



Pearl City School District *April 2018 Newsletter*



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Superintendent News

It is hard to believe that we are now in the 4th quarter of the school year. This time of year is filled with activities and testing to include PARCC and SAT assessments, elementary field trips, the 8th grade trip to Camp Timber-lee, elementary and JH/HS music concerts, and honor assemblies culminating with senior graduation on May 20th just to name a few. Please check the district website for updated information.

After each monthly Board of Education meeting a summary can be found on our district website. If after viewing the summary and you have questions, please feel free to contact me at the school. The Board monitors State funding each month. As of this mailing, the State has made only one of their required mandated payments still owing us \$82,538. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the targets have been determined and Pearl City is slated to receive an additional \$42,000 under the new evidence based funding model. This is good, providing that the State makes good on their payments and that has not happened this year. We will continue to monitor State funding as we move to complete this fiscal year.

If you have not downloaded the Pearl City School App, please go to our website for info. It is a great way to get alerts and have school info at the touch of an app compared to going to our full website.

Without any additional snow/emergency days, the last day of attendance for students is Monday, May 21. Graduation is set for Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 1:00pm. The 2018-19 school calendar has been approved with the first day for students being Friday, August 17, 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop in or call me at 815-443-2715.

Tim Thill

Superintendent, Pearl City Schools



Spring has finally arrived!!

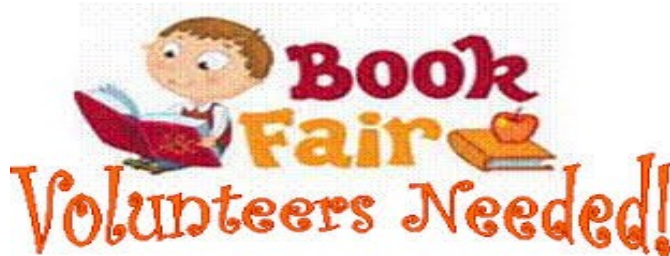
As your child gets ready for school each day please pay attention to the weather. Students need to have a jacket on most days. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for school. Some fashions are not for school. Tops should cover the mid-drift and straps should be at least 2 fingers wide. Sandals keep our feet cool, but are not very safe for running and playing.

Our Book Fair is Coming!

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way! At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents.

Mark your calendar for our Family Event where the whole family can join in the fun. And, you can contribute books to your child's classroom library. The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading. Go to <http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/family> to see a brief video that highlights the big dreams that can be realized through family reading.

Our Book Fair is scheduled for Thursday, April 12th from 4:00-8:00pm in the Elementary Library.



Junior High Promotion and Retention Policy

As a reminder, the Board of Education has passed a promotion and retention policy. I have included the guidelines that will be used for this policy. Students/parents, 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.

Congratulations to our Young Authors

Congratulations to our Young Authors this year: Ethan Otte, Rayvin Peterson, Rayne Becker, Jayelle Spahr, Kassidy Dorthy, Sydney Gassman, Eli Bremmer, Kip Martens, Ethan Bremmer, Natalie Greene, Margaret Smital, Mattie Schauer

Kameron Downs, Marley Joseph, Shyanna Ditzler are our overall winners this year. They will be representing Pearl City in Bloomington at the Annual Illinois Statewide Young Authors' Conference.

PTO News

PTO worked hard this year to provide funds for supplemental classroom supplies, field trips, MAD CAP Puppet Performance, organizing volunteers for classroom parties and other events, and providing many other opportunities for learning. PTO was able to purchase classroom sets of Chromebooks this year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time.

The next PTO meeting will be held on April 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Mrs. Wallace's office. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

8th Grade Trip

The 8th grade will be going to Camp Timber-lee from May 2nd–4th. More information will follow.

Senior Honors

Senior Honors will be on May 15th at 7:00 pm. Students will be recognized for scholastic achievement and scholarships will be presented. Seniors and their families are encouraged to attend.

Senior Finals

Seniors will be taking their finals beginning on May 10th and completing finals on May 15th. A schedule and a letter will be sent home with the students about the important upcoming events.

Graduation

Graduation will be on Sunday, May 20th, 2018 at 1:00 in the High School Gym. Seniors will have graduation practice on Friday, May 18th at 8:00 am in the gym.

Important Dates to Remember

April 3
School Resumes

April 7th
Daddy Daughter Dance
6:00-8:00

April 10th
SAT testing for Juniors
MAP Testing for Soph/Jr

April 12th
Art Fair 6:00-8:00
Book Fair 4:00-8:00
Spaghetti Supper

April 16
PTO Mtg. 6:30

April 19th
Board of Education Meeting
at 6:30pm

April 20th
Mid terms Sent home
El. Choir, Jr. High & H.S. Spring
Choral Concert 6:00
El. Band, Jr. High & H.S. Spring
Band Concert 6:00

April 24th
No PASS Classes Parent
Interaction day

April 27th
Mentoring Field Trip

EPC Theatre
Presents:
RODGERS + HAMMERSTEIN'S
CINDERELLA
Friday, April 6 at 7:00pm
Saturday, April 7 at 7:00pm
Sunday, April 8 at 2:00pm
at Eastland High School
Tickets are \$5.00 at the door

PCEF Offers \$6000 in Upperclassman Scholarships

(maximum per student is \$1000)

Pearl City Education Foundation announces the availability of \$6000 to fund Pearl City Upperclassman Scholarships for full time College or Trade School students for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. These applicants must have completed at least 1 year of college or equivalent to be eligible for this program.

Applications are available at the at the Pearl City Public Library and the State Bank of Pearl City or at the Pearl City School. The Application form has been updated for the 2018-2019 school year. Please use the Revised form with Rev. 10-17 on bottom of 2nd page.

The final date for returning completed applications with all requested attachments to the Pearl City School is June 30, 2018.

Since its 2010 inception the Pearl City Upperclassman Scholarship program has awarded 70+ scholarships with over \$27,000 having been distributed. This program is designed to be perpetual.

The Pearl City Education Foundation (PCEF) welcomes additional donations to help increase the number, size, and scope of scholarships as well as helping to provide funds for learning experiences for students beyond the regular academic programs. These donations are tax deductible as PCEF has a 501(c) (3) tax status.

Article submitted by PCEF
Scholarship Team



PEARL CITY FFA WINS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The Pearl City FFA took first place at the Section 1 FFA Livestock Judging Contest held at Mt. Carroll on Saturday March 17, 2018. There were 43 individuals from 9 different schools that participated. Pearl City swept the top five overall individual spots for the event. Nicki Adolph took first place with a score of 478. Addison Keltner was second with a 472, Drake Musser was third with 467, Jase Sheffey was fourth with 458, and Garrett Handsaker was fifth with 447. Also participating from Pearl City was Jazmin Wingert and Junior High students Brea Musser, Cheyenne Handsaker and Christian Fischer.

Pearl City will attend the State FFA contest on April 27th in Champaign.