



Pearl City School District

November 2017 Newsletter



District Website: www.pcwolves.net
"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

Parents and Community Members:

As we move through the Fall season we invite you to attend the multitude of activities that are taking place at school. Our students are doing many wonderful things and I know that they enjoy showing them off. By accessing our website and going to your child's building you can see what they are doing in each classroom by looking at the classroom news. Teachers update this on a regular basis. If you do not have access to the internet, please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions and/or concerns.

The State of Illinois has passed a new funding formula, but has yet to determine the targets that are associated to each district determining a funding commitment to the schools. Presently we are being held in hold harmless meaning that we would receive exactly what we received last year. Once these targets have been determined, we will know our funding moving forward. Presently, the State is making the General State Aid payments, but has not made any of the categorical payments owed to the school. In addition, they are behind one payment from last year as well. In total, the State is behind by \$115,017 in obligated dollars to the school. As we move through the year, I will keep you updated on the State finances and the impact they are having on our school. Feel free to contact me at any time as there are many factors determining the wealth of a school, of which cannot be depicted in any single article.

The State Board of Education will post the 2017 District Report Card at www.illinoisreportcard.com. You can also access the report card by going to our district website click on District Information and then click on School report Card. This will take you directly to all of our building and the District data. The data on the report card includes student and teacher demographics, enrollment, district-level financial information, Illinois 5Essentials Survey information, graduation rates, postsecondary enrollment, and freshmen on track. The Report Card will showcase new metrics and features to show a more complete picture of school climate and students' progress toward college and career readiness. Data involving student academic growth and achievement will be included in this release. This data will be based on student, school, and district-level PARCC test results.

If you have any questions regarding this newsletter or any other topics, please feel free to contact me at 815-443-2715.

Tim Thill

Superintendent, Pearl City Schools

Important Dates to Remember

- Family Math Mania Night
Tues. Nov. 7 5:00-7:00
- 5th Grade Operetta
Tues, Nov. 7th 7:00
- Veterans Day Ceremony
Fri, Nov. 10th
- No PASS Parent Interaction Day
Fri. Nov. 10th
- Early dismissal Fri. Nov. 10th at 11:15
- PTO Mtg. Mon. Nov. 13th
6:30
- K-2 to Highland James and the Giant Peach
Wed. Nov. 15 9:00-11:00
- Gr. 3-8 to Lindo Wonder
8:00-11:00
- Mid Terms Sent Home
Early Dismissal 1:45
Wed. Nov. 22nd
- No School Thurs,
Nov. 23rd & Fri,
Nov. 24th Thanksgiving
- Elementary Concert PreK-4th Grade
Wed. Nov. 29th 7:00

October Students of the Month

- 7th Seth Townsend
- 8th Alena Welch
- 9th Caitlin Niesman
- 10th Hailey Johnson
- 11th Libby Dixon
- 12th Burgundy Barklow

Top Dog

Kayla Niehaus

Winter Sports/Clubs

Pictures

On November 17th, all high school winter sports and clubs will be having their pictures taken for the yearbook. There will be a schedule that will go out through an email through School Messenger.



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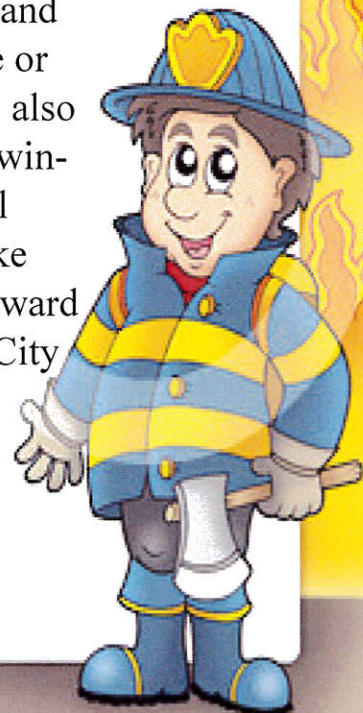
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Roll

Pearl City Fire Safety

On Friday November 3rd the Pearl City Fire Department will practice fire safety with Preschool - 2nd grade students. The students will learn how to stop, drop, and roll and not to play with fire or matches. They will also learn how to exit a window safely, and will practice in the smoke house. We look forward to seeing the Pearl City Firemen.



Lego League Season Currently Underway

Working with this year's theme of "Hydrodynamics," the 2017-2018 Pearl City Technowolves continue to work on missions, a skit, and problem solving--the focus this year centers around isolating a problem within the human water cycle and creating an inventive solution to help solve that problem. Members include: Cody Pitts (8th grade), Addie Bremmer (7th), Jordan Johnson (7th), Miranda Posey (6th), Jacob Lieb (6th), Jayden Downs (6th), Jackson Corbin (5th), Kendra Kuhlemeier (5th), and Natalie Greene (5th).

After performing a skit (illustrating their innovation) for the Pearl City School Board and various classes, the team will compete in December with their programmed robot and creative solution.

Go, Technowolves!

Student Absence Procedures

As we enter the time of year when students seem to be missing more school due to illness, I feel it has become necessary to remind parents and guardians of our district procedures. If your son or daughter is absent, please follow these steps:

1. On the day of the absence call the district office.
2. Tell the office staff why your son/daughter is absent.
3. Provide the office with a written confirmation of the absence upon your son/daughters return to school.

If a phone contact is not made, office staff will call the students parent/guardians by 10:00 am.

PARCC Testing March 5th—23rd

Once again Pearl City will be taking the online version. The tests are fully aligned to the new Illinois Learning Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math and are designed to make sure each student is not only prepared for the next grade level but also on track for postsecondary success. The PARCC system places a greater emphasis on academic rigor, critical thinking, problem solving and college and career readiness for all students.

The PARCC assessments replace both the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE). Third graders through eighth will take the PARCC in both ELA and Math.



Pearl City Celebrates Its Veterans

Join us Friday, November 10th for our 3rd annual Pearl City Veteran's Day celebration. The celebration starts at 9am in the high school gym. Veteran's you are invited to a thank you reception in the IMC starting at 8:30am. This year we will feature Henry Saavedra as our keynote speaker. Henry is a veteran of the Vietnam War and a two time Purple Heart recipient. We will also feature music from our students and Steve Sheffey. We will have a reading of the Pearl City Roll of Honor, listing everyone who served our country. After the celebration the Veterans will be able to visit our classrooms to share their stories with our students. We hope this will be a very good morning, one fitting the honor the veterans deserve.



**THANK YOU
VETERANS**

2017 November



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Small Gym Closed EPC Play (PC) 5:30 PM JH BBB @ Le-Win	BBB 7th grade PC Invite Fire Safety Day 7:00 PM EPC Play (PC)	7:00 PM EPC Play (PC)	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Small Gym Closed	Josten's ring presentation 8th hour Josten's Senior presentation 8th hour 5:30 PM JH BBB vs. Stockton	7:00 PM 5th Grade Operetta	5:30 PM FFA Sect 1 LTS cafeteria	5:30 PM JH BBB @ Orangeville	BBB 8th grade PC Invite PASS - Parent Interaction Day (No reg class) 11:15 AM Early Release	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
6:30 PM PTO Meeting	5:30 PM JH BBB vs. Aquin	Josten's - Orders during lunch 6:30 PM Board of Education	Josten's - Orders during lunch 6:30 PM Board of Education	JV Girls Basketball Dakota Tour vs. RR/SM 8pm 5:30 PM JH BBB vs. Eastland	Picture Day-Winter Sports/Seniors/Retakes & Clubs Tour TBD	JV Girls Basketball Dakota Tour TBD
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
4:00 PM JH BBB @ W. Carroll 6:00 PM V Boys Basketball @ RR Tour 7:30 PM JV Boys Basketball @ RR Tour 8:00 PM V Girls Basketball Dakota Tour vs. Aquin	5:00 PM V Girls Basketball Dakota Tour vs. N. Boone 5pm	No PASS 1:45 PM Early Dismissal 4:30 PM V Girls Basketball Dakota Tour vs. RR/SM 5:00 PM V Boys Basketball @ RR Tour 6:30 PM JV Boys Basketball @ RR Tour	No PASS 1:45 PM Early Dismissal 4:30 PM V Girls Basketball Dakota Tour vs. RR/SM 5:00 PM V Boys Basketball @ RR Tour 6:30 PM JV Boys Basketball @ RR Tour	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL 1:00 PM V Boys Basketball @ RR Tour 2:30 PM JV Boys Basketball @ RR Tour 4:30 PM JV Boys Basketball @ RR Tour	1:00 PM V Girls Basketball Dakota Tour vs. Byron 3:00 PM V Boys Basketball @ RR Tour 4:30 PM JV Boys Basketball @ RR Tour 6:00 PM V Girls Basketball Dakota Tour vs. Dakota 6pm
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
5:30 PM JH BBB vs. Le-Win	4:00 PM JH BBB @ Chadwick/M/ville 6:00 PM GBB @ W. Carroll	7:00 PM Elementary Concert Pre K-4	7:00 PM Elementary Concert Pre K-4	5:30 PM JH BBB @ Stockton 6:00 PM BBB vs. Stillman Valley		
3	4	Notes	*Calendar is subject to change *			

2017 November Menu



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	Oct 31	1	2	3	4
			French Toast, Yogurt, Fruit Mini Corn dogs, Baked Beans, Peaches	Sausage Pizza, Fruit Sub Sandwich, Dill Pickle Spears, Fresh Apple Slices	Combo Bar, Toast, Fruit Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Hash Brown Patties, Apple Juice	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Variety Pizza, Fruit Orange Chicken, Brown Rice, Broccoli, Peaches	Pancake Sausage Stick, Fruit Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit	Donuts, Mozzarella Cheese, Apple Juice Nachos w/ meat & cheese, Salsa, Sour Cream, Corn, Mandarin Oranges	Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits	Variety Pastry, Mozzarella Cheese, Fruit Early Release - No Lunch		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
French Toast, Mozzarella Cheese, Fruit Hamburgers, Peas, Mandarin Oranges	Bacon Scrambled Egg Squares, Fruit Chicken Noodle Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fresh Carrot Sticks, Fresh Apple Slices	Potato & Sausage Patties, Apple Juice Pepperoni Pizza, Green Beans, Applesauce	Mini Blueberry Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Taco Casserole, Salsa, Sour Cream, Corn, Peaches	Pretzel, Cheese Sauce, Fruit Pulled Pork Sandwich, Carrots, Pears		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sausage Pizza, Fruit Tenderloin, Green Beans, Warm Cinnamon Apples	Donuts, Mozzarella Cheese, Apple Juice Turkey Dinner, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie	Bagel, Cream Cheese, Fruit BBQ, Corn, Applesauce	No School Happy Thanksgiving!!			
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
French Toast, Yogurt, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Carrots, Pears	Donuts, Mozzarella Cheese, Apple Juice Goulash, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits, Bread	Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Fruit Cheese Filled Bread sticks, Marinara Sauce, Peas, Applesauce	Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Chicken Quesadillas, Corn, Fresh Orange Slices, Bread			
3	4	Notes	<p>*Calendar is subject to change * Breakfast and Lunch are Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk & Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>			