



Pittsville

Third Quarter, 2014-2015

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



From the Desk of District Administrator Terry Reynolds...

Following the Governor's biennial budget address on Tuesday, February 3, many questions have arisen regarding how the Governor's proposals, specifically and financially, would impact the Pittsville School District. This message is intended to provide that information to you to keep you aware of the financial impact.

Within the televised context of the Governor's budget address, Governor Walker stated the new budget would provide public schools with roughly the same amount of funding as during the previous year; thus, suggesting that the per pupil revenue limit increase most recently set at **\$75.00** would be reduced to zero. This reduction in projected revenue, along with other baseline assumptions, would result in a necessary Pittsville School District 2015-2016 budget reduction of **\$45,000.00**. However, contained within the actual 900+ page executive budget report, verbiage indicates that the same amount of funding will not be forthcoming. In fact, the budget report clarifies that in addition to the per pupil revenue limit remaining at \$0.00, the proposal also calls for a categorical aid reduction from \$150.00 per pupil to \$0.00 thereby increasing necessary budget reductions to a total of approximately **\$136,000.00**. The Governor also proposed adding approximately \$165.00 per pupil in categorical aid during the second year of the biennium, but the net effect is a loss of approximately \$135.00 per pupil over the biennium. Further, the \$165.00 would be a one-time payment which does not add funding to the base.

Additionally, the Governor proposed removing the 1000-student cap on private school vouchers. These vouchers, as proposed, would be funded from public school dollars in which the voucher student resides. Although the financial impact is impossible to calculate at this time, the net result will certainly be less state funding for K-12 public schools in Wisconsin, and added burden of additional property taxes for our local residents.

As is always the case, however, our State Assembly and Senate legislators are required to vote to approve a budget prior to it becoming official. Should you have questions specific to this budget, you may wish to contact one or more of your legislators:

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School District of Pittsville NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SECTION 120.06(8)(C), WIS. STATS.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Pittsville School District that on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, election of School Board Members will be held.

Candidate for the School Board are as follows:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE
Kevin Zogleman

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Julie Strenn, Clerk

There is no question that should the budget proposal remain unchanged, the financial impact on the Pittsville School District will be significant and have ramifications for both short- and long-term planning.



Skylert / SchoolMessenger Notification System

SchoolMessenger allows the district to quickly send mass notifications to employees, parents, and students. It can provide you with information through telephone or cell phone, e-mail, and/or text message. We will be using the system to let families know about emergency situations, weather related delays, cancellations, attendance, lunch balances, changes to athletic and other events, and general information about up-coming events.

Skylert works through Skyward's Family Access to provide you with the means to manage your contact sources and choose how you will be contacted for a variety of purposes. To check and update your Skylert contact information, go to our district home page at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. Hover your mouse over 'Skyward' on the left side bar, click on the 'Family & Student Access' link from the pop-up menu, and login to your Family Access account. Click on the Skylert option listed on the left hand side. Click Edit to make changes to the information or to change your preference of notification delivery. You can add and remove checkmarks as you wish for the various types of contact calls, emails, or SMS text messages. Even though you may have checked phone numbers to receive SMS text messages, you must also 'opt in' to receive the services for each number.

If you do not know your Family Access login information or if you need more assistance with this issue, please contact your child's school: High School - 715-884-6412; Elementary School - 715-884-2517.

FAMILY ACCESS

To access the District website, go to Family Access, and log-in to update your student information. Please make sure your guardian and emergency contact information is accurate, as well as your phone number, home address, and email address. This information could be critical if we need to reach you regarding your child in an emergency, and it also enhances communication between families and the district. Accessing your account will also allow you to check food service balances, see your child's schedule, and view a wealth of other information. Thanks!

PTO Corner....

McTeachers earned \$313.85 which will be used to purchase Time For Kids subscriptions.

Spring Pictures: Information is going home with students. Family Pictures will be held the evening of April 8. Individual student pictures for any student with a picture envelope and payment will be April 8. April 9 will be for any students who were absent and for the Tuesday/Thursday 4K class.

The BOGO bookfair will be held the week of May 11. Students will bring information home when the date approaches.

NEW AND EXCITING!! Terra Recycling Program at Pittsville Elementary. Included are: Drink Pouches, GoGo squeez type pouches and scotch tape dispenser and cores. The items we can collect are not brand specific and collection containers are located in the elementary school lobby.

Drink Pouch Brigade accepted waste

Aluminum & plastic drink pouches (no need to remove straws)

Drink pouches with spouts

GoGo squeeZ Brigade accepted waste

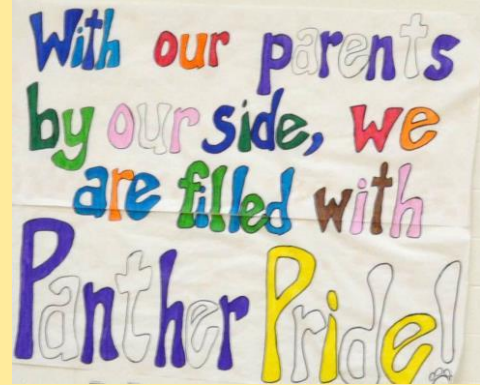
Healthy snack plastic pouches and caps

Scotch Tape Brigade accepted waste

Plastic tape dispensers

Plastic tape cores

Our most sincere thanks to parents and community members for your continued support of the PTO and PTO sponsored activities. We could not do it without you!!



OPEN ENROLLMENT IN WI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Open Enrollment application period for the 2015-2016 school year is from February 2 to April 30, 2015. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on Apr. 30th. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply in one of two ways:

- On-line (recommended) at http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc.
- Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district.

	April 11, 2015 Maggie Mae Country	May 9, 2015 Art Stevenson & Highwater
	<p>Country singer Maggie Mae has been entertaining crowds with her country music and yodeling. She is becoming one of the biggest Midwestern names in pure country music. This concert is a benefit for the High Ground Veterans Memorial Park in Neillsville. Visit them at www.thehighground.org.</p> <p>Show time: 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Tickets are \$25 and can be ordered by calling the High Ground Memorial Park at 715-743-4224.</i></p>	<p>This four-piece bluegrass band from the heart of Wisconsin has become a local favorite as it returns for a 13th annual performance. You'll hear bluegrass classics, early country and mountain songs, as well as gospel vocal trios and quartets; warm with friendly humor. Visit them at www.highwatermusic.com.</p> <p>Sponsored in part by: Pittsville Therapy Services, Inc., Hay Creek Pallet, Arnie & Linda Schwanebeck, Burt & Shirley Iverson, Heuer Brothers</p> <p>Show time: 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Tickets: Adult \$10 Senior \$8 Student \$5</i></p>

Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative Students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community.

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- Jane Wesely..... Vice President
- Julie Strenn..... Clerk
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- Mr. Reynolds District Administrator 715-884-6694
- Mr. Weddig Senior High Principal 715-884-6412
- Mrs. Fischer Elementary Principal 715-884-2517

Cancellations, Delays, Early Dismissals

If weather conditions are such that you think the school schedule may be interrupted, please listen to one of the radio or television stations listed below. Notification of cancellations, delays, or early dismissals due to inclement weather will also be made through the Pittsville School District's Skylert/SchoolMessenger system. Parents should have an emergency plan for dealing with these situations for the safety and health of their children. Do not drop children off at school on mornings when school is to be delayed, as there is not supervision available on those days.

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“Counselor’s Corner: 3rd Quarter” ~ Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

Greetings to All! I hope this article finds you well and looking forward to spring...finally! ☺ Please take a minute to read the follow important reminders for students this spring. As always, if you have any questions about any of the information provided, please feel free to contact me at any time!

SENIORS:

Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 PM, Auditorium will be *Awards Night* in the auditorium

Graduation: Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00 AM PHS Gymnasium (Senior Breakfast will be held prior at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria; all seniors must report to the LMC by 9:00 AM)

Paying for school: Scholarships, scholarships, scholarships! As most of you know, most local scholarships are due Friday, April 10th, but some are due before spring break. For more information, check out the Scholarship Tab (specifically 2014-2015 Scholarships and Contests) under High School Counseling on the PHS Home page. Also, please remember to complete your **FAFSA** before the priority date for your college; your 2014 taxes should be completed before you apply for the most accurate information.

Applications are available online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website.)

Next Steps for post-secondary: Seniors attending a **UW** next fall are asked to take **placement tests** to determine what classes they should be placed in. Placement tests are administered March-July at numerous UW locations; students can register online at <http://testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/regionaltesting.html> (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website under the “University of Wisconsin Information” tab.) Additionally, most schools require a **housing deposit** of some form this spring yet to secure a spot in the dorms; please make sure you have completed this step to guarantee yourself a spot with university housing next fall.

JUNIORS:

Spring Campus Visits: Spring is great time for juniors to visit prospective campuses to get the “real feel” for campus life with classes still in session. Many colleges provide students and parents the opportunity to experience this together through their *Preview Days* programs.

Summer/Early Fall ACT Dates and Registration Deadlines: Students can register online at www.actstudent.org (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website under the “Testing” tab.)

a. Test Date: June 13th, 2015 — Registration Deadline: May 8th, 2015

b. Test Date: September 12th, 2015 — Registration Deadline: August 7th, 2015

Apply Early: Students who plan to attend *Mid State Technical College* after graduating can apply as early as 2nd semester of their junior year. This is a very smart thing to do as some programs fill up quickly (WELDING, NURSING, etc.) and applying early decreases the chance of being put on a wait list. Students need to take the Accuplacer or the ACT as part of the admissions process; the Accuplacer can be taken at PHS (see Mrs. Krystowiak to sign up,) the ACT needs to be taken at an official ACT testing site.

SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN:

Sophomore Meetings: All Sophomores will be finished with their spring meetings by the time spring break begins. Be sure to touch base with them to see what they discussed. The 20 minute meetings were very beneficial both academically and personally. Sophomore students are encouraged to get involved in extra-curricular activities so as to help them and the community they live in! Also, the sophomore class will be taking a trip to MSTC in WI Rapids on March 13th to learn information about their programs that are offered. This is a hands-on experience for students to see what kind of great jobs are available with a technical college degree.

Freshmen Spring Meetings: All freshmen are asked to meet with Mrs. Krystowiak to discuss current high school goals and future plans. During these meetings, students are also encouraged to look for ways to volunteer in their free time and over the summer to begin building a strong scholarship résumé. Students are reminded to continue their career and post-secondary exploration and planning by *using their WISCareers account and participating in a job shadow experience*. Freshmen meetings will begin after spring break until the conclusion of the year.

8TH GRADERS:

In the next month, the 8th grade will presented to on facts about depression and suicide. In addition to this, students will able to be screened if they chose to do so. This is a great opportunity for students to both learn about and do a check-in on their mental health.

Spring Field Trip: The “Reality Store” field trip is a real life budgeting simulation event that was hosted at Spencer Middle School by MACCI on March 10th. This was a very memorable and useful opportunity for all those who attended. Please be sure to touch base with your student in regards to the job they held as well as how they spent their money.



PHS News

Greetings!

With our winter weather fading away, we turn toward looking to spring and all that comes along with that season. Signs of spring outside the school tend to be melting snow and singing birds. Here inside the school it is more the sound of bat-on-ball and the Bang! of the starter's pistol. Either way, there is hope for the refreshing chance to get outside.

The biggest event to happen this quarter was the ACT tests given to all of our juniors during the first week of March. For two days, we shut down the school in the morning as an ACT Sanctioned Test Site. On the first day, the staff even showed up before the sun was up to cook the students' breakfast to show their support, and get them off to a positive start. The students in the class of 2016 were positive and supportive test takers, and things went very well. I am enthusiastic about how our students showed their pride while taking this test, and am sure it will be reflected in their scores. This was truly a team effort! The testing will be repeated for the 9th and 10th graders on April 29th, when they take the ACT-Aspire Exams.

The scheduling process for the 2015-16 year is completed. This is a joint effort between students, their advisors, and parents. Thanks for all of the time you have put in looking at course handbooks, scheduling matrices, and talking with your children about their future plans. It is never too early to plan for our students' lives after high school!

Final exams are just around the corner for Term 3. Please make sure to check your child's progress on Skyward, and encourage them to do their best to finish Term 3, do well on final exams, and begin Term 4 with high goals in mind.

Please accept my wishes for an early spring and the best for your students here at PHS.

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal

PHS Reads!!

March 2, was Read Across America Day. Sponsored by the National Education Association, the 18 year activity works to advance reading in schools across our nation. While some may think reading is just a hobby or a way to pass the time, reading novels, text books, and magazines could greatly improve your chances of getting and keeping a job. According to a National High School Center fact sheet, students who are good readers will have an advantage over their non-reading classmates (Betterschools.org). Many employers are looking for workers who can synthesis new information, comprehend opinions from different points-of-view, and have a good grasp on diction and context. These higher order skills are in great demand and are enhanced by reading and writing.

Students in PHS English classes have been practicing these skills in English 9, English 10, Outdoor Literature, and Popular Literature this school year. Students in Ms. Freedlund's First Semester English 9 class read a total of 186 books with Bryce Foemmel and Ava Fortner leading the way with 16 and 17 books respectively. Semester Two English 9 will have a lot of ground to make up as they only have read a total of 16 books. Renee Kremer leads with four books read. With 11 weeks to go in the school year, the freshmen have an opportunity to close that gap.

Popular Literature is a project based reading class which allows the students much flexibility in choosing their books. Students who earn an A must read a minimum of 10 books in 8 different genres and complete a 10 point requirement list utilizing MLA style (200 page average). With 31 genres on the list ranging from Autobiography to Dystopia to American Immigrant Literature to Westerns, students have the latitude to read books that interest them. Asking students to read in several genres also gives them the opportunity to explore areas outside of their comfort zone. One student had no idea he liked Graphic Novels until he read one in Pop Lit. With two weeks left in the Term class, the 23 member class has read a total of 66 books. Sophomore Jessica Fuller leads the way with 8 books read.

Science Department News

Recently, as part of their unit on the structure of matter, AP chemistry students completed a lab experiment in which they used the techniques of filtration, decantation, extraction, and sublimation to separate the components of a mixture. In addition to acquiring valuable lab skills, students also learned how to write a formal lab report as part of the AP chemistry curriculum. AP chemistry is designed to be roughly the equivalent of a first semester college chemistry course. Students who complete AP chemistry have the opportunity to take the AP exam, which allows them to earn college credit, and prepares them very well to take chemistry in college.

CTE Academy Update

Pittsville Career and Technical Education Academy would once again like to thank the local businesses for their support of our Career and Technical Education Academy. This is the second year of the program and we are seeing great success. Juniors went out on three job shadows with area businesses, while seniors attended internships from September to December. These efforts are just one example of how PHS is helping students gain valuable employability skills and preparing them for a career choice. If you are interested in having a student job shadow or intern at your place of business next year, please contact the HS office or any CTE staff member at any time.

Pittsville FFA Greenhouse is Open for Business

Beginning Monday, May 4, 2015, once again the Pittsville FFA Greenhouse is selling high quality and low cost plants. All the proceeds from the sale support the Pittsville FFA members in its many activities. You can purchase the plants at Associated Bank, & Baum's Mercantile, or the stop by the greenhouse. You may also stop by the FFA Alumni Greenhouse d between the hours 8:00AM – 3:00PM and someone will help you with your selections. Hanging basket prices are \$12 for a 10" hanging basket & \$14 for 12 inch hanging basket.

Once again, our flowers go very quickly and we are usually completed our sale by the end of the first week, so please do not miss your opportunity to beautify you home and support our member efforts. Please continue to support the FFA members and their efforts.

Spring Blood Drive Successful

On March 5th, the Pittsville High School Student Council helped coordinate the semi-annual blood drive. Despite health concerns because of recent illnesses at the high school, the drive was quite successful. The local coordinator of the Blood Center of Wisconsin, Tara Blaesing stated, "Many thanks to you and to Pittsville High School for an outstanding blood drive turnout." There were a total of 48 presenting donors, of which 40 were able to donate. The results of this drive resulted in enough blood products to help save up to 120 lives! Thank you to all in the community who stopped in to donate, as well as those students who stepped up to help others out. Excellent contributions and another drive will be held this coming fall!



PHS and Junior High Forensics Teams

The PHS and Junior High Forensics Teams have been very busy the past couple of months. Junior High attended Level 1 at Menomonee on January 29 and Level 2 at Bangor on February 24. PHS Forensics just completed three levels of speaking beginning with the PHS Practice Festival on February 9, followed by SubDistrict 7 hosted by Pittsville on February 16. District 5 level competition was this past Saturday, March 7, at East Junior High. Over 49 students in grade 7 and 8, and 31 high school students participated in the 2015 Forensics Season.

Students who participate in forensics learn more than just how to improve their public speaking. Research shows people who have been in forensics have improved thinking and reasoning skills, better fluency and expression, and increased feelings of confidence and poise. There is also the life-long friendships created during those multiple practices and long bus rides.

The last event of the forensics season will be on April 17-18 for the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association's State Finals. Thirty PHS members will be in Madison for the one and done competition. To bring home the gold a speaker must score a perfect 25. The teams are coached by Ms. Freedlund and Mrs. Sanken.

FBLA Future Business Leaders of America

The FBLA 2015 Regional Leadership Conference was held on February 7 at Nekoosa. We had 47 members participating in a variety of events. The following 17 students achieved a ranking which advances them to the State Competition in LaCrosse which is to be held April 13-14.

Global Business: *Austin Carlson, Tristan Gardner*

Hospitality Management: *Janessa Masanz, Adrianna Zickert, McKenzie Knudson*

Social Media Campaign: *Kari Beckman, Matt Carlson, Aidan Masanz*

ePortfolio: *Katie Delaney*

Network Design: *Colton Ortner, Damien Moore, Jack Zdun*

Public Service Announcement: *Alissa Korslin, Lindsey Winterhack*

Business Presentation: *Brooke Zdun, Mackayla Wayerski*

Health Care Administration: *Kayla Larson*

PHS Students Work with Mid State Technical College To Learn About Engineering

PHS Algebra 2 students had the opportunity to work with Mid State Technical College instructors this past winter in an effort to better understand the variety of engineering programs and careers that are available to students.

During early December, Greg Webster and Michael Johnson, instructors from Mid-State, visited the Alg 2 classroom and gave PHS students the opportunity to use some of the GPS instruments that their students learn to use in their civil engineering program. Students were given GPS coordinates for hidden objects in the schoolyard and challenged to locate them using the devices. During this visit, Mr. Johnson also demonstrated the use of their AutoCAD software and created a model of the Riverside Park area.

During the month of January, the instructors returned to Pittsville and had the students assist in creating samples of concrete. Students measured, mixed and poured the concrete samples that were later delivered to Mid-State for materials testing. Our students were also given the opportunity to take materials and construct a bridge from balsa wood and fishline. These bridges were later tested for efficiency at the Mid State Technical College E-day.

Finally on February 25, a group of about 40 students from Pittsville traveled to Mid-State where they were shown more about the Electrical, Civil and Instrumental Engineering programs during their E-day program and offered at Mid-State. During some of these sessions, our students were able to help and witness the efficiency testing to balsa bridges and the materials tests on concrete samples. The emphasis to learn about engineering and the opportunities in this field is important to our students because currently Mid State has more requests for students trained in these fields than they have students entering the programs. Salaries are good and there is a high demand for individuals trained in these areas. Engineering, as a two year degree is a great option for our students and allows them to experience the work and then choose whether to continue on to higher degrees.

Spanish

The Spanish classes have a few exciting things happening right now! Our Spanish 1 students were recently paired up with students in Guatemala and have been e-mailing back and forth. Students really enjoy connecting with their new "friends". Recently, ten Spanish 1 students traveled over to the Nancy Nye center to practice speaking Spanish with a group of adult Spanish learners. Mrs. Carmen Kumm organized the event. The Spanish 1 students really enjoyed the opportunity to use Spanish outside of the classroom. I'm told the adult learners really enjoyed the experience as well!

The Spanish trip to Costa Rica will be departing shortly! Six students will be spending their spring break in Costa Rica. While there, students are staying with host families for four nights. This will be a fantastic opportunity to put all they have learned in class to use! The itinerary also includes visiting a volcano, relaxing in hot springs, zip-lining, hiking, and spending a day on the beach. We will be adding photos from the trip to the Pittsville High School Facebook page, so be sure to check it for pictures of our adventures!



Elementary News



Happy Spring everyone!

Our 3rd quarter report cards will be sent home with students on Monday, April 7. Our teachers have an in-service on March 27, so there are no classes for students on that day. We are hosting Solo and Ensemble for our conference on March 27 and wish all of our junior and senior high school students involved with this good luck! Spring Break for students is March 27-April 5 with school resuming Monday, April 6.

3rd through 8th graders will be going through the Badger Exam in Reading and Math in April and May. The Badger Exam has replaced the WKCE and is done on a computer rather than paper and pencil. More specific details on this had been sent home to families earlier in March. 4K through 2nd graders will be doing PALS reading tests in April and May.

We are very excited about a number of new opportunities we have this Spring for our students and families.

On April 14, we will have Literacy Night from 5-5:50 in the ES cafeteria. We have author Mary Denk coming to share her stories with us. The age level for her work is kindergarten through 5th grade. There is no cost to this event, but if you would like to have a light supper, we will have soup or chili available for \$5.00. The proceeds raised from this meal all goes toward a stipend for the directors of Prairie Children's Fire Theatre which is held in summer.

Also on April 14: families can stay for a United Against Bullying Event. K-5th graders will create anti-bullying posters from 6-7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Junior High students and their parents will meet in the Band/Chorus room for a viewing and discussion of the 'Bully' movie for this age level with staff from 6-7:15 p.m.

High School students and their parents are invited to the Auditorium for a more mature viewing and discussion of the 'Bully' movie with staff from 6-8:30 p.m.

We are very pleased to be able to provide this resource to our families and look forward to seeing you there!

On May 13, we will be hosting a Color Fun Run for all Pittsville Elementary families. This 5K will start after school and will be a combination of walking, running and/or bike riding. Sign your family up as a team! More details on this will be sent home with your student.

Also on May 13, our wonderful PTO will be hosting our Spring Book Fair. The Bike Rodeo will also be after school on May 13.

At PES, we are always looking to increase our communication with families. We will be offering free parent workshops after school on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse topics May 6, 20, and 27. More details will be sent home with your student.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Fischer, Elementary Principal



8th Grade students attended the "Reality Store" field trip - a real life budgeting simulation event hosted by MACCI on March 10.



Upcoming Activities in 4K

Planning for Warm Weather Activities

A Day for Families in 4K at the park
Your calendars please do mark
Current 4K students come out with your parents to play
Because May 29, 2015 is Family Activity Day!
(10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon)
Pack your lunch and plan for fun
As we will eat, play and enjoy the warm sun!

It's time to play in 4K!

The 4K classroom will be open Friday, May 15th for incoming 4 year-old kindergarten students (and their parents) for the 2015-16 school year. This is a time for your child to become acquainted with his/her teachers as well as orientated to their new classroom and the school at large. Come on in anytime between 8 and 11 a.m. Wear your best smile and be ready for a picture!

Busy As Bees in 4K

March 11 and 12th marked the 50th day of school for the students in 4K and they have been just a buzzing! After all, they are 50 days smarter!



To celebrate their day, they dressed in black and yellow, made pipe cleaner bumble bees, learned a bumble bee song and learned about the letter Y. Y is for yellow and y is for yarn. It was a buzzing fun-filled, active day!



Second Grade News

Ms. Blaser's & Miss Sischo's Classes

The second graders have been working on organizing and writing paragraphs. They have been working on writing opinion, narrative, and informative pieces. They currently wrote about if they had one wish they would wish for.

They have been learning about geometry. Some of the topics have including attributes of solid and plane shapes. They have been working on dividing shapes into equal parts and other shapes. They have been introduced to angles, vertices, and edges.

We are educating the kids on being healthy. We have joined the Driven to Better Health Challenge. The children are doing daily exercise in the classroom and have the opportunity to run/walk in the morning for Running Club.



Kindergarten Connection

Mrs. Heinzen, Mrs. Niehaus, & Mrs. Petersen

The Kindergarten classes are learning all about community helpers. We had many special visitors who came in to present information about their jobs and the way that they help people. Mrs. Kumm represented the Arpin Post Office, nurses from Riverview Hospital brought equipment that is used in their job and discussed the pediatric unit, as well as proper hand washing.

Other visitors included Officer Zawislak from the Pittsville Police Department and Dr. Casey John from Pittsville Family Dental. We would like to thank all of our community helpers for sharing information with the Kindergarten students and for the work they do for us every day!

Our school has been taking part in the Driven To Better Health Challenge and the Kindergarten classes have been completing Smart Board lessons focusing on topics of exercising, nutrition, and making healthy choices. We are participating in daily movement activities, brain breaks from Go Noodle, and the students also had a healthy Cat in the Hat fruit kabob. If your family is participating in any of the health challenges on the Driven to Better Health Challenge event, please make sure to post pictures of your family completing these activities to our Facebook page.

Spring is the perfect time of year to get outside and get MOVING!



Girls Doing Math!

Yes, at Sonia Kovalevsky Day celebration on March 7 at UW Eau Claire in Hibbard Hall, 8th grade girls were given the opportunity to spend a day learning about permutations and combinations. Ten girls took the challenge and went with Mrs. F. Niemann and Mrs. K. Kumm to step out of their comfort zone to learn simple equations that determine the arrangement order of objects. The girls were able to use this information to do Geocaching, Home Design and during other math competitions. They learned how to calculate the number of ways a set number of objects can be arranged.



Tara Minor, Sarah Downs, Laney Garrels, Amanda Piotrowski, Mary Schooley, Anna Steder, Paeton Scholzen, Anastasia Klein, Colleen Lassa, Lisa Lacoursiere

The Looping Class

celebrated the 100th day of school in the beginning of February. The students had fun participating in a number of 100th day themed activities throughout the school day. During the morning, some of their activities included putting together a 100 piece trail mix snack, completing 100 exercises, and working on math activities like a hundred chart dice roll game and an even and odd 100th day hidden picture. In the afternoon, they read The 100th Day of School From the Black Lagoon, put together 100 piece puzzles, and ended the day with a meal consisting of 100 mini pancakes and 100 sausages. The Looping students were tired and full by the end of our busy day!





S.T.E.M. NIGHT

STEM night was held on March 12th at Pittsville Elementary School. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Some of the activities children (and adults) participated in were : tanagrams, animal flight, newspaper towers, origami, marker art, density lab, magic divers, shoe size, and estimation station. Winners of the estimation station were:

- 1000 Beads - Lily Ratsch
- 58 Tootsie Rolls - Alex Delaney
- 27 Heart marshmallows - Emily Carlson
- 117 Erasers - Codi Fox

There were also displays of STEM projects from grades 6, 7 and 8. These included durable toothpick bridges, phenomenal plants, and artistic cars.

Pittsville Elementary is proud to be using STEM projects to teach and review different Science, Technology, Engineering and Math lessons.



EMPTY BOWLS DINNER

The Pittsville Pottery Group would like to thank everyone that attended the "Empty Bowls" dinner on March 12th.



Thank you to Baum's Mercantile, The Pitt Stop, Gathering Place, Charlie's Pine Crest, Horsin' Around, Jerry Minor, Judy Papke, Julie Strenn, Pleasant Corners 4-H, Misty's Menu, Spikes, Subway, Little Bull Falls and PHS Foods Class for donating soup for our "Empty Bowls" dinner, as well as Joe Dostal for organizing the food service area.

Thank you goes out to the Nelson, Kurtzweil, Gardner, Broom, and Braun families as well as the Lions and an anonymous donation in support of our goal. Thank you to the school board members, staff and parents that helped to make the event a "souper" success. Proceeds will be donated to P.A.N.S. (Pittsville Area Neighbors Shelf) at an upcoming Golden Awards Assembly.



Pittsville K – 12 Student Art Show

Many thanks to everyone who attended the K – 12 Student Art Show, the students enjoyed sharing their work with you. I am always reminded how important the show is to the students when I hear them shout out "There is mine!" or when they ask me to drop everything to hang up their painting because they finished it in time to be in the show! Congratulation students for a great show this year! Special thanks to Jana Kissinger, Julia Knudson, Aneva Peterson, Alix Madden, PamKumm and numerous students for volunteering to help set-up the art show.

Exhibits this year included:

- Kindergarten: Painted Lines and Vincent Van Gogh Sunflower Paintings
- Grade 1: Monet Water Lilies, Cat on a Mat and Patterned Teddy Bears
- Grade 2: Flying Cows, Pigs and Other Mammals, Symmetrical Insects and Ceramic Leaves
- Grade 3: Tee-Shirt Adventures, Radial Designs, and Ceramic Percussive Pods (Rattles)
- Grade 4: Gnome Houses and Collagraph Prints
- Grade 5: Printmaking and Ceramic Dragons
- Grade 6: Good Enough to Eat – Ceramic Plates of Food, Monochromatic Self-Portraits and Ancient Egyptian Tomb
- Grade 7: Artist Trading Cards
- Grade 8: Glass – Mosaic Benches, Wall Hanging, Book, Chair and Guitar, Stained Glass
- High School: Ceramic Vases, Teapots, Pitchers and Reliefs, Assorted Jewelry, Sketchbooks and Self-Portraits

The most unique exhibit this year at the art show was the sixth grade Ancient Egyptian Tomb with live guards. The sixth grade students worked extremely hard so visitors could have the wonderful experience of walking through the tomb during the show. There were even seven students that spent a complete Saturday at school working on the tomb, not counting numerous afterschool days. The class created their own mummy for the tomb by using a sixth grade student, Asher, as a mold; therefore, our tomb is the "Tomb of Ashermen"! Once the mummy was finished, some of the students created a sarcophagus to fit the mummy while others worked on the tomb walls. Using vegetable cans from the kitchen, the students created columns and the altar. Other students crumbled newspaper to create the dogs (statue of Anubis as a black-coated jackal which was found in the Tomb of Tutankhamen). The tomb was complete with its own canopic jars! Canopic jars were used by the Ancient Egyptians during the mummification process to store and preserve the viscera of their owner for the afterlife. They were commonly either carved from limestone or were made of pottery (Wikipedia). Believe it or not this project was completed in just three weeks!! The tomb is still on display in the auditorium lobby so if you could not make it to the art show, please stop by to have an opportunity to see the sixth grader's work!





ANCIENT EGYPTIAN TOMB



Pottery Throw Project – Year II

The Pottery Throwing Group consisted of students from grades 6-12 that meet weekly after school for three hours and one Saturday a month, throwing 800 bowls to help our local food pantry. The group donated 320 of those bowls to the Marshfield Empty Bowls dinner as they also support our local food pantry. Thank you Alicia Grant, Janessa Masanz, Ana Randall, Anna Steder, Emma McLaughlin, Dustin Zdun, Peter Esser, Jared Peters, Maria Esser, Asher Fiala, Dezi Pelot, Abby Potts as well as Bekah Downs and Emily Carlson that joined in later for all the time you gave to help others. I would like to extend a personal thank you to Dave Lyons (local potter), Mary Lou Masanz, Jodi Wolfe, Nancy Esser, and Dana Fiala (parents) that spent endless hours assisting with the pottery throwing group. They helped teach, throw, trim, glaze and most of all HELPED clean up the room after class!



Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)

Encouraging Positive Behaviors at our school

Panther Traits: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Honorable, Be Engaged



We did the PBIS Scavenger Hunt during the Learning Fair on March 12. Families were asked to walk around to the different locations (hallway, bathroom, arrival, classroom) and read and discuss the behavior expectations in these locations. When they completed this task they returned to the PBIS table for a reward.

The staff also did a re-teaching of the PBIS expectations for our students during the school day. We went to the different locations in our school and reviewed what the Panther Traits are and the expectations while we are in those locations. Our students have been doing an excellent job following these traits.

8th grade Agriculture Expo students place at Wood County Poster Conservation Contest. Picture (R-L) 8th graders Laney Garrels, Amanda Piotrowski & Ana Klein placed at the Wood County Conservation Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Our Hardworking Bees."



Garrels and Klein received Honorable Mention while Piotrowski won the Wood County Contest and also the Wisconsin Region 6 Level and will compete at the state level this spring.

Mr., Urban commented how the poster contest is an extension of learning the importance of bees in our environment.

2015 Pittsville FFA Banquet a Success!!

The Pittsville FFA held its annual banquet on Monday, March 23, 2015. The banquet was a great success with near one hundred people in attendance. The Pittsville FFA which is the most active organization in the high school handed out several awards to the following people Elk Farmers and Pittsville Community members Ray and Nancy Stauner received the Honorary Chapter Farmer Award for their continued support of our community's FFA program and generosity to allow our agriculture classes to visit their farm each year. While President Tristan received the Blue & Gold Leadership award for his participation and leadership in agriculture. Nicole Guden received her Chapter Farmer Degree. Miranda Huber was recognized for being high fruit salespersons this year. Miranda sold over \$200 worth of fruit.

After the meal, FFA Alumni President Josh Calaway gave comments and discussed the important role that the Pittsville FFA alumni plays in our member's development. Each year the Pittsville FFA Alumni give up to \$2000 in scholarships. This year's deserving members were Adrianna Zickert, Tristan Gardner and Jacob Schulz. Also included this year was the initiation of new officers of for the 2015-2016 school year.

FFA member Matina Schulz recited the FFA Creed while the FFA Officers reflected on this past year successes, which included Food For America Program, State and National FFA Conventions, Washington Leadership Conference, Central Wisconsin Fair (Pittsville FFA had the most exhibits this past year), Meat and Labor Auction, Cranberry Tours, State FFA Degrees and Choir members, FFA Week and Ag Olympics. State FFA Officer Leeah Leupke from Spencer gave an inspirational speech about how the FFA Organization has helped her grow. FFA President Tristan Gardner gave his retiring address. We would like to thank all the area business everyone for their donations to helping us make the banquet a success for our members.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS....

Hundreds of music students from numerous area schools will participate in a Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) sanctioned Solo & Ensemble Music Festival hosted by Pittsville Public School on Friday of March, 27. During the festival, which is free and open to the public, students will perform vocal and instrumental solos, duets, trios and small ensembles before an adjudicator. WSMA music festivals annually attract thousands of students from middle, junior high and high schools throughout Wisconsin. The festival held at Pittsville Public School on Friday of March, 27 will draw students from a number of area schools, including Spencer, Stratford, and Marshfield High and Junior High Schools.

"These festivals are focused on providing a positive learning experience for students with lifelong educational benefits," said Robert Kase, WSMA Executive Director.

The primary purposes of WSMA music festivals are to:

- Improve students' music performance through assessment
- Motivate students to continue the study of music
- Establish standards of excellence in music performance
- Increase students' understanding of music literature and music concepts
- Provide opportunities for students to understand the relationship of music experiences to other life experiences.



For more information on WSMA, go to www.wsmamusic.org.

On April 9th, the 8th grade and HS choirs will be traveling to Spencer to compete in the Marawood Large Group Choir Contest. We will be judged by three judges who will give us feedback and we will get to see other choirs from the conference perform. 8th grade choir students should bring their concert attire with them to school that day as we will be leaving at the end of the day. High school choir students will need to report to the music room in their concert attire by 4:30 pm.

On April 16th, the 8th grade and HS band will be traveling to Spencer to compete in the Marawood Large Group Choir Contest. We will be judged by three judges who will give us feedback and we will get to see other bands from the conference perform. 8th grade and HS band students should bring their concert attire with them to school that day as we will be leaving at the end of the school day at 3:10 pm.

Upcoming Music Department Dates

March 27th – Solo & Ensemble, All day

April 9th – Choir Large Group Contest @ Spencer - 8th Grade performance time 4:50 PM, HS performance time 6:15 PM

April 16th – Band Large Group Contest @ Spencer - 8th Grade performance time 4:30 PM, HS performance time 6:45 PM.

May 17th - HS Band & Choir Spring Concert, 7:00 PM

May 19th - MS Band & Choir Spring Concert, 7:00 PM

May 20th Senior Awards, 7:00 PM

May 21st 3-5 Spring Concert "Discovery," 1:00 & 6:00 PM

May 23rd Graduation, 10:00 AM



Food Service News

Kids in every grade enjoyed a beach picnic theme for lunch on March 5. There was music playing, hot dogs being eaten and cake provided by the fire department!

“DOUBLE UP!!”

For a \$2.00 charge to your family’s food service account, your 6-8 grader will be able to purchase a second entrée, just the entrée, or go through the salad bar to complement a lunch from home. Students that qualify for free meals may also participate in the “Double Up” promotion as long as there is money in their family account. To monitor your student’s purchases, view your family account online through Skyward Family Access at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Dostal at 715-884-2517 or dostajos@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

2014-2015 MEAL PRICES

4K- Grade 3 Lunch	\$2.20
Grade 4-8 Lunch	\$2.65
Grade 9-12 Lunch	\$3.15
Adult Lunch	\$3.75
Reduced Lunch	\$.40
Milk	\$.30
4K-Grade 12 Breakfast	\$1.00
Adult Breakfast	\$2.00



LOW LUNCH BALANCES

Accounts below \$25.00 will be notified weekly through the Pittsville School District’s SchoolMessenger alert system. The notice explains that your family food service funds are running low and money should be added as soon as possible.

If a family account gets below zero, a notice will be sent out stating if the amount due is not paid in three working days, your children will no longer be able to participate in the breakfast and/or lunch program. If no money is received, a note will go home explaining the account is closed and Pittsville Schools will no longer be providing breakfast, lunch, or milk. It is then the parent’s responsibility to provide their child with a lunch from home. Once money is added, your children may again participate in the school’s food service programs.

Here are a few tips to insure your family food service account is up-to-date and in good standing.

- Check with your answering machines and email to see if your family received an alert message concerning a low lunch balance.
- If you received a notice, please send payment as soon as possible.
- When sending in a payment, please include your family name and amount sent.

View your family account online through Skyward Family Access at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Dostal at 715-884-2517.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Parents can make online payments from home or work by using their VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card. Payments are made through the student’s Skyward Family Access account. To make online payments:

- Visit our district website www.pittsville.k12.wi.us
- Click on **For Students/Parents** tab
- Click on **Family and Student Access**
- Log in to **Skyward Family Access** (you will need your Login and Password)
- Use your **MasterCard** or **VISA** (Debit or Credit Card)

Payments made will immediately be posted to the student’s food service account. Parents will be charged \$2.50 for the convenience of making an online payment.

Breakfast & Lunch menus are available on the district webpage at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us

Through the Decades at PHS: Spring Edition ~ from the pages of *Ho-Ang-Ho*. Contributors: Messrs. Piotrowski and Downs for *The History Club*

As the snow begins to melt and signs of life stir from a long winter’s nap we take a look at memories of the Junior Prom and Graduation.

PROM

Prom stirs a variety of feelings and memories. Themes and members of past Prom Courts at Pittsville High School included...

1985 The 1985 Prom theme was “Make Believe” and members of the court were Jeff Christensen and Melinda Iverson, Shawn Lilly and Tracy Fox, Forrest Schultz and Carmen Gronski, Joe Tritz and Cheryl Merritt, Dan Sebold and Keri Hable, Brett Whyte and Linda Ortner, and King Dee John Dupee escorting Queen Dena Creola. Also on the court were Miniature King David Houston and Queen Stacy Herzberg.

1995 The theme was “The Dance”. The court consisted of King Paul Hahn and Queen Missy Leigh. Ben Bain and Nicole Giles, Wade Oetken and Brandy Krey, Mark Nanstad and Karen Krohn, Nathan Bowden and Jenny Mundt, Jose Fernandez and Tina Rucker, Bryan Radlinger and Kati Schirmer were the other members of the court.

2005 The theme was “Glitz and Glam”. King Sam Schwanebeck and Queen Hollie Lippert and the Court Extraordinaire.

GRADUATION

Bonnie Leigh was the valedictorian and Marilyn Christiansen was the salutatorian of the graduating class of 1965. Class officers were President Glenn Franson, Vice President Dennis Behselich, Secretary Janice Horn, and Treasurer Karen Kriplean.

The Graduates of 1975 were guided by their Class President Donna Macha, Vice President Dorene Vanderwalker, Secretary Peggy Quinlan, and Treasurer Candy Hahn.

A decade later found the class of 1985 graduating with Valedictorian Tammy Schwanebeck and Salutatorian Mark Slovensky. In the top 10% were Don Neve, Mark Slovensky, Ann Kolar, Tammy Schwanebeck, and Becky Freedlund. Class officers were President Jodi Wilke, Vice-President Mark Slovensky, Secretary Becky Freedlund, and Treasurer Denise Palmer.

In 1995 Kevin Moore was the valedictorian and Luanne Sojka was the salutatorian. Class officers included President Renee Bain, Vice President Tracy Carr, Secretary Kevin Moore, and Treasurer Jeremiah Harder.

Just a brief decade ago featured five co-valedictorians. They included Ashley Adler, Aly John, Alissa Shute, Autumn Wilke, and Heather Nichols. Tanya Palmer was class salutatorian. Class officers were Autumn Wilke (President), Tanya Palmer, Heather Nichols, and Aly John.

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