

Pittsville School District Newsletter

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



From the Desk of Superintendent Figueroa

It has been an honor to serve your children this school year. I am humbled by the commitment so many district residents make to improve opportunities for our district children and young adults. Our - your kids are amazing and they deserve the best we can provide each day.

Wisconsin has one of the top public educational systems in the country. Our post high school institutions are considered among the top colleges (public and private) and Technical colleges in the country. Most careers require some level of post-secondary training. Continuous learning will be required in order to keep up with changes and advancements in technology. The demand for skilled labor within the trades will increase quickly over the next 5 years as the Baby Boomer generation moves into retirement. These are living wage careers with a high level of job security.

The focus on thinking, collaboration, and problem solving is intended to help all of our learners' find strengths within their own thought process, increase logical reasoning and organization, and create personal justification and relevance to real life experience. Being a lifelong learner is a requirement for our students as they progress and become the leaders in our communities. The more high quality experiences our kids have, the more confidence they will have when presented with new tasks and challenges.

The Pittsville Board of Education recognized two young men who have committed to serving in the armed services. Private Parker completed Army basic training last summer and will begin active duty after graduation. Mr. Scott Schooley will leave for basic training shortly after graduation and begin his initial service to our country as a US Marine. We are proud of these young people and their commitment to serve our country.

Boys Baseball is currently 17-3 and has a very good chance to win the conference title outright. Track and Field has stepped up going into regionals with several individuals poised to finish their season at the WIAA State Track and Field Meet. Our Girls Softball Team has played through a tough season. I am impressed with the young ladies who continue to take the field and do their best every inning. I am equally pleased to see our coaches coaching and encouraging our players regardless of the score.

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School Census

Please contact the District Office at 715-884-6694 if you recently had a baby, adopted a child, moved into the district, and/or changed you



Congratulations to the Class of 2017.

We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!!

From the Desk of Superintendent Figueroa – Continued

It is good to occasionally reflect on the reasons we encourage kids to compete on teams, be part of the band or choir, participate in FFA or FCCLA, act or work backstage for plays, join clubs, etc. In the future - whether you were on a championship team or not – most of your lasting memories are tied to the relationships you had with your teammates, how you overcame adversity, and what you experienced together. The “big wins or performances” were your 5 minutes of fame, what you experienced with your peers and what you learned about yourself and others is your lifetime of memories.

Summer school this year has a ton of offerings. We do still have room in many courses if your kids change their minds and would like to attend. Summer school is running for six weeks, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to noon, beginning Monday June 5. Courses are divided into two week intervals. Students may take any session or all sessions. The entire week of the fourth of July is off, and the last courses end on July 20. Please contact the elementary school office if you would like to attend any courses.

The Panther Community Fitness Center will open for members on Monday, June 5. Membership includes the cardio room and free weight room. Please visit our district web site for rates and times. There are discounts for current college students and senior citizens. The facility will be staffed and members will receive training on use of the equipment.

Our best for their best.

Years of Service Recognition

Congratulations to the Pittsville School District staff members who have reached the following milestones in years of dedicated service to the district:

- Nancy Brux** 35 years
- Pam Pralle** 25 years
- Jackie Heinzen** 25 years
- Londa Kuehn** 20 years
- Lisa Denniston** 20 years
- Fay Niemann** 15 years
- Mark Denniston** 15 years
- Todd Steward** 10 years
- Leslie Niedfeldt** 10 years
- Karen Garrels** 10 years

Check out Pittsville High School, Pittsville Elementary School, and Pittsville School District on Social Media!!!



Panther Community Fitness Center

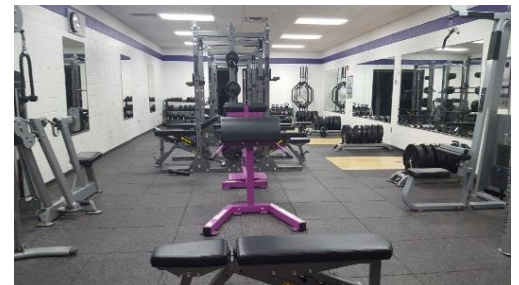
We're opening up the Pittsville School District's Cardio and Weight Rooms for public use beginning on **June 5th**. Please visit our Facebook page to spread the word and stay up to date.

Hours

MON	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
TUES	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
WED	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
THUR	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
FRI	5:30-7:00 AM	
SAT	8:00-11:00 AM	
SUN		4:00-7:00 PM

Membership Fees

Individual	\$216.00
Couples	\$414.00
College (6/1-8/31)	\$25.00
College (Annual)	\$75.00
Senior (62+)	\$108.00
Senior Couple	\$207.00



Counselor's Corner: 4th Quarter - Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

What can I do this summer? Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer!

One of the most common questions I hear from both students and parents is, "How can I (or my student) win scholarships my (his/her) senior year?" My answer very simply is volunteer, volunteer, volunteer! Most scholarship committees follow the "ACE rule" (Academic Excellence, Community Service, and Extra Curricular Involvement) when selecting their recipients. As I tell students, in this current day and age, it is not enough to simply get good grades and be involved in a few clubs and/or sports. While those aspects are certainly good and looked upon favorably, what tends to set the winners of multiple scholarships apart from those who only receive one or two is the amount of "genuine" community service they have done over the course of their high school career. To be counted as high school community service, students can start volunteering as early as the summer before their freshmen year. Community service can typically be any service done for another person (non-relative) or agency that is not compensated monetarily or by other means. A great place to start at when looking for places to volunteer is the United Way of Inner Wisconsin which looks to match volunteers with local places/events in need of help; for more information visit their website at www.uwiw.org and click on volunteer. Enjoy your summer and happy volunteering!

Important Reminders for the Class of 2017:

1. *Request your final transcripts through Parchment:* All students attending a post-secondary institution will need to submit their final transcripts through Parchment, our online transcript service. (Please see the link off the high school home page to get started with this process.) Please remember to do this sooner than later as your acceptance to your school is still considered "conditional" until they receive your final high school transcripts.
2. *Complete your FAFSA ASAP:* If you have not already done so, please complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible so you are eligible for more aid. Your 2016 taxes should be completed before you apply for the most accurate information. Applications are available online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
3. *UW Placement Tests Registration:* 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>
4. BEST WISHES AS YOU EMBARK ON YOUR NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE

Important Reminder for Juniors: Class of 2018

Planning to attend a WI Technical College after high school? Apply Now! Many of the WI technical colleges (MSTC, NTC, etc.) accept applications from students at the end of their junior year. Applying early is **highly recommended** especially if a student is applying to a program that typically has a wait list (health care programs, welding, etc.) Please check the application process information on the specific technical school website for more information.

A huge change in the application process for MSTC recently took place. Students no longer need a high school transcript to apply. After students submit their applications and \$30 fee, they will be accepted. A student advising session will be required next and at that time, a transcript is recommended to bring. If you are looking for more information check out mstc.edu

Early Fall ACT Date and Registration Deadline: Students can register online at www.actstudent.org

- a. Test Date: September 9th, 2017—Registration Deadline: Aug. 4th, 2017*

*Note the regular registration deadline is before school begins. Be sure to complete this so as to not pay the late registration fee!

Student Schedules for 2017-2018

High School student schedules for the 17-18 are available. Please check Skyward to look at your students' course schedule. It is important to look schedules over to determine if they are ready for the fall. If there are questions or changes to be made, please contact Mrs. Krystowiak prior to June 7th.

Please feel free to contact Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 Counselor, if you have questions about any of the information provided at 715-884-5223 or krystemi@pittsville.k12.wi.us.



PHS News

It never ceases to amaze me at how fast the end of the school year arrives, and the amount of activity that happens during the last weeks. I am also amazed at the amount of events many of our students are involved in! I wonder if some of them might have a future career in juggling!

We have an FCCLA team going to nationals, and each of them is involved in spring athletics. We had our FBLA students take a trip to Chicago. Many of them are athletes and/or members of FCCLA, and/or Forensics, and/or our International Club, which took a trip to the Festival of Nations in Minneapolis. I could keep going, but I think the point is well-made: We have a large number of students involved, and doing well, in multiple co-curricular activities. Making connections is a big part of the PHS philosophy, and it is good to see that it is happening on a large scale. If your child is entering the high school this fall, one of the most beneficial actions they can take is become a part of one of our student groups.

You will be reading this after graduation, a joyous event when we send our young men and women down the path toward their dreams. I believe we have done a fine job of preparing them, from the viewpoint of academics, for what lies ahead. And I have a great deal of confidence in them as young adults. There is climate of respect and care, similar to a family that permeates the halls of PHS. Respecting and caring for each other, the staff, and the facilities, are some of the characteristics of the class of 2017. So, like a family, we are saddened that they will be gone, but happy to see them move on to the next stage of their lives.

This year we had some of the highest ACT scores in Central Wisconsin. Our 21.3 average for the class of 2018 shows that we are one of the finest schools in the area, regardless of size. We truly offer a world-class education within a close-knit, compassionate setting. Looking forward to next year, our goal is to keep improving. In 2017-2018, we will have an Academic and Career Plan "system" in the district. This means that every student will have an individualized plan, based on their aspirations and abilities, for finishing high school and moving beyond PHS. We are always striving to improve so that we can best serve our students. And, we will start "juggling" again as classes and activities begin in the fall. Have a great summer!

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal

Marawood Conference Art Show

May 5, 2017 Stratford High School hosted the Marawood Conference Art Show. Representing Pittsville High School were Alexi Schiller – charcoal self-portrait; Lisa Lacoursiere – charcoal dragon drawing, Guardian of the Sea; Geri Docksteder – etching, Railroad; Hailey Grant – charcoal drawing, Johnny Depp; Victoria Derkez – charcoal drawing, Scissorhands; Ana Randall – minion charcoal drawing, Lonely; Kara Peterson – charcoal drawing, Free Spirit; Kennedy Carlson – ceramic vase, Night Time Dreamer; Lydia Sanken – ceramic vase, Untitled; Tiffany Firth – ceramic dresser container, Untitled; Laney Garrels – ceramic doll, Untitled; and Afton Herkert – pallet knife oil painting, Mountain Sunset.

Kennedy Carlson received a Marawood Conference Award for her ceramic vase, Night Time Dreamer.



Spanish News....

Each of the three Spanish classes have just finished reading a novel. Level one read a story about pirates and a secret island! Level two explored Guatemala's history and culture by reading a novel about a family that emigrates in 1989. The novel is based on a true story, which brims with hope for the future. Level four students read a novel exploring life as a Republican in Spain during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). They also completed a film study based on the civil war, which allowed them to connect history with a variety of narratives. All three novels are completely in Spanish. Students did a fantastic job comprehending their novels!

FCCLA

On February 4th, the Pittsville FBLA headed to their regional competition in Nekoosa. Over thirty members competed in various presentation or objective test events. Eleven Pittsville students will now be moving on to the state competition in Appleton. There, they will be competing in various events such as entrepreneurship, business law, sales presentation, and emerging business issues.



Family and Consumer Science classes have been very busy this term! Students in the Gourmet Foods course have learned many different techniques within the classroom - ranging from knife cuts, yeast fermentation labs, and working with 1st graders to bake and decorate cupcakes. They have also participated in culinary network activities such as: cupcake wars, food truck wars, and CHOPPED competitions. The 7th grade EXPO class helped plant the school garden and will be able to harvest that produce in the fall of 2017.

Classic/World Literature Explores Asia

The most memorable classes are those in which students can actively participate. In Ms. Freedlund's Classic/World Literature, students have been exploring England, India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Japan, and China. Along the way, students have learned the basic demographics from each country, who the major authors are, watched a film from the region, and either eaten some food from the country or participated in an activity. Individually, each student must read at least one book from another country and do an On-Going Book Report that focuses on the similarities and differences between our culture and the culture depicted in the book.

Mr. Steward's Biology Class Captures Invasive Species

For the seventh straight year, Mr. Steward's 10th grade Biology students conducted a Rusty Crayfish Trapping lab in conjunction with Tracy Arnold from the Wood County Land Conservation Office. The goal of the lab is to calculate the numbers of invasive Rusty Crayfish that are present in the Yellow River. The section of the Yellow River that passes on the west side of the City of Pittsville and Pittsville High School was used to conduct the lab.

Students placed 13 traps in the river at different depths, in different substrates, and using different baits. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – water levels permitting - the traps were checked and water temperature measured. Each crayfish caught are sexed, measured, and stored in plastic bags. The crayfish are frozen and will be transported to Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary to feed their animals later this month. At the end of the four-week lab survey, the students will tabulate their numbers caught in the traps. Students will then write a scientific lab paper analyzing their data and findings from the trapping.

Students have tasted curry and naan from India, practiced their origami skills, and painted their names in one of the Japanese styles. After watching a Bollywood film, *Bride and Prejudice*, we truly understand the importance of "No life, without wife". The class has also enjoyed *Young Victoria*, *The Kite Runner*, and *Spirited Away*. Classic/World Literature is offered every other year.

This year, Tracy Arnold, along with article and photographic input from Laney Garrels, Paula Alvarez, and Sarah Downs and the rest of Mr. Steward's class will have a featured article in the upcoming edition of the DNR Natural Resources Magazine highlighting our project of capturing and removing the invasive Rusty Crayfish from the Yellow River.





Elementary School News

Dear Families,

Summer is coming soon! We are so excited to extend our summer learning opportunities with our 6-week summer school program. There are a variety of classes for the students to choose from.

Summer school begins on Monday, June 5th and ends on Thursday, July 19th. Class time is from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Please note: We do not have supervision for the children until 7:45 a.m. Please plan on dropping your child off no earlier than 7:45 a.m. Thank you for your support with drop off times. A snack will be provided for the children each day of summer school. Classes run Monday through Thursday. There are no classes on Fridays.

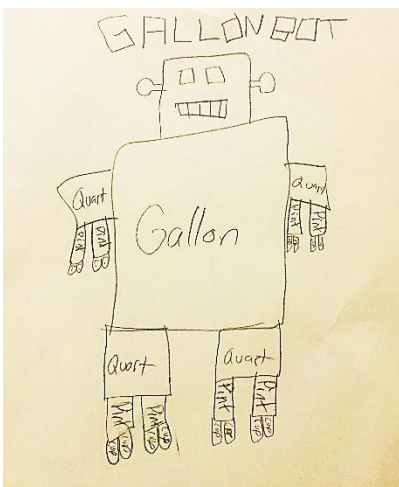
Thank you to all the families who sponsored and pledged our staff members as they made their twenty mile journey on foot to raise money for books. We raised almost \$3000! The support from families and community members for Stepping for Stories: Walking for Literacy was amazing! What wonderful dedication from our staff who made this journey!

The students in grades 3-8 participated in the Forward Exam this spring. When the results become public, you will receive your child's individual results. Great work to all the students!

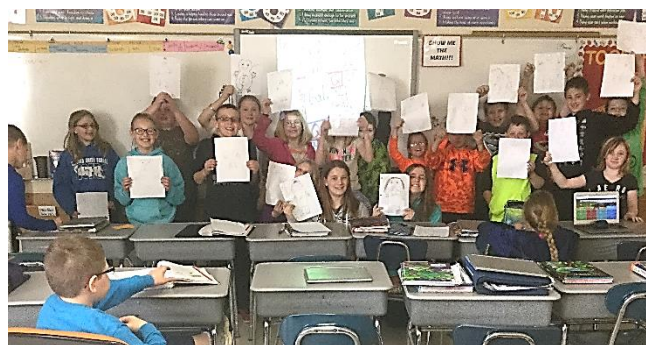
There will be some changes with staffing next year in the primary wing. Kindergarten and first grade will have two sections. Mrs. Heinzen and Mrs. Petersen will be teaching kindergarten; Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Stone will be teaching first grade; Mr. Klein, Mrs. Denniston, and Ms. Sischo will be teaching second grade; and Ms. Blaser, Ms. Molitor, and Mrs. Niehaus will be teaching third grade.

We had a wonderful learning year. I am so happy to be part of this school. The support of the families and community means a lot. Thank you to everyone for a great year!

Sincerely, Mrs. Friday



4th and 5th Graders have finished working on adding and subtracting fractions, making equivalent fractions, reducing fractions and much more. They are now studying standard and metric measurements.



Fifth Grade Class has been studying fantasy in reading. Rather than having regular assignments and book clubs, students are divided into book guilds and set off on adventures! Through their writing about reading and collective hours of reading, students can complete quests, like waking up the Ents and saving dragon eggs, all to put a stop to dark forces, like shadow monsters or pirate kings. By completing quests, students earn rewards like swords to use in combat missions and wise followers that can communicate with the king. Since starting the game, students have collectively read thousands of pages and students who had a hard time finishing a book are now finishing whole series!

LIBRARY NEWS....

Reading over the summer is very important for students. I am challenging all Pittsville Elementary students to play Summer Reading Bingo to encourage reading this summer. Cards will be sent home with students during the last week of school. Students may turn their card into Pittsville Community Library for a small prize after you earn a bingo or a larger prize after you earn blackout. Cards will be accepted all summer. Please model and encourage reading for our students throughout the summer. Happy Reading!

KINDERGARTEN CONNECTION, Mrs. Heinzen, Mrs. Niehaus, & Mrs. Petersen

The Kindergarten children have been learning about plants. They have learned what plants need in order to grow. They have labeled the parts of a plant including stem, flower, leaves, and roots. We read many stories in our ELA curriculum on the subject of plants. We are culminating our learning with a trip to the high school greenhouse. Thanks to Mr. Urban for allowing us to visit and plant marigold seeds. A special thanks to him for the Pittsville Panther caps that all of the children received. (Panther Fans for life!)



The children also went to the Pittsville Community Library and were able to get their own library cards. The children listened to stories that Mrs. Callaway told, checked out a book to enjoy back at school, and had a tour of the library. The children will be all set for summer library visits!

The Kindergarten students also had the opportunity to learn about bike safety from Liz Kracht, a nurse from the Marshfield Clinic. We hope everyone enjoys a safe, fun summer vacation!



On May 3rd, 11 staff from Pittsville Elementary School undertook a walk that was over 20 miles (6 hours) after the school day. They took part in this walk, ending at Target in Marshfield, to help raise money for updates to the Guided Reading library. The money raised will go to purchase new books and replace older, well-read titles for students to read in small reading groups at their reading levels. The walkers would like to thank everyone that supported them with donations, support/encouragement and videos/pictures documenting our trek.

1st Grade News

Our 1st grade classes went to the high school to learn how to bake cupcakes with Mrs. Anderson's Foods Class. Our students learned the step-by-step process of cupcake making and got to help with pouring, mixing, frosting, and eating!!! We then came back to our classrooms and wrote a "How To" book about making cupcakes using transition words such as...First, Second, Next, Finally, etc. After our books were finished, the high school students visited our classrooms and the 1st graders read their How to Make Cupcakes books with them. It was a fun and educational experience for our students!



JH Mathematics Competition

On April 28, Pittsville hosted the 2017 Junior High Mathematics Competition. This year, seven schools participated with 13 teams and a total of 52 students. Students completed five different tests. The tests included Fractions, Decimals, and Percents; Algebra; Geometry; Problem Solving; and Team Problem Solving. All tests, but the last one, were done without a calculator and students had 15 minutes per test. Unfortunately, we didn't place in the top three teams, but Emily Carlson from 8th grade tied for 5th place out of the top 12 individuals.

College for Kids

On April 7, five sixth grade students and Mr. Schultz went to College Days for Kids at UWSP. The program is designed for sixth graders to take enrichment classes taught by university staff. Natalie Fuller, Marcus Getsinger, Madeline Hensel, Emma Kurtzweil, and Anna Pozayt attended, and each student was able to take three classes throughout the day. They were able to participate in classes such as Chemistry Magic, Stopping Lyme Disease, Bad Astronomy, and The Stargazer. Every year, UWSP holds this event via three sessions in April. Each session has an average of 300 students from area schools that attend. Since the program began in 1985, over 13,000 sixth grade students have participated in this simulated college experience, which can later promote students to attend college.



Visioneer Design Challenge 2017 – Power of Relationships: Personal, Social, and Cultural

Twenty-one students participated in the Visioneer Design Challenge on April 21. The group headed down the day before to participate in a Milwaukee Art Museum tour and workshop. Many students also elected to explore Discovery World where there are many active STEM activities.

Isis Ignatowski and Autumn Cznrzejewski created a picture book, *Patches*. Along with their book, they sewed a stuffed cat named Patches. The illustrator enjoyed their story line and the sewed cat, placing them first. A UW- Milwaukee professor felt the book should go to publication. The on-site challenge placed first for Autumn and second for Isis.

Laney Garrels participated in a new challenge this year – Toy Design. To begin her long-term challenge, she received a box on toy pieces to experiment new designs. During her on-site challenge, they continued to explore solutions for the design. Laney took first on her long-term and on-site challenges.

Sarah Downs and Hanna Tarazi-Baron created a selection of digital photos that were documentary in nature on Decreasing Biodiversity. With 60 participants in digital photography, they took second on their long-term and on-site challenges.

Lexi Schraufnagel participated in Graphic Design creating a t-shirt and poster. She placed first on her long-term challenge. For the on-site challenge, she had two separate challenges where she took a first place for a billboard design and third place for her shirt design.

Emily Carlson, Rebekah Downs and Maria Esser created a community center for the Pittsville Area. Their architectural design was an outstanding design of details taking first for the long-term and on-site challenges. They would be great members on a committee to improve our city.

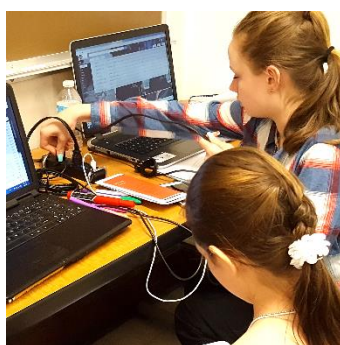
Two groups participated in the Gaming Challenge – Trace Wilke and Dryden Luther; Ethan Hanutke and Asher Fiala. Trace and Dryden created a card game while designing their own characters for the game, taking second on the long-term challenge. Ethan and Asher placed first of their long-term challenge and second for overall on the on-site challenge. Their board game, *The Cursed Key*, consisted of Lego keys and games pieces made with a 3-D printer.

Ruth Durrant and Caitlyn Fox took on the Graphic Design challenge, placing first for the long-term and on-site challenges. They marketed their Pick-Me-Up Postcard Project where students can get a postcard to fill out for another student to bring up their spirits. They also incorporated the elderly by having them color the postcards.

Ainsley Hall and Ellie Macha went beyond their Solutions Challenge tackling the refugee issue. They created a campaign to help refugees, especially women and children. They did not restrict their selves to one social media; they covered it all by creating a website with links, Facebook page, posters, and an Entry Village. Without trouble, they took first for the long-term and on-site challenges. In fact, they would like to link their project on the Wisconsin Art Education Association (WAEA) website as an example for the Visioneer Design Challenge.

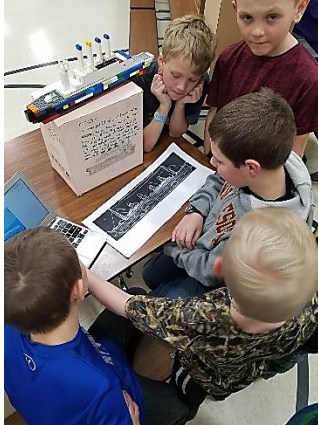
Maddy Hensel and Emma Kurtzweil charmed their judge with their well-organized presentation for their Pretzel's Paradise Exhibit Design, placing first for their long-term challenge. They created the interactive zoo themed exhibit, as you would see at a trade show, as well as a presentation board explaining their process.

Delaney Klamrowski and Kelly Behselich dove deep into three psychographics: Personal, Social and Cultural to reach their customer with their t-shirts designs. They placed first on their long-term challenge and second on their on-site challenge.



5th Graders' Inquiring Minds

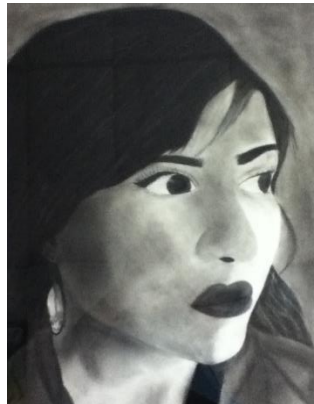
On March 28, the 5th grade English Language Arts classes hosted an Inquiry Fair to celebrate their learning. As part of our Non-Fiction Unit of Study for Reading, the 5th grade students chose a topic to research. After completing their research, they wrote a five paragraph essay on the topic. They all became experts in their topic and condensed the information from their papers into an interactive presentation. The 5th grade students were excited to teach others about their topics. It was wonderful to see the students teaching their peers, parents, and other teachers about a topic that they were passionate about. We had an amazing turnout for the event. Fifth grade parents enjoyed being part of their child's learning experience and browsing the different stations. The second, third, and sixth grade students also toured the Inquiry Fair and listened to presentations while participating in interactive activities. It was an exciting way to celebrate the 5th graders learning and they were happy to share what they learned.



2017 Congressional Art Competition

Afton Herkert, Lorenzo Hinojosa and Victoria Derkez had work selected for the 2017 Congressional Art Competition. The competition is a nationwide art competition open to only high school students sponsored by Members of Congress.

*Afton Herkert, Self-Portrait;
Victoria Derkez, Shoe Print;
Lorenzo Hinojosa, Lion*



Congratulations to the students who were honored on May 3rd at the Elks Achievement Awards Ceremony: Adrienne Week, Aaron Ickler, Donovan Grossman, Aidan Masanz, and Derek Weinfurter.

This week in high school **Physical Education**, after finishing up their Pickleball tournament, the high school students got out the Knockerballs to have some fun outside in the great weather. As we finish up the school year, we are hoping to have the students outside as much as possible for Physical Education, doing activities such as outdoor Nitroball, disc golf, and even kayaking.



PHS Competes at Math League

On April 5th twelve Pittsville high school students traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to participate in the third and final meet for the High School Math League Competition. The competition has three categories: Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Math. Forty-nine different schools brought their top math students to compete in the competition.

The four students who represented Pittsville School District in the Geometry category were Drew Bratlie, Trayson Ortner, Amanda Piotrowski, and Paeton Scholzen. Hanna Tarazi Baron, Matthew Grossman, Leah Kumm, and Henry Myers took the Algebra 2 test. The four students competing in the Advanced Math category were Luke Denniston, Teodora Grujic, Daniel Piotrowski, and Trevor Winterhack. All students worked hard and scored points for their team. In school size three, there were about 48 students taking each test. For Geometry, Drew placed just out of the top ten in 12th place. In the Algebra category, Hanna placed in the top half with 15th place. The Advanced category is always a challenging test and this meet Pittsville had two top placers. Teodora placed 8th and Daniel placed 2nd out of 48 students.

After three tests, the overall top placers are: Trayson Ortner in 14th place out of 65; Hanna Tarazi Baron in 17th place out of 62; and Teodora Grujic in 6th place out of 64. Other students scoring in the top half are Drew Bratlie, Paeton Scholzen, Henry Myers, Amanda Piotrowski (even though she only competed in 2 of the 3 meets), and Josh Zogleman (even though he only competed in 2 of the 3 meets). Congratulations to all participants!



PHS Forensics

27 team members competed at State Forensics on April 22. Earning perfect scores and gold medals were Allen Danischefsky-Extemporaneous, Heather Schubert-Prose, Kacey Soetebier-Poetry, Jared Peters-Solo Acting Humorous, Martin Schwanebeck-Solo Acting-Serious, Paula Alvarez-Story Telling. The team is coached by Ms. Freedlund and Ms. Brown.



Pittsville High School Junior Prom

was held on April 29. Coronation of the King and Queen was held at 9:30 PM. Congratulations to this year's prom King and Queen Trevor Winterhack, son of Cheryl Wessling & Rick Winterhack and Elizabeth Schultz, daughter of Doug & Lisa Schultz. Thank you to all who attended and helped to support the Junior Class of 2018.



Henry Myers, Martina Schulz, Kennedy Carlson, Luke Denniston, Brett Peters, Heather Schubert, Rebecca Holford, Benjamin Buettner, Trevor Winterhack, Elizabeth Schultz, Miranda Sturgis, Matthew Grossman

Technology Education -Building & Construction Updates

The Technology Education Building & Construction class has been busy with a variety of projects this Spring. This included: designing and building storage sheds attached to the softball and baseball dugouts, finishing the district sign, and updates to the school forest outdoor classroom.

Students learned to excavate, form and pour concrete, lay concrete block, rough frame, install siding and roofing, and even a little painting and staining. Great work by PHS B&C Class!!



"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" ~Aristotle

Through the Decades at PHS: Sports Edition *From the pages of Ho-Ang-Ho. 2017 Pittsville History Class for the History Club*

1977 Baseball: Panther Baseball team, led by Coach Robert Wolff, were an inspiring team comprised of seven dedicated seniors. The seniors included were Brian Harp, Dan Mundt, Joe Fieber, Mark Florence, Doug Urban, Mike Schiller, and Tom Frost. 1977: Track: Boys: coached by Noel Denniston. Girls: coached by Dorothy Berg. Girls relay places 5th at state was held on June 3 and 4 in Madison.

1987: Pittsville Baseball team was coached Robert Wolff and Don Neve. Seniors leaders for the team were Dan Skon, Rob Wolff, Brian Fisher, Shane Lilly and Andi Wolf. Track. Boys-The boys panther track team of 1987 was guided by coaches Noel Denniston, Chuck Soper, Karen Iwanski, and Rick Holan. The seniors who lead the team were Barry Fisher, Dan Kumm, Jack Wilke, Rich Frost, Sean Grorich, and Dave Admundson. Rich Frost broke the school record in triple jump. The 1600 meter relay consisting of Barry Fisher, Jack Wilke, Paul Baker, and Dan Kumm were state qualifiers. Dan Kumm also qualified for state in the 400 meter dash. Girls-The girls Panther track team was also guided by coaches Noel Denniston, Chuck Soper, Karen Iwanski, and Rick Holan. The seniors who lead the team consisted of Kelly Houston, Liana Weinfurter, Keri Krueger, and Lydia Adame. Liana Weinfurter also broke the school record in triple jump.

1997 Baseball: The young '97 baseball team coached by Jim Krueger and Jeff Schlender was led by five seniors. Jesse Krueger, Tandy Garvin, Christopher Reshel, Ryan McDonald, Dave Houston. The team won more games than they lost, finishing with a 7-6 record. In regional play, the boys lost a tough game against Granton, ending the season. Coach Krueger was happy with the team's performance being he had twice as many underclassmen as seniors. Softball: A fresh start. A young team. This was... '97 softball. The highlight of the season was the win over Edgar. The softball team consisted of fifteen girls with John Downs in his first year as head coach. Assistant coaches were Stephanie Hoge, Don Neve, and Judy LeClair, and managers were Patty Rademan and Becky Schiller. Seniors on the softball team included Jacquelyn Masephol and Jennifer Weinfurter. Track - The '97 track season was unlike many previous seasons as it was warm and dry for most of the spring. Leading Coach Robert Piotrowski's Panthers were seniors Angie Claeys, Jeremy Knapp, Katja Berg and Sheila Haight. One of this season's highlights was when Kim Soper won the 400m dash at the Wood County Invite in Marshfield. Managers were Lori Riedel, Stephanie Olsen, Heidi Radlinger, and Emily Sadauskas.

2007: Baseball: Head Coach Bill Urban's 2007 Baseball team had an exciting year. They tied for 3rd in conference (9-5) and (12-9) overall. The Panthers were led by their Co-Captains Justin Rayburn and Pete Peterson. Both players made 1st team all-conference. Chris Wesely and Chase O'keefe made 2nd team with Ryan Quinnell and Steve Luther making Honorable Mention. Rayburn was the Offensive MVP, and Peterson was the Defensive MVP. Wesely received the Arm Award for pitching and Steve Luther received Most Improved. The Seniors Consisted of Nicholas Masephol, Pete Peterson, Ryan Quinnell, and Justin Rayburn. Softball: The 2007 Pittsville Softball team had a very successful season under head coach Dan Hoffa. Lead by seniors Whit Brockman, Britt Robus, Jackie Steele, Mindy Stellmach, and Britt Zieher; the team went 15-3 in the regular season. They were also the first Pittsville softball team to be conference champions. Achievements: Britt Zieher and Jackie Steele made first team all-conference, Taylor Wilke and Stacy Halama made second team all-conference, Whitt Brockman and Britt Robus made Honorable mentions. Track Boys: The 2007 boys track season was a season filled with great talent. The coaches of this team were Rick Winters and Kevin Korslin. The boy seniors of this year Tim Prust and Alex Rosandick. Alex Rosandick was a part of boys 800m relay, which went all the way to state and finished off the season earning seventh place. Along with Alex Rosandick, the other boys in the 800m relay were Jesse Sojka, Josh Carr, RJ Freedlund, and Lucas Simonds (alternate). The 800m relay team also managed to beat our school record with a time of 1:33:05. Another notable runner of this year was Alex Nichols who was a state qualifier in the 3200m run. The Most Valuable Track Members of this year (boys) were Alex Rosandick, Alex Nichols, and Jesse Sojka. Girls: The 2007 girls track season was a season filled with great talent. The coaches of this team were Rick Winters and Kevin Korslin. The girl seniors of this year were Laura Palmer and Tiff Hahn. At the state meet saw Laura Palmer placing 4th in the 800m run (2:18.62) and 3rd in the 1600m run (5:09.17). The 3200m relay of Carrie Lippert, Heather Adrian, Carli Kronstedt, and Laura Palmer placed 2nd with a time of 9:45.16. They finished 13th in the state meet that year.

PTO Corner

With summer upon us, the PTO is busy wrapping up its end of the school year activities. We could not do any of these activities without the help of our amazing volunteers. We would like to say an extra special thank you to Karen and Mary Lou in the office for helping us when volunteers or donated items come in throughout the year. The PTO board would be lost without you!

Fourth quarter has been full of many exciting events, but we would like to highlight one right now. We held our annual collection competition where classes brought in Milk Moola milk caps, Coke points, Campbell's soup labels and Box Tops for Education. This year, the Box Tops for Education brought in \$2099.90. This money is used throughout the year by Mrs. Friday to bring in fun activities for the kids. One of these activities will be a Dome Theater that will be brought to the school in the fall for all grade levels. It's the field trip that comes to you!

Our Scrip fundraiser is still active. Please check out our PTO page on the school's website for more information on how to get your orders started today. For those of you who do not know what the Scrip program is, here is a short run down: Buy a gift card from PTO at face value through the program and receive that gift card at said value. PTO then pays the company a lower percentage for that gift card and PTO keeps the difference. All percentages are determined by each company.

Congratulations to our two scholarship winners! Names will be announced at the senior awards night in late May.

Looking ahead into next school year, there are many changes coming. We will be switching to Seroogy Candy bars as our major fundraiser as well as putting more of our efforts on the Scrip program. We will still continue with our smaller collections fundraisers as long as those programs are still offered. And for those of you who shop with Amazon, please log into Amazon smile and select Pittsville PTO for your donation option when checking out.

Our possibilities for next year are endless with our newly elected board members: President: Amy Bartlett, Vice President: Leslie Niedfeldt, Secretary: Jana Kissinger, Treasurer: Jenny Bowden.

Stepping down this year from her 6 year run as Vice President is Nicole Rademan. Nicole was in charge of our Little Caesars fund raiser and under her guidance, we raised the majority of our funds that help us do what we do for the kids and school. She was a major contributor to our PTO and will be missed as she moves on. The PTO greatly appreciates the time and effort she has put in to help us thrive.

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