018 Summer Reading Program will be handed out at registration.

We do encourage children to read at the reading level they had been reading at the end of the school year. Statistics show that children who read during their summer break start the school year in the fall better.

In addition to the reading program, each Monday in June **CRAFT TIME** will be offered from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. If your child is interested in the craft time, they must be registered for those classes separately and class size is limited. We will have **PJ's Thursday Story Time** on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in June and July from 6:45 to 7:15 pm. No registration required to attend Story Time. Both of these activities are open to children Ages 3 to 6th grade.

What's Your Destination This Summer?

Join the Pearl City Public Library staff and

EXPLORE, DISCOVER, LEARN!



SUMMER MEALS

COMIDAS DE VERANO

ALL CHILDREN 18 AND UNDER.

Available to all families.

**FREE!
GRATIS!**

TODOS LOS NIÑOS DE 18 AÑOS Y MENOS.

Disponible para todas las familias.



FREE HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS SUMMER MEALS are available for children (18 and under) when school is out. Find a site close to you. Call or text the numbers below.

COMIDAS DE VERANO SALUDABLES Y NUTRITIVAS GRATIS se ofrecen para niños y jóvenes menores de 18 años cuando termina la escuela. Para encontrar un lugar con comidas de verano más cercano a usted, llame o marque a los números siguientes.

CALL/LLAME (800) 359-2163

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or visit SummerMealsIllinois.org

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Menu



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	Apr 30	1 Variety Pizza, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Rice Pilaf, Pineapple Tidbits	2 Donut, String Cheese, Fruit Tenderloin, Green Beans, Pears	3 Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Peaches	4 Biscuit w/ Sausage, Fruit Variety Soups, Celery Sticks, Mandarin Oranges	5
6	7 Bacon Scrambled Egg Square, Fruit Pulled Pork, Broccoli, Peaches	8 Donut, String Cheese, Apple Juice Mexican Pizza, Corn, Applesauce	9 French Toast, Yogurt, Fruit Nachos, Green Beans, Pears	10 Bagels, Fruit Chicken & Noodles, Peas, Mandarin Oranges	11 Cereal Bar, Toast, Fruit Hot Turkey Sandwich, French Fries, Warm Cinnamon Apples	12
13	14 Sausage Pizza, Fruit Variety Pizza, California Blend Vegetable, Pineapple Tidbits	15 Pancakes, String Cheese, Fruit Grilled Cheese, Pickle, Fruit	16 Grilled Cheese, Apple Juice Chicken Strips, Green Beans, peaches	17 Combo Bar, Toast, Fruit Deli Turkey Wraps, Vegetable, Fruit	18 Variety - Cooks Choice BBQ, Corn, Applesauce	19
20	21 Variety - Cooks Choice Hot Dog, Carrot Sticks, Apple Slices, Cookie	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2
3	4	<p>*Calendar is subject to change* Lunch us Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	Apr 30	1	2	3	4	5
		4th grade Discovery Center 6th grade Midway Village 4:30 PM BsB/SB vs. W. Carroll	Timberlee 2nd grade Discovery Center 4:00 PM BsB/SB vs. Eastland 4pm	5th grade Shedd Aquarium (Chicago) GT - Varsity Conference @ Le-Win 4:00 PM BT @ Galena/RR/E DBQ 4:30 PM BsB/SB @ W. Carroll 6:30 PM Community Dev	6th grade Spring Fling Raku Workshop 4:15 PM BT @ Winnebago	Prom - Grand March 5pm - Dinner 7pm - Post Prom 11:30pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
6:00 PM Baccalaureate at St. John's PC	No PASS 4:00 PM GT @ Forreston/Polo 4:30 PM BsB @ RR 4:30 PM SB vs. Galena	2nd grade Skate Station 2nd grade Steph Co Historical Soc 4:00 PM JH Track Conf Meet @ Le-Win 4:30 PM SB vs. SM/RR	6th grade AR Pizza Party PTO Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Senior Parade 4:30 PM BsB vs. Newman	1st grade Madison Zoo 3rd grade AR Pizza Party/Spring Fling 4th grade Hawaiian Day BsB @ Rockford Rivets vs. Byron 4:00 PM BT V-Conference @ RR 4:00 PM SB @ SM/RR	2nd Grade AR Pizza Party 3rd grade Timberlake/Skate Station 4th grade AR Pizza Party 6th grade River Museum GT Sectionals 3pm 12:00 PM 1st Grade Mother's Day 4:30 PM V-SB vs. AFC	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	BSB/SB Regionals 4:00 PM F/S GT Conf @ Milledgeville 4:00 PM F/S BT/GT Conf @ Milledgeville 4:15 PM V BT @ Oregon	4th grade Cave of the Mound 7:00 PM Senior Awards	6:30 PM Board of Education	GT State 1st grade Pizza Party/Spring Fling 4th grade sale 5th grade AR Pizza party	5th grade Spring Fling BT Sectionals End of 4th Quarter Movie Day 11:00 AM PASS Graduation @ UMC PC	K-11 Show at Freeport Art
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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