



# Pearl City School District February 2018 Newsletter



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"Inspire in everyone a passion to excel"

## Superintendent News

We are excited that our school "App" is now available and ready to be added to your cell phone or other electronic devices. In essence it is taking our present website and placing it at the touch of an icon on your phone. For Android go to Google Play and for Apple go to the App Store. When you search, type "Pearl City Schools CUSD" to find the download. We hope that the app will provide a quick access to school information. Let us know what you think.

As of this mailing, the State has not made any of their required mandated payments owing us \$82,893. There are two additional payments scheduled for the remainder of the school year that are equal to what has not been paid. Last week the governor decided to perform an amendatory veto regarding the new funding formula. Because of this veto, the additional allocation that will be determined by targets associated to each district, will be delayed. Originally these were to be distributed around March 1, but this veto has forced the legislatures to determine how they will move forward. The targets determining the funding commitment to the schools will need to be recalculated thus further delays. I will continue to keep you updated on the State finances and the impact they are having on our school.

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.

Tim Thill

Superintendent, Pearl City Schools



## 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.

## SAT

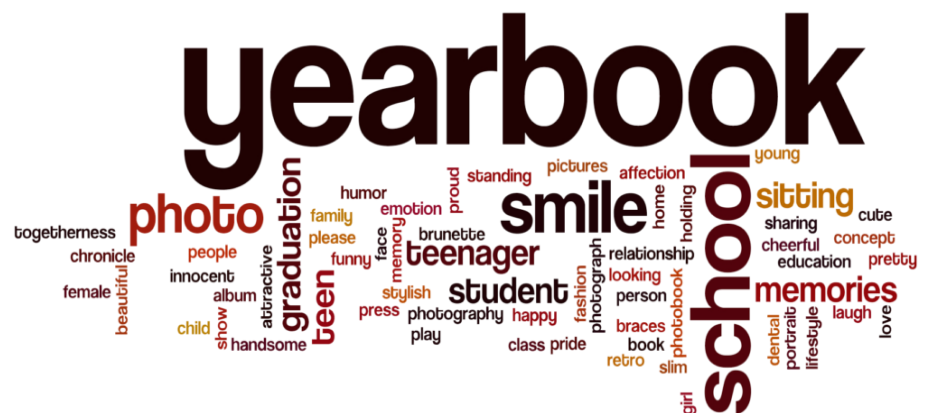
At this time, the State of Illinois will be giving the SAT to all Juniors. This test will be given on April 10th. This test is a graduation requirement. The students have been practicing for this test. If you would like more information, go to [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org). If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## **Pre-K – 8th Grade Yearbooks**

*Yearbooks are now on sale! You can purchase a whole year of memories for only \$15. Checks can be made payable to the Pearl City PTO. Orders should be to the school office by March 1st. You can also order your yearbook online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com) using yearbook ID code 6825918. Extra copies will be limited this year, so get your order in soon!*

## **Big Thank You to our Sponsors**

*The Pearlanna staff would like to thank our following Gold-level sponsors for their tremendous support of our yearbook and high school, and encourage everyone to return this support with your patronage: Aero Group Inc., Citizens State Bank, D + F Photography, Fairway Ford Lincoln, Fischer Excavating Stone and Material, K & M Feed Mill, Keltner Farms, Kempel Urish Construction Inc., Kentland Farms, Mulligan's Bar & Grill, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, Pearl City Seamless Gutters Inc., Spahn and Rose Lumber Co., Stephenson Service Company, The Morse Group, and The State Bank of Pearl City.*



## 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.*



## 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 shortly after the semester ends.

The decision as to pupil placement (retention or acceleration) shall be made by the school principal after careful consideration of the following:

- Teacher Recommendation
- Attendance
- Grades
  1. Junior High Level (7-8) - must pass 4 of 5 academic subjects (Language Arts, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies) to be promoted to the next grade.
  2. A student who fails either mathematics or reading will be required to attend summer school or will be retained at current grade level.

### Achievement Scores/Testing Program

A student who falls below the "does not meet" level on the district administered reading and/or mathematics tests must attend summer school or will be retained at current grade level.

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

1. A teacher feeling that a child's problems can be improved by special problems can be improved by special grade placement or academic assistance should immediately inform the principal.
2. The principal, in conjunction with parents and teacher, may develop an academic assistance program for the student.
3. 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.
4. In April, a teacher-principal conference will be held to review the student's grades and achievement test scores.
5. 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. Winners from Grades 1-4 will participate in a Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 31st at 8:30am in the Elementary Library. Classroom winners will be participating in The School Bee for Grades 5-8. This will be on Wednesday, January 31st at 1:45pm in the IMC. Only winners from the Grade 5-8 bee will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee. The Regional Spelling Bee will take place at Pearl City School on Tuesday, February 20th at 7:00pm 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.

## CLIP UPCs AND EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

We've registered to participate in a loyalty rewards program offered by the bakers of Country Hearth® and Village Hearth® breads, allowing us the opportunity to earn as much as \$10,000 this year! Start saving UPC Proof-of-Purchases from any Country Hearth or Village Hearth product, each one is worth 5¢. UPCs can be dropped in our designated collection box. Call the school office for more information or to help with the program

## Lifetouch Spring Pictures

Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, February 22nd to take Spring Pictures for students PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade. All students will have their pictures taken and parents can choose from a variety of packages.

## Pearl City School Preschool Screening March 15

Preschool Screening for the 2018-2019 school year will be taking place on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for any child between the ages of 3-5 and living in the Pearl City School District. Any child who will be three years old before September 1, 2018, is eligible to screen on March 15<sup>th</sup> and attend the preschool program next year. Children must be screened in order to be considered for the preschool program. Preschool screening is a play-based assessment that generally last 45 minutes, and will be held in the preschool classroom (Room 111) at Pearl City Elementary. During the screening, your child will play in the classroom with a small group of their peers and a variety of professionals (general/special education teacher, Speech and Language Pathologist, PASS Coordinator etc.). The purpose of this screening is to identify children who would benefit and/or be eligible to attend the preschool program next year, or need additional evaluation and/or services. Space in this program is limited. Children who are not initially enrolled in the program will be placed on a waiting list. Various screening time slots are available throughout the day on March 15<sup>th</sup>, please call the school at (815) 443-2715 to make an appointment.

### Pearl City School Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2018

Kindergarten Registration for Fall of 2018 is now open. New Families to Pearl City 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. We will have a Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt during Open House March 8<sup>th</sup>. Open House is from 6:00-8:00, we will have a concert in the large gym from 6:00 to about 6:30, which you are welcome to enjoy. Parents will be asked to bring their child's official birth certificate from the Court House and a copy will be made in the Main Office. If you are unable to attend please contact the School at 443-2715 to receive information. No fees are due at this time.

#### December Students of the Month-

7th– Nathan  
Brinkmeier  
8th–Kendall Dixon  
9th– Alexis Daves  
10th–Sydney Foulker  
11th–Lauren Strock  
12th–Amber  
Baumgartner

Top Dog  
Isabella Kostallari

#### Congratulations to the SWCD Poster Contest Winners

Grade 2-3  
1st Place Lincoln Voss  
3rd Maelana Burlingame  
Grade 4-6  
1st Place Mattie Schauer  
2nd Jared Runkle  
3rd Margaret Smital  
These posters will go on the  
State  
for final judging in  
May/June.

#### Important Dates to Remember

Grade 1-4 Spelling Bee 8:30  
Grade 5-8 Spelling Bee 1:45  
January 31  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Cake Raffle Feb. 9  
No PASS Classes Feb. 9  
Valentine Parties Feb. 14  
No PASS Classes  
Parent Interaction Day Feb. 16  
Mid Terms Sent Home Feb. 16  
Early dismissal 11:15 Feb. 16  
No School Feb. 19  
Regional Spelling Bee 7:00 Feb.  
20  
Lifetouch Spring Pictures PreK-  
8 Feb. 22  
PTO Mtg. 6:30 Feb. 26

**GIVE KIDS A SMILE:**  
**“FREE” DENTISTRY DAY**

Stockton, IL - In conjunction with the American Dental Association's Give Kids A Smile Day and National Children's Dental Health Month, Stockton Dental Center, Dr. Petras, staff and volunteers, will be hosting its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual FREE DENTAL DAY. We gladly offer this day for our area children without dental insurance, up to 14 years of age on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on a first come, first serve basis.

Free check-ups, cleanings, x-rays, fluoride, and sealants for children will be provided as deemed necessary and as time permits. In addition, we will be presenting brushing and flossing instructions and distributing a free toothbrush, floss, toothpaste and “dental treats” to all participants.

This is our little “Valentine” to the community and our way of saying “Thank You” to our patients for their friendship and confidence.



**Smile Illinois Mobile Dentist is Coming to**  
**Pearl City School in March**

The Smile Illinois mobile dentist program is coming to Pearl City School on Thursday, March 1, 2018. They will set up a mini-dental office in a classroom, staffed by a dentist, hygienist, and dental assistant. By working together as a team, these professionals offer dental examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, x-rays and sealants to all children **age 2 through school age**. No child will be turned away from the in-school dental prevention program based on his or her ability to pay. All children seen by the dental staff will receive a dental report card to take home. Their examination and report card fulfill the requirement from the state for grades K, 2, &, 6. If your child is in one of these grades and has not yet turned in a dental form, this clinic will complete this for you. If your child will be in grades K, 2, or 6 next year you can complete this for next year at this time.

Each child who is seen by the Mobile Dentist will get a free toothbrush. If you are interested in this clinic, you can use the direct link at [https://www.myschooldentist.com/PEPCIL\\_schsrn](https://www.myschooldentist.com/PEPCIL_schsrn) to complete the information needed. This will take you directly to the Pearl City Elementary School sign up page. All ages of students are to sign up on this page/link. Continue to fill in information for your child and other information as needed. If you would prefer to fill out a paper application, contact the school for an application for which needs to be completed and returned to the school no later than February 15, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this contact Deanna Koester, Pearl City School Nurse at 815-443-2715.

2018 February

Menu



# Pearl City Schools

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Jan 31	1 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Mexican Pizza, Corn, Applesauce	2 Potato Patty, Sausage Patty, Fruit Pulled Pork, French Fries, Mixed Fruit	3
4 Bacon Scrambled Egg Square, Fruit Chicken Nuggets, Carrots, Applesauce	5 French Toast, Yogurt, Fruit Goulash, Green Beans, Peaches (Salad Bar available)	6 Donuts, Mozzarella Cheese Stick, apple Juice Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Pineapple Tidbits (Salad Bar Available)	7 Biscuit w/sausage, Fruit Sub Sandwich, Pickle Spear, Orange Slice	8 Cereal Bar, Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Fruit Pancakes, Sausage Patties, Hashbrown Patties, Apple Juice	9	10
11 Sausage Pizza, Fruit Tenderloin, French Fries, Mixed Fruit (Salad Bar Available)	12 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit Tator Tot Casserole, Carrots, Apple Slices (Salad Bar Available)	13 Donut, Mozzarella Cheese, Apple Juice Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges	14 Pancake Sausage Stick, Fruit Tacos, Corn, Applesauce	15 Variety Pastry, Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Fruit Early Release ~ No Lunch	16	17
18 No School No School	19 French Toast, Yogurt, Fruit Chicken Strips, Broccoli, Applesauce	20 Combo Bar, Toast, Apple Juice Hot Turkey Sandwich, French Fries, Orange Slice (Salad Bar Available)	21 Bagels, Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Fruit Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed fruit	22 Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Cheese Filled Breadstick, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits	23	24
25 Bacon Scrambled Egg Square, Fruit Chicken Quesadillas, Peas, Applesauce (Salad Bar Available)	26 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Apple Juice Chili, Ham Slice, Carrot Sticks	27 Cereal Bar, Mozzarella Cheese Stick, Fruit Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Peaches (Salad Bar Available)	28	Mar 1	2	3
4	5	<p><b>*Calendar is subject to change*</b> Lunch us Offer vs. Serve Each meal is provided with Milk &amp; Whole Grain Bread/Breading</p>				

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28	29	30	Jan 31	1	2	3
				K-11 Show at Freeport Art Museum JH GBB vs. Dakota BBB @ Stockton	GBB vs. W. Carroll (Sr. Night)	FFA Pork Chop Supper 5-8pm  Freeport Regional Speech Meet  BBB vs. Eastland
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
K-11 Show at Freeport Art Museum	GBB Regionals Academic Bowl @ Pecatonica JH GBB vs. Forreston	Academic Bowl @ Galena BBB vs. Milledgeville		JH GBB vs. Eastland BBB @ Le-Win (Veterans Night)	6th grade cake raffle No PASS	Huntley Sectional Speech Meet  PCBA 9am-1pm BBB @ W. Carroll
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
PTO Meeting 6:30pm BBB vs. E DBQ	Academic Bowl vs. S. Beloit JH GBB @ W. Carroll		JH GBB vs. Aquin		Speech ~ State 4H Dinner PASS Parent Interaction Early Dismissal BBB vs. Stockton (Sr. Night)	IGSMA Solo/Ensemble PCBA 9am-1pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
BBB Regionals NO SCHOOL	Regional Spelling Bee (Elem Gym) Academic Bowl vs. Eastland JH GBB vs. Le-Win	Spring Sports Meeting 6pm Board of Education	Pre K -8 Spring Pictures Regional Spelling Bee (Snow Day) JH GBB @ Stockton	Aspiring Artists Show (Freeport Art Museum) Pinewood Derby Set up (small gym)		Pinewood Derby (Small gym)
25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3
Pinewood Derby (Small gym)	JH GBB @ Dakota					
4	5	Notes				
*Calendar is subject to change*						