



EXPECTING EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRITY FROM ALL, DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE STUDENTS, STRENGTHENED THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY.

From the Desk of Superintendent Figueroa

Dear District Residents,



In our society, winning is highly valued. I want to acknowledge that there is great value in not winning. In many ways, society has discouraged our children from learning when material is difficult or pursuing activities we are not initially “good” at. In your life, have you ever had to succeed in spite of the high level of difficulty in the task in front of you? Have you ever had to take more than one run at a task or obstacle in order to overcome it? Have you ever accomplished a goal others told you that you couldn’t? I suspect, with a little reflection time, everyone can answer yes to these questions.

Think about a few prominent attributes of a kindergarten age student. This student will answer questions honestly, try to do everything the teacher asks (and learn a ton in a short period of time), laugh at themselves and with others when something doesn’t go as expected, and, in general, will not feel shame or embarrassment among their peers or close adults.

Fast forward to eighth grade. Not to say this age group is dishonest, but it’s fair to say, not as forthcoming with the truth or what is really on their mind. They challenge authority in different ways and get embarrassed easier and more often. They have a harder time laughing at themselves and most certainly do not like it when others laugh at them. They are quicker to notice a peer’s shortcoming over their strengths and to point them out. In some instances, their fear of failure overpowers their desire to succeed.

So what happens between kindergarten and eighth grade?

Younger children will do just about anything for their parents and the significant people in their lives because they have a strong desire to please. Teaching our children to enjoy learning new things, understand it’s okay not to know everything, take chances to have new experiences, and think about competition in healthy ways will give them emotional skills which relieve some of the societal pressure to win all the time. Building their positive self-image and attitude will serve them well their entire life. Our love is unconditional and not contingent on our child finishing first or being recognized as the best. Often, the lessons we teach our kids are not realized when the lesson is taught, but when the lesson is experienced.

In my personal, professional, and competitive endeavors, I can say without hesitation, my choice to focus on what is in front of me and end goals allows me to use winning and losing to continue learning and growing. The most satisfying accomplishments tend to also be the most challenging. We want our kids to step up to challenges and use positive self-talk to drown out the noise from people who would have them think less of themselves or their potential to succeed. I am encouraging you to encourage your children to occasionally venture out of their comfort zone and take chances to experience new learning and activities without fear of failure.

There is a great deal of wisdom, self-discovery, and acceptance experienced in kindergarten. Maybe we should all think like kindergarteners once and a while.

Our best for their best,
Mr. Figueroa

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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Pittsville School District that on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 election of School Board Members will be held. Candidate for the School Board is as follows:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

Connie Potter

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

Dated this 12th day of March, 2018

Jane Wesely, School District Clerk

OPEN ENROLLMENT IN WI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The open enrollment application period for the 2018-2019 school year is February 5–April 30, 2018 at 4:00 PM. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

SKYLERT/SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTIFICATION

School Messenger allows the district to quickly send mass notifications to parents and students. The system is used to notify families of emergency situations, weather related delays, cancellations, attendance, lunch balances, changes to athletic and other events, and general information about up-coming events. Through Family Access, a parent/guardian can set up the capability to receive these messages, including what types they would like to receive, and what phone numbers or e-mail addresses to use. To check and update your Skylert contact information, log into your Family Access Account in Skyward. 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. 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.

SKYWARD FAMILY ACCESS

Family Access is a free web-based application that gives parents and guardians online access to their child's grades, assignments, attendance, schedule, emergency information, and more! This access is made possible through our student information system, Skyward Family Access. Please contact your school's office for Family Access login names and passwords.

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Monday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-9:00 PM
Tuesday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
Thursday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-9:00 PM
Friday:	5:30-7:00 AM	
Saturday:	8:00-11:00 AM	

Counselor's Corner: 3rd Quarter, Mrs. 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:

Awards Night in the auditorium, May 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Graduation: Saturday, May 26th 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 Monday, April 9th, but some are due before spring break. For more information, check out the Scholarship Tab (specifically 2017-2018 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 2015 taxes will be used for applying. 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: April 14th, 2018—Registration Deadline: March 9th, 2018
- b. Test Date: June 9th, 2018—Registration Deadline: May 4th, 2018
- c. Test Date: July 14th, 2018—Registration Deadline: June 15th, 2018

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 must now be taken at MSTC, the ACT needs to be taken at an official ACT testing site.

SOPHOMORES and FRESHMEN:

Sophomore Meetings: Sophomores will be completing their spring meetings in March & April. Be sure to touch base with them to see what they discussed. The 20 minute meetings are 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 took a trip to MSTC in Stevens Point on March 9th 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 Career Cruising 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 be presented to on facts about depression and suicide. In addition to this, students will be 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 is hosted at Spencer Middle School by MACCI on Tuesday, March 13th, 2018. This was a very memorable and useful opportunity for all those who attend. Please be sure to touch base with your student in regards to the job they held as well as how they spent their money.

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

Academic & Career Planning

Though we are more than halfway done with the school year, your students are clearly thinking about the future. No, they are not just thinking about plans for the weekend or when they will get a new piece of technology. They are thinking about how much post high school education costs and will they make enough money in their careers to pay to pay for their future expenses. Students may seem naive at times, and certainly they are not fully experienced in the ways of the 'real world', but they are excellent at observing of how things get paid for and who is paying for them. As indicated by last quarter's ACP article, in each grade, students are asking questions about college costs, budgeting, and making money. It is easy to tell students to "Stop worrying" or "You're too young for that", but clearly they are looking for information. Let **Career Cruising** help you answer questions for your child as well as serve as an avenue to start planning.

Upon logging into your **Career Cruising** parent account, choose Financial Aid. After selecting that, choose Federal Financial Aid. This site gives excellent information on different types of Federal Aid (Grants, Work Study & Federal Loans) in addition to the process for applying for and repaying student loans. There are helpful videos along with worksheets that students and parents can work through together to learn the process. As a part of Academic and Career Planning, it is crucial that students understand the real costs of education and how to take the best steps now in order to get them to their degree with less debt. Though many colleges, such as the UW system, are under tuition freezes, the reality of rising higher education cost is out there. Perhaps as a result of looking into financing education early, students can do the following to help them be the most prepared:

- Getting a summer job to create cash flow.
- Starting a savings account.
- Starting a 529 plan, such as through Edvest.
- Creating a budget to reach a financial goal.

By having conversations now, students will become more familiarized with saving and spending money on what counts. Proper financial preparations take place each year throughout junior high and high school so that when graduation happens, they are the most prepared they can be for leaving the nest. Take some time today and check out **Career Cruising** and learn about funding post-secondary education. It will be worth your time and dollar!

PHS News



It came quickly, but we are headed toward the school-year "Finish Line"! We have warm weather to look forward to, as well as spring sports, state competitions in our clubs, and (gulp) graduation! Time flies when you're having fun (and having fun makes learning more enjoyable, too).

We are nearly finished with scheduling for next year, which is a big load to get through. I want to thank all of the parents that sat down with their children and gave some input on their scheduling choices. Every year it is obvious that parents are having greater input on student scheduling. The registration process keeps getting smoother each year because of that input. Just a reminder; due to the odd/even matrices we use to plan classes, the schedule for 2019-2020 (even) is available now (as is 2020-2021 (odd), and beyond). You can plan (there may be a few exceptions) all four years of your child's high school career based on these matrices, which are found in the guidance tab of the high school webpage.

On February 27th, the staff came in at the crack of dawn to cook breakfast for our Juniors, who had the school to themselves for ACT testing. It was a great success again, as all students were well-fed, and participated earnestly on the exam. Student ACT scores will be used for college entrance, program admittance into technical colleges, and for scholarships. Testing for the 9th and 10th graders will take place in mid-April when they take the Aspire Exams, which will help prepare them for the ACT, as well as determine class placement.

A less positive subject is the reality of school violence around the country. Please understand that, although it is our worst nightmare, a school shooting could happen in Pittsville. As parents, you can help by keeping your "eyes open" for signs that a student might become violent (behavior, statements, writings, social media posts, etc.), and alert the proper civil or school authorities. Also know that we are improving and revising our safety procedures and facilities, respectively, on a regular basis. The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority!

Final Exams will be held on March 23rd (which was originally an in-service day for teachers, but will be a student-contact day due to the snow). Please check Skyward often to monitor your child's progress, and encourage him or her to do their very best as they finish Term 3. We look forward to beginning Term 4 with high expectations and a positive outlook on the future!

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal

Technology Education

Pittsville Technology Education Department recently took a group of students to Staab Construction to learn more about construction related careers in Central WI. Students were able to participate in hands-on activities, try out heavy machinery simulators, and learn about careers from industry professionals. With an anticipated 1.6 million job opportunities in construction related careers over the next 8 years in the United States, a construction related occupation is a wonderful career path for students.



Forensics Thirty PHS students attended SubDistrict Forensics on February 26th at Lincoln High School. The three-round speaking contest included eight schools, 90 entries, and almost 200 students. Pittsville had 20 entries. District competition will be held at East Junior High on Saturday, March 17. WHSFA State will be held April 20-21 at UW-Madison. The team is coached by Ms. Freedlund and Mrs. Petersen.

The PHS Yearbook Class

is putting the final touches on the 2017-2018 book. In order to gain some inspiration and ideas the class traveled to the Pittsville Historical Society. There they looked at yearbooks that dated back to the 1920's. Thank you to all the local businesses that sponsored the book! Without you it would not be possible.



PHS Students Work with MSTC Learn About Engineering

A group of about 15 students from Pittsville traveled to Mid-State Technical College where they were shown details about the Electrical, Civil, and Instrumental Engineering programs at the MSTC E-day. During the sessions, the students able to help with the testing of materials-specifically concrete samples they had helped make last December, view a computer created map of our baseball field from surveying points collected by earlier classes, and view the creation of topographical photography collected by drones. One of the sessions demonstrated cool science topics involving pressure and how its increase, decrease, or fast changes can create LOUD explosive results.

During the lunch break, Mid-State academic president and E-day speaker shared information about the recent successes of SpaceX and the exciting advances in space exploration and travel. Our students have continued following the launches being made by SpaceX on YouTube since that introduction during lunch. Check out the very exciting and fascinating return of the Falcon Heavy Rocket Boosters by searching YouTube for SpaceX Falcon Heavy Launch and Falcon Heavy First Landing. These clips are well worth watching.

The emphasis to learn about engineering and the opportunities in this field are 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.



HS Phy Ed Department

Mr. Rayburn's Fitness and Weight Training classes have been incorporating some speed, agility, and plyometric box jumps into their weight lifting program. These drills help our students become all-around better athletes.



Spanish Students will be taking a field trip on May 4th to the Festival Nations in Minneapolis. The Festival of Nations is a huge cultural fair held each year at the Rivercentre in Minneapolis. There will be dance and song presentations, food stalls from many countries, and a world market where students can buy products from over 50 countries. Additionally, many countries have informational booths where they demonstrate different traditions, arts, and sports. It is truly an amazing event. For more information check out <http://www.festivalofnations.com/>.

10th Grade Biology Class

In January, 27 students from Mr. Steward's 10th Grade Biology Class visited the Pittsville School Forest to complete a site survey while snowshoeing through the fresh snow.

Walking along the trails, students learned about tree species, tree densities and topography of the school forest, the flood plains, and the process of selective harvesting of trees in a forest. A stop at the school forest shelter was also incorporated into the visit. A discussion on the harvest, construction, and erecting of the building was covered and discussed.



Ski/Snowboard Club

On January 5-7, the PHS Ski and Snowboard Club went to Indianhead Mountain skiing and snowboarding. We had 27 people, including chaperones, who stayed in a couple condos on the hill. We had perfect snow conditions. The weather was a bit cold, but that didn't stop anyone from going out to enjoy the powder on the hill. Our club has also gone to Christie Mountain, Bruce Mound, and we are planning one more trip to Granite Peak.

Please check
www.pittsville.k12.wi.us
> Athletics for the most
current sports schedules!



Elementary News

Spring Greetings from the Elementary School!

We have been busy here at the elementary school with exciting learning opportunities.

The students were given the opportunity to participate in a Book Swap in February. Students could bring up to five books from home, donate them to the swap, and in return, take new titles home with them to have!



Mr. Dostal, Food Service Director, hosted our annual Beach Day Lunch at the end of February. All students, Grades 4K-8, participated in this event. Tables are out for the day, and beach towels are in! Students eat a picnic-style lunch with their friends and enjoy a frozen treat (donated by our PTO). Beach decorations and music fill the cafeteria too! It is a great way to break up the winter.

PBIS News - Our Panther Drawings have been a hit this year! Students are invited to put their golden tickets in the box in the office and they have a chance to win each month. There are a variety of prizes to choose from! Students have the choice to pick candy bars, gift certificates, toys, and other miscellaneous items from our prize baskets. There is a treasure for each student who wins! There have been extra, surprise drawings during the month too. This is a great way to recognize students for their good behavior.

Read Across America was a success this year! This is a time where we celebrate Dr. Seuss and celebrate the love of reading! The Elementary School hosted Reading Rocks Night, where students were invited to come back to school at night - still in their pajamas from the dress-up day at school to listen to stories. Community members and staff members read their favorite stories to the children who visited their classrooms. The night ended with everyone gathering for milk and cookies in the cafeteria. Staff and students were invited to choose a Dr. Seuss theme and decorate their doors for school-wide fun! The Cat in the Hat came to school on March 2nd in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. This year, he delivered Truffula Tree Lollies to all the students! It is always a great day when book characters come to life!

In March, our students in Grades 4-8 have a wonderful learning opportunity. They will travel to Edgar School District where they participate in their program, A Walk in Their Shoes. Edgar School District invites Pittsville to join them each year and we are very grateful for the opportunity. This year, Sharon Robinson, daughter of Jackie Robinson, will be speaking to the students about her dad's story and about their family.

With all the fun and excitement at the Elementary School, we also look ahead to our spring assessments and state testing. Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the Forward Exam which assesses English Language Arts and Mathematics. Grades 4 and 8 will also be assessed in Science and Social Studies. Our school window for the Forward Exam is April 10th - April 24th. 4K-2nd grade students are assessed using PALS. Grades 1-8 take the Star Math test and Grades 2-8 take the Star Reading test through Renaissance Learning.

Happy Spring from Mrs. Friday

PES Daily Announcements are now available on our website. To watch, log in to www.pittsville.k12.wi.us and click the Elementary School tab.



Community Health Night

Join us on Monday, March 26, 2018 from 5-7 pm for Community Health Night in the Varsity Gym. On this night, there will be many vendors to promote health related community programs. The Rock Climbing Wall will be open to try. Tours will be available for the Fitness Center and Weight Room. You will also be able to participate in Dance Dance Revolution, Bosu Balls, Battle Ropes, and Trampolines to name a few. Bring the whole family. Stop by after you visit your child's classroom for portfolio night!

4K Registration

To register your child for four-year-old kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year, please go to our website: www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. Click on the district or elementary tab and it will give you explicit directions for registering. Any questions, please contact: Mrs. Garrels at 715-884-2517 or Mrs. Kuehn at 715-884-2517 ext. 125.

Congratulation to the Pittsville Elementary School on becoming a Kindness Certified School!



During the week of January 22-26, 2018, we participated in The Great Kindness Challenge along with 19,796 other schools in 103 countries for a total of 10,546,421 participants worldwide.

At Pittsville Elementary School we had 20 staff members and 208 students participate and we completed 3,752 acts of kindness. Let's keep up the kindness year round!

The Kindergarten classes recently learned about community helpers. The children were able to travel to Aspirus Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids to tour a pediatric room and they participated in lessons about their body. Students were shown proper hand washing techniques, learned about germs, listened to their heartbeat, and saw various instruments that doctors and nurses use in their jobs. The human skeleton was used to teach the children about how many bones are in their bodies, as well as to identify and compare a bone to its x-ray picture. We would like to thank the hospital auxiliary for providing the bus transportation fees for our trip.

The children also learned about the Post Office. Carmen Kumm, a U.S. postal employee, shared with the students her duties at her job and brought examples of flats, bags, and boxes that are utilized in the mail room. She also spoke about the routes that the mail carriers have outside of the city limits. The children learned about things available for purchase at the post office, such as stamps, flat rate boxes, and special collector coins.

Our students also learned about Dental Health and we were fortunate to have Dr. Ally visit our classrooms and speak to the children about taking care of their teeth, so that they last them a lifetime. Children were able to model how to brush and floss their teeth using very large scale toothbrushes and floss (rope). The children shared ways they use their teeth and how to keep them healthy. A special thank you to Dr. Ally for providing our student with dental supplies for good hygiene.

Our last community helper that visited our classrooms was Police Chief Duerr from the Pittsville Police Department. He talked to the children about his job and the important role that he has in helping others each day. The children have viewed a DVD from *The Safe Side* that addressed keeping themselves safe in many different locations and situations (Dealing with Stranger Danger).

Later this spring, we will be going to the Pittsville Public Library where the children will learn about the job of a librarian, will be able to get their own library card, listen to stories, and become more familiar with what is available at the library.

On March 26th, the children will be having the opportunity to share their portfolio projects with their parent's at our first school-wide Portfolio night. We will also be having a Community Health Fair and Book Fair going on that evening. We hope to see you there!

Happy Spring, Mrs. Heinzen and Mrs. Petersen



What Begins with B? Bounce, Big, Ball, Bat How About That?



The 4K students in Mrs. Kuehn's classroom have been working hard at learning their letters and sounds. For the letter B, they learned about different kinds of balls. They discussed attributes such as what kind of material they are made from, their weight, texture, density, and purpose. Off to the fieldhouse they went, where Mr. Krueger, the physical education instructor, shared the various types of balls found in the physical education department. The children were fascinated with the humongous Omniken ball! As a culminating activity, the children engaged in a game of catch. What a great way to end the unit about the letter B.

Dr. Seuss Opinion Writing

During Read Across America week, the first graders read many different books written by Dr. Seuss. This went great with our opinion unit and writing reviews! Each first grader chose a book to review. They each wrote their opinion and gave reasons why you should read one of Dr. Seuss's books.

Empty Bowls Gratitude

We would like to thank our local community members and school families for attending the 5th Annual Empty Bowls. Many people watched demonstrations and some even tried the potter's wheel! Our young artists were honored to see the communities' reaction to their pottery pieces! We appreciate your support of this important event, our young artists, and P.A.N.S. We look forward to seeing you at next year's event! Mark your calendars for Empty Bowls 2019 on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.



This Quarter in Third Grade

Students have been learning all about space and how the Earth interacts with the sun and moon. The students have been working hard using those awesome researching skills that we learned earlier this year to find information on their planet, such as, what their planet is made of out, who discovered it, how long a day and year are, plus much more! Third graders are also using Google Drive to utilize their new found keyboarding skills. If that wasn't enough, these awesome students are also working on a prop to enhance their research and new knowledge! Third graders have been working hard to become space experts and are out of this world smart! Great job third graders!

In other news, third graders recently posted a DonorsChoose project for materials to enhance our environmental science units and it was funded in a week! We are excited to explore our new materials and learn all about rocks, recycling, and composting! Keep your eyes peeled because we even got some materials to donate back flowers to the amazing community that supports our kids every day!



Geography Bee News

We are halfway through the 2018 Geography Bee. The Geography Bee is a competition for grades 4-8 put on by National Geographic. The first round of competition was held in each student's social studies class. The goal is to get the top two competitors from each homeroom.



Here is a list of this year's winners by grade level.

4th grade: Connor Black, Daryn Luther, Allison Marti, & Kalli Montag
 5th grade: Emma Bowden, Sylvia Durrant, Dylan Havlik, & Mason Humphrey
 6th grade: Kadin Fox, Delaney Jacobson, Cole Kremer, & Lillian Opie
 7th grade: Bailey Carpenter, Natalie Fuller, Emma Kurtzweil, & Anna Pozayt
 8th grade: Jordan Denniston, Alexander Kumm, Gage Kumm, & Emma Tolzman

The second round of competition was the school-wide competition. It was held in Ms. Hedstrom's room. The homeroom champions competed against each other to see who represents our school. The winner of the school competition took a test on the computer which was sent to Washington D.C. If they score in the top 100 within the state, they will qualify for the state competition which will be held April 6, 2018. The winner of the state competition qualifies for the national competition. That competition will be held May 20-23, 2018 in Washington D.C.



On January 25th, Alex Kumm won the school competition with Kadin Fox and Anna Pozayt taking second and third places respectively. Way to go! Alex's test has been sent in, and unfortunately he did not qualify for state. We are proud of you Alex!!!



Ms. Hale's Sixth Grade Class has had a busy year filled with a lot of fun! We started off the year by focusing on spreading kindness while reading the book *Wonder*. To continue spreading kindness, this class is working on their third kindness challenge of the year! Many of the students spread kindness every day without realizing it!

Second quarter, we dove deep into the Holocaust. The students read several different Holocaust books with their book club groups and even created their own posters, dictionaries, and Google Slides presentations to share information they learned.

This quarter, the students are working on Mythology. This was a fun quarter because we were able to tie the winter Olympics into our work. The students were able to do some Olympic yoga, participate in the winter Olympic games outside on the football field, and work together to escape a Mythology Escape Room.

Make sure you look for some exciting books and projects next quarter as we dig into our dystopian novel unit! The students will get to travel all over as they read about different societies that exist in books, but not in real life.

This year, our sixth graders have proven that they are hard workers and very creative! If you haven't already, stop down to see some of the awesome work these students have created!

Now Hear This!

Video Announcements Are Back!

Throughout this school year, the eighth graders have been producing daily video announcements, which are aired to every classroom. The video announcements allow us to highlight students who have won awards, completed something cool, or just want to lead the pledge of allegiance. Teachers have also utilized the announcements to get the word out on the various happenings around the district, like sporting events and artistic clubs.

While producing the videos, the eighth graders really get to shine. All students might not want to be on camera, but everyone gets to show some part of their personality through filming, being on camera, or editing the footage.

The announcements can be viewed on the Pittsville Elementary homepage, found on the right side of the web page.

- Mr. Natzke, Junior High Teacher

Mr. Klein Hosts 2nd Grade Parent Math Nights

If you've helped a student with math lately, chances are that you were a tad confused with how to help them with their homework.

Math instruction has changed a lot over the years. The students are learning multiple ways to solve problems to give them strategies to work through problems and to build their understanding of mathematics.

But this can make things difficult for parents to help. To help parents and students to better understand this "new" math, Mr. Klein has been offering a Math Night for families of second graders one night a month. During these 1-2 hour sessions, he has focused on showing parents the different strategies that their child is learning to solve math problems from the unit of study.

These nights have been helpful to several families to better understand the math and how to work with their students. This cooperation between parents and classroom has definitely been beneficial for our students.

4th-5th Graders Learn Financial Responsibility

This year Mr. Sanken's 4th and 5th grade math classes have been learning a valuable life lesson by earning and spending money wisely. Each day, the students have the opportunity to earn or lose "pretend" money in the classroom based on their ability to follow the Panther Traits of being responsible, respectful, honorable, and engaged. With this money, the students can save up to "purchase" extra recess time, electronic game time, and even treats. ES Principal Mrs. Friday has joined in supporting the children's positive behaviors by coming in during the reward days to challenge the students to strategic games of Connect 4 and with great mental math challenges. Great Job 4th and 5th grade math students!

Education = Knowledge

Knowledge = Power

Power = Respect

Respect = Happiness

Music Department News

Term 3 was full of many performance opportunities for students in the Music Department.



On January 20, eleven of our music students travelled to Shiocton to participate in the CWC's Annual All Star Honors Band and Choir. These students spent the day rehearsing with other top performers from around the CWC under guest clinicians followed by a concert at 4:00 pm. This was a great honor and experience for our students. Students who were selected to attend for choir were Jhessica Borgman, Elizabeth Schultz, Tara Minor, Heather Schubert, Isis Ignatowski, and Amanda Piotrowski. Band students selected were Lisa Lacoursiere, Alexis Redmond, Renee Kremer, Rebecca Holford, and Brandon Steele. Congratulations to these talented musicians!

On January 14 and 15, three of our students participated in the 68th Annual Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. They rehearsed and performed a concert with over 1,200 students who travelled from more than 250 high schools from five states throughout the Midwest. Congratulations to Amanda Piotrowski, Heather Schubert, and Elizabeth Schultz for receiving the honor to participate in the event!



The 69th Annual Dorian Band Festival was held March 4-5, 2018 with over 500 students participating from school all across the Midwest. This year six of our outstanding Pittsville Band students were selected to participate and perform.

Congratulations and a job well done to Brandon Steele, Renee Kremer, Rebecca Holford, Lisa Lacoursiere, Alexis Redmond, and Amanda Piotrowski! The Dorian Band Festival Grand Concert is still available for a limited time On Demand if you go to the following link: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/luthermusic/>

Many of our music students in junior high and high school had the opportunity to perform at Solo Ensemble on February 24th. Students and their teachers choose a musical selection from the WSMA Festival Music List to study. The list is divided into three difficulty levels called 'classes.' Student's then spend the next 2-3 months learning about and rehearsing their chosen selection. The students then perform for an adjudicator, who will provide a written and verbal critique of the performance and award a rating based on defined criteria. (Rating 1 = highest, rating 5 = lowest). The Pittsville results are listed below:



JUNIOR HIGH RESULTS

- Instrumental Solos: Caitlyn Fox-1, Maysen Gray-1, Madeline Hensel-1
- Trumpet Duet: Natalie Fuller and Delaney Klamrowski-2
- Choir Solos: Maysen Gray-1, Emma Tolzmann-1, Savannah Frederick-1, Bridgette Leichey-2, Angel Millard-1
- Vocal Quartet: Emma Tolzmann, Rachel Schooley, Bridgette Leichey, and Caitlyn Fox-1
- Piano Solos: Emma Tolzmann-1, Madeline Hensel-1

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

- Instrumental Solos: Alexis Redmond-1, Jon Klamrowski-2
- Flute Duet: Lisa Lacoursiere and Jaylynn Merritt-1
- Vocal Solos: Martina Schulz-1, Tara Minor-1, Jhessica Borgman-1, Cammie Reno-2, Jon Klamrowski-2, Alex Delaney-2
- Vocal Duets: Zach Giles and Jon Bannerman-2, Alex Delaney and Tara Free-2
- Vocal Trio: Tara Minor, Jhessica Borgman, Martina Schultz - 2
- **Going to State with their events:** Rebecca Holford-trumpet solo, Martina Schulz-Music Theater Solo, Elizabeth Schultz-Music Theater Solo AND Soprano Solo, Zach Giles-Vocal Solo, Mckayla Behselich-Music Theater Solo AND Alto Solo, Tara Minor and McKayla Behselich - Vocal Duet

Congratulations on all the wonderful performances! Remember-What separates the talented individual from the successful is a lot of hard work and practice!

The Music Department would like to say a very special thank you to all the student performers and families who made time in their schedule to perform at the Pittsville Empty Bowls. Your performances made for an even more enjoyable evening!!

Upcoming Events:

Friday, April 6, 2018 - Choir/Band Large Group Concert Festival
 Monday, April 30, 2018 - High School Band/Choir Spring Concert
 Saturday, May 5, 2018 - State Solo Ensemble @ UWSP
 Tuesday, May 8, 2018 - Grades 5-8 Band/Choir Spring Concert
 Thursday, May 24, 2018 - 8th Grade Graduation
 Friday, May 25, 2018 - Senior Concert (during the school day)
 Saturday, May 26, 2018 - High School Graduation
 Monday, May 28, 2018 - Memorial Day Performances at City Point, Pittsville, Sherwood

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.

"DOUBLE UP"

We will be offering a second entrée "DOUBLE UP" again this year for grades 6-12. For an additional charge to your families lunch account, your student 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 money is in their family account.

You can monitor 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.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Your children may qualify for free meals or reduced price meals. To apply, complete a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application. Use one application for all students in your household. Be sure to fill out all required information and return the application to Joe Dostal, Food Service Director, 5459 Elementary Avenue, Suite 1, Pittsville, WI 54466. The free or reduced lunch program not only benefits families but it also helps your school. Your application is completely confidential. If you did not receive a copy in the mail, the applications are available online at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us and in your school offices.

ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE EASY AND CONVENIENT

Parents can make online payments from home or work, 24/7. If their child's food service balance is low, it only takes a few minutes to add money to it using their VISA or MasterCard credit or debit card (*NOTE: your credit card will be charged \$2.50 for the convenience of making an online payment*). Payments are made through the student's Skyward Family Access account.

- Visit our district website www.pittsville.k12.wi.us
- From the left side menu click on **Skyward > Family and Student Access**
- Log in to **Skyward Family Access** (you will need your Login and Password)
- Select **"Food Service"** from "General Information" menu on the left
- View Balance and select **"Make Online Payment"**
- Enter payment amount and select **"Pay with RevTrak"**
- Verify payment amount and select **"Go to Checkout"**
- If a new customer, select **"I am a new customer"** and enter your email address. If a returning customer select **"I am a returning customer."**

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The **High School** will serve breakfast during PPT time and the students will take the food items to their next class. The **Elementary School** will be serving breakfast at 8:00 am. Students that would like breakfast will first report to their classrooms, and then come down to the cafeteria for breakfast. Grades 4Kgn-3rd will be issued a breakfast card in the classroom to be turned in at the breakfast line. Grades 4th-8th will punch in their lunch numbers before going through the lines. School breakfast is an ideal solution on busy mornings when students are running late or parents have to be at work early. The cost is only \$1.00. Students that qualify for free or reduced lunch receive free breakfast.

Breakfast & Lunch menus are available on line at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us

2017-2018 MEAL PRICES

4K- Grade 3 Lunch	\$2.40
Grade 4-8 Lunch	\$2.80
Grade 9-12 Lunch	\$3.25
Adult Lunch	\$3.90
Reduced Lunch	\$.40
Milk	\$.30
4K-Gr 12 Breakfast	\$1.00
Adult Breakfast	\$2.00

The harder you
work for
something,
The greater you'll
feel when you
achieve it.

PTO NEWS...

The PTO has had lots of events happen over the last quarter. We helped host an Agriculture lunch for the students, held our collection competition between the classrooms, held our Fundraiser reward day for the students that participated in the fundraiser this year, and just wrapped up our buy one get one free book fair. We couldn't have done any of those events without the hard work of our volunteers.

The PTO is venturing into the arts by bringing plays to our wonderful auditorium. Why travel for a performance when we have the facilities right at our own school? We're not only bringing in plays for our students, we're inviting students from other schools to attend as well, for a ticket price. *Nugget & Fang*, a musical about a shark and a fish who are friends, is scheduled for this April 6th for the younger students. We are already looking ahead and scheduling more performances for next year. The PTO-4theArts Committee of staff and parents is working hard to bring shows to our school for our students! If you are interested in being involved, please let us know!

With our year coming to an end, we need to start looking at what next year brings. With our candy bar fund raiser not being the success we have hoped it would be, we are looking into what next year's major fund raiser will be. We are also looking for some new board members. Come help us shape what the PTO will bring to our students next year. Our annual elections are held during the May monthly meeting, please consider joining an amazing team.

Spirit Wear for Sale



Spring Spirit Wear is on sale through April 2nd and will be delivered to PHS on April 19th.

Check out the new logos and designs!!

Orders can be placed online at:
https://stores.thedesignmonkey.com/pittsville_pride

If you need help with your order, please call
 Pam at 715-884-6412.

Some of the items available to order are:
 T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Shorts,
 Jogging Pants, Jackets, Vests.

Through the Decades at PHS: *Through the Decades at PHS: Prom and Graduation Edition*

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As we endeavor to free ourselves from the clutches of Old Man Winter and look forward to the warmth of spring we take a look at memories of the Junior Prom and Graduation.

Prom 1978. Prom was held on April 15th, 1987. The theme was "Sometimes When We Touch". The prom court of 87 included, Vicky Palmer escorted by David Elwood, Kay Gachnang escorted by Jeffrey Haumschild, Nancy Binger escorted by Patrick Quinlan, Mike Tomsyck (Prom King) escorted by Nancy Rademan (Prom Queen), Mitch Perkl escorted Lorie Ortner, Gregg Fox escorted Kelly Neve, and Christian Anderson escorted Cheri Hiles.

Graduation 1978. The senior class valedictorian was Rod Harper, salutatorian Matt Lippert and the senior class president was Lynn Brice.

Prom 1988. The theme for the 1988 Prom was "The Time of Our Lives". Members of the court included Misty Wood escorted by Ron Carlson, Wendy Fox escorted by Eric Schroer, Candy Nelles escorted by Dan Demmerly, Nancy Rasmussen (Prom Queen) escorted by Matt Ortner (Prom King), Tracy Grubofski escorted by John Drechsler, and Shelly Huff escorted by Brian Rucker.

Graduation 1988. The class of 1988 had two Valedictorians: Kari LaSee and Debbie Neve, and Salutatorian: Stephanie Pliner. The top ten percent of the class consisted of Kari LaSee, Jeannie Itzen, Chris Fossen, Tony DeDecker, Steph Pliner, Devvie Nee, and Donna Drechsler. The class motto was "What we hold of yesterday is only a memory, but tomorrow is an accomplishment that is yet to be made." The class colors were blue and silver, and the class flower was white rose.

Prom 1998. April 25th, 1998, the prom theme was "Make A Wish". The prom court of '98 was comprised of Jackie Weinfurter escorted by Thomas Hewuse, Kristy Hiles escorted by Ryan DeCaluwe, Rachel Moore escorted by Jeremy Klevene, Jessie LeClair escorted by Eric Scheunemann (Prom King), Jodi Allison escorted by Brandon Dammann, Summer Schwanebeck escorted by Joe Bowling, Carey Haralson (Prom Queen) escorted by Jon Paul McKeel, and Jenny Claeys escorted by Aaron Hackett.

Graduation 1998. The motto for the graduating class of 1998 was "We have the memories of yesterday, we know the reality of today, we hold the hope of tomorrow." Class leaders were as follows: Julie Hess as valedictorian, Alicia Guden as salutatorian, and Amanda Young as class president.

Prom 2008. The 2008 Prom theme was Midnight Masquerade. There were nine couples on court: Taylor Wilke (Prom Queen) escorted by Devree Vogel, Stephanie Zdun escorted by Ken Allington, Jessica Schmitz escorted by Lucas Delaney, April Triz escorted by Cody Minor, Angie Tritz escorted by Kyle Wilke, Karissa Quinlin escorted by Mitch Palmer, Alex Mallory escorted by Pat Minor (Prom King), Katherine Freedlund escorted by Lucas Simonds, and Carrie Lippert escorted by Dillon Lilly. The King was Pat Minor and Taylor Wilke was the queen.

Graduation 2008. The valedictorians of 2008 were Wesley Fox, Madeline Meis, Sam Winters, and Jordan Wilke. The salutatorians were Kaitlyn Minor, Alex Nichols, and Rachael John. Class motto "Remember the rewards of today, the promises of tomorrow and never forget yesterday, the memories of our past."

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STUDENT HAPPENINGS



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety of our students is a top priority. The School District of Pittsville has been proactively engaged in the improvement of our security practices and procedures prior to my arrival in July of 2016. We have been addressing security issues long before the tragedy in Parkland, Florida on February 14. The following is a list of security improvements since the summer 2016:

- We are an ALICE school. Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.
- Each building participates in age appropriate ALICE drills throughout the year in addition to our state mandated drills.
- An Emergency Procedure Guideline flipchart was created, available in every room, and is reviewed/updated on a regular basis.
- Hand held radios have been distributed throughout the district and used for daily and emergency communication. For example, a few weeks ago we had an electric motor burn out and had to evacuate the elementary and middle level students. Once every one was outside, the logistics were all handled by radio. This week, we assigned three additional handheld radios to staff in locations which will improve our communications in the event of an emergency. The radios have already arrived and are in service.
- Entrances to the school buildings are secured during the day with access by remote locks, camera, and audio connected to the building offices. We are in the process of changing our automated door scanners to better secure the doors from the inside.
- Installed upgraded security camera system with office monitors and access to the entire district from any administrative or police department technology device.
- Upgraded the public address system so all classroom telephones in our buildings have access to the PA in each school.
- Strong relationship and open communication with our local police department and emergency services. Local emergency services have 24 hour access to the district buildings and our police department attends meetings specific to school safety.
- We review almost every incident of school violence around the country, reflect on our practices and procedures, and if we find a better way to address a situation, make the adjustment.
- The elementary school office was moved to the current location the summer of 2016 to better secure the school and improve communication by centralizing the administrative team.
- The high school office is scheduled for similar work to be done early this summer to ensure visitors entering the high school must first go through the office.
- Visitors must sign in and wear visitor badges so staff know they are allowed to be in the building.

We will continue to upgrade our procedures and practices and are addressing other areas we have identified as needing attention. I speak for all of our staff when I say our students are the most important people in our buildings and their safety is a top priority. It is not possible to plan for every contingency, but it is possible to plan and prepare to take action.

For our future, Mr. Figueroa, Superintendent