



PITTSVILLE

School District Newsletter

First Quarter, 2018-2019

I hope everyone is having a memorable fall season. The students seemed to jump right into learning from the first day and staff have been busy doing their best to provide an engaging learning environment. The district listening sessions have been progressing with the latest session in City Point on September 18. The Board of Education invites you to submit your input via email or letter if you were unable to join any of the earlier sessions. The discussion questions are:



What does it mean to be a resident or business owner in the Pittsville School District?

What is one thing you would never change about the schools/district and why?

What do you think would improve our student learning environment and why?

What would you like to see offered in the district in the next 5 years? 10 years? and why?

I recently received a contact from a former student athlete who is taking on his first ever role as a coach. This young man, now 35, worked hard in school to earn good grades, become a competitor, and made himself very coachable. He was an above average athlete, but not a great athlete who loved to compete and the challenges of overcoming loses. Athletes with this type of work ethic and attitude make coaching intrinsically rewarding because you know, even when their efforts fall short of the goal, they are giving you their best. He shared some thoughts on guiding principles to establish his coaching philosophy which I want to share with you.

1. All athletes, regardless of physical gifts, maturity, and skill level, are important to the team.
2. No one participates to be embarrassed by others, especially by the coach.
3. In the moment, focus on the moment and not the score.
4. Stay positive, regardless the outcome there is always a silver lining if you look for it. Always remember the athletes trust me to support them regardless of the outcome.
5. A team with healthy competitive attitudes is an amazing thing to be part of. I want to be the leader who provides this for my athletes.
6. This is about my student athletes.

If you take the information I shared about this new coach, and instead of referencing athletics reference students and learning, you have the vision of your entire staff in Pittsville.

Thank you for your wonderful children.

Our best for their best.

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“Example isn’t another way to teach, it is the only way to teach” ~Albert Einstein

For submissions related to strategic planning please use the following:

Email: figuerod@pittsville.k12.wi.us

US Postal mail: Pittsville School District
ATTN: District Office
5459 Elementary Ave, Suite #2
Pittsville, WI 54466

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Notice is hereby given, that at an election to be held in the School District of Pittsville on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. Term of office for a school board member is three years beginning April 22, 2019.

Office	Incumbent
Member	Jane Wesely
Member	Robert Wolff

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Finance Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2019, in the office of the school administrator.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019..

Forms for filing can be obtained from the School District’s Administration.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.



The Pittsville School District is growing our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube channels. We have partnered with [#SocialSchool4EDU](#) – a company that specializes in helping schools celebrate their students and connect with the community. We encourage you to visit the links below to see what’s happening daily in our schools.



Facebook - @PittsvilleWISD



Twitter - @PittsvilleWISD



Instagram - @pittsvillewisd



YouTube - PSD

Wireless Hotspots on Buses

Similar to the Kajeet SmartSpots for checkout program, the school district is also providing [Kajeet SmartBus](#) wireless hotspots on 5 Hahn Transportation buses. The SmartBus hotspots will be installed on several of the buses with longer routes, plus one or two of the buses used on trips. Students on long bus rides home, or on trips to athletic events or field trips, etc., will be able to connect with their school provided Chromebook to get school work done on the road, just like the Kajeet SmartSpot program for home use. Only school provided Chromebooks will be able to connect to the SmartBus hotspots. Money for this program was provided by a state grant.

Wireless Hotspots for Checkout by Students

Do you have poor Internet access at home, or perhaps none at all? The district is providing wireless hotspots called [Kajeet SmartSpots](#), which are filtered Wi-Fi hotspots that allow students to easily connect on any of the nation’s five leading cell phone networks. You do not need to have cell phone service from any of these national companies, but you must have some cell phone coverage in your area from at least one of these five leading cell providers: Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, US Cellular. These devices are available for students to checkout overnight or over the weekend from the high school or elementary school libraries.

Kajeet SmartSpots will connect automatically to any of the cell provider’s networks, whether at home or anywhere for that matter. Plus, the student’s school provided Chromebook will also automatically connect to the hotspot - no configuration is necessary - all that they need to do is plug the SmartSpots in to any conventional household power source. However, ONLY a school provided Chromebook will connect to a Kajeet SmartSpot; a personal computer, laptop, tablet, cell phone, other non-school Chromebook, etc. will not be able to connect to these devices.

The district is providing these SmartSpots to help students get their homework and computer access done at home or elsewhere beyond the walls of our schools. Because these devices are content filtered and will not allow any video streaming from any of the online video streaming services like Hulu or Netflix, etc., students will be able to jump online to complete school assignments while staying on task and safe when accessing the Internet outside the classroom. Students will be expected to follow all rules and policies of online use of a school provided Internet device. Money for this program was provided by a state grant.

Child Development Day Screening

Pittsville Public Schools

Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 9:00 am-6:30 pm
(Inclement weather date: Thursday, January 31, 2019)



The screening will take place at the **Lions Club House, 5554 4th Avenue, Pittsville**. The screening is for any child who will be turning three years old on or before June 1, 2019 through age five and resides in the Pittsville School District. Children who currently attend the Early Childhood or 4K programs do not need to be screened. During the screening, parents will complete a survey while children play with others and interact with school staff. The screening will provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about their child’s growth and development.

Please call the Pittsville Elementary School office at 715-884-2517 to register your child for Child Development. Day Screening. Registration for 4K will be online. Follow the link on the Elementary website which will be open beginning February 1, 2019. **Please call the Pittsville Elementary School office at 715-884-2517 to register and schedule an appointment for Child Development Day.**

Sunday:	4:00-7:00 PM	
Monday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 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	5:00-8:00 PM
Friday:	5:30-7:00 AM	
Saturday:	8:00-11:00 AM	

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[facebook.com/PantherCommunityFitnessCenter](https://www.facebook.com/PantherCommunityFitnessCenter)



CANCELLATIONS, DELAYS, EARLY DISMISSAL

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

WIFC	95.5 FM	WOFM	94.7 FM	WSAW	TV-7
WOSQ	92.3 FM	WGLX	103.3 FM	WAOW	TV-9
				WEAU	TV-13

PHS News



The first term of school has flown by and staff and students are looking forward and planning for “what’s next!?” The October 27th National Test Day for the ACT went well, with 21 juniors taking the ACT this round to get a sense of what this test is all about! A few additional test-takers include 3 seniors giving it another try, one sophomore, two teachers, and a principal!

Everyone had quite the experience, and a decent reading headache by about noon on Saturday! Students who successfully completed the ACT earned a ½ day off before Thanksgiving.

The Cranberry Science classes had another beyond-successful season running Cran Tours. The students did an amazing job of leading packed commercial tour busses and school tours through the cranberry harvest season with the goal of promoting Wisconsin cranberry agriculture. The FFA students were off to the National FFA Convention the week of October 22nd to further their learning and experiences in Indianapolis.

The Local Foods course was blessed with the fall harvest from the generous local community as an outpouring of locally grown produce was gifted to our school every week of the term. The aroma of baked goods and healthy, robust meals wafted through the hallways every afternoon. The Local Foods students were always gracious about sharing their delectable creations.

Crystal Apple teacher nominations were an affirmation once again of the wonderful work PHS staff does with students. Many of the PHS staff were nominated for the Crystal Apple teacher award. Ballots for voting will be coming out soon. Thank you to everyone who took the time to write a nomination for a teacher!

There are updated forms online on the PHS website. If you are looking for a pre-arranged absence, for example, you can go to the district site, then High School, then “forms and handbooks”. Other updated form versions include: a) redo-reteach-retake form, b) guest for a HS dance, and c) a “suggestion box” icon that will take you to a form to offer suggestions and feedback.

Dr. Porter, High School Principal



Family and Consumer Science

Students in the Local Foods class made homemade apple pies. They also had a lab on water bath canning from community donated tomatoes.



PHS Manufacturing

On October 3rd the Pittsville Manufacturing class helped celebrate the opening of the redeveloped “Center of the State” marker. The Manufacturing class helped design and make the new sign.



Pittsville Manufacturing/Entrepreneurship Class

once again ran their business Panther Creations. The students made plaques for our local sports/clubs, custom yard signs, and even did some custom signage for local businesses. Thank you to everyone who supported the hands on student learning that took place! Look for our order forms next year.



Please check our website at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us and click on Athletics for the most current sports schedules!

Splash of Red Cranberry Tours

The Splash of Red Cranberry Tours are in their 18th year of tours! Over the years, this tour has gained global attention! This year, Ms. Meissner's Cranberry Science class was hard at work to make this year's tours even greater! The students are involved in every aspect of the tours, from the opening assembly, to the various stops along the tour, and finally, the students serve a Wisconsin based cranberry infused meal option for the tour guests. Through the years, the tours have grown in numbers averaging over 75 guest a tour day which adds up to 1,000 guests for the season! This course helps the students grow in public speaking and leadership skills while boosting local tourism.



Senior Capstone

Hello my name is Kaitlyn Potts. I am a senior here at Pittsville High School and a part of this year's Senior Capstone Class! For my internship experience, I have the opportunity to help write and put together this year's first and second semester newsletters. In the future, I hope to become a journalist. This opportunity will help me prepare for what my future job entails for me.

All seniors here at PHS take the senior capstone class during the fall semester as a way to help prepare them for the workplace and occupations they are looking at after high school. The employers are asked to complete a formal evaluation of the students work at the end of the 12 week period. Once the internships have been completed, students hope to have a better understanding of what their chosen occupation has in store for them!

PHS Drama Club to Present "Alibis"



This mystery-comedy throws shade on both Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie as party guests arrive to find their hostess is dead. As a storm rages outside, the guests must contend with interruptions, shocking revelations, and a cadre of corpses that seem to pile up as the play continues. The cast is comprised of underclassmen with five freshmen in key roles.

Written by Peter Kennedy, "Alibis" utilizes the 'party-invitees without a host' scenario in which the detective Mr. E.S. Solvedd (Jared Peters) tried to pin the killer down. The guests include more 'punny' names: Hope Leslie Trite (Bridgette Leichy); Sandy Lynxe (Alexis Redmond); Dr. Jacqueline Hyde (Tara Free); Tanley A. Fraude (Emma Tolzmann); Sister Bella Donna (Savanna Frederick), Monique the maid (Rachel Schooley); Justin the butler (Preston Dupee); and the mysterious stranger (Lisa Lacoursiere). The play is directed by Sarah Freedlund and Ty Natzke.

Whodunit? And How? Is the part-time detective up to solving this mystery? Come find out Saturday, November 3 @ 7:00 pm and Sunday, November 4 @ 2:00 pm in the Margaret Worchel Gronski Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.



Happy Fall Y'All from the Elementary School!

We have had a great start to the school year! One of my favorite traditions of visiting all classrooms continued again this year. While visiting the students, I read one (of my many) favorite books, *Wanda's Rose* by Pat Brisson, to the students and then invited each student to create a flower for our school-wide flower garden. The goals of my visits are connecting with all students in a positive way, helping students understand they have a special place in our school family, and to share my love of reading. It is always a joy visiting our 4K students, as they are just getting to know me. I talk about my role as a principal with them. I love how excited they are when they see me in the halls!

PES News

Here is the school-wide project: Panther Pride is in Full Bloom! When students see this bulletin board, they can always find their very own flower and see its beauty, but more importantly, when they see the entire flower garden, they can see the difference we make all together!

Ms. Raygo and I also visited each grade level this fall to start a school kindness chain. We talked about kindness - what that means and students shared examples of kindness. We watched a video that showed a kindness chain in action. After our discussion and time together, students pledged to "Stick Together Against Bullying" and used Duct Tape to write their name on our banner for all to see!

In summary, I cherish my time being in classrooms and being with the children to continue to guide them to be kind and do the right thing!

Some changes to note: Our elementary school has transitioned from using Star Reading and Math (through Renaissance Learning) to Aimsweb as our universal screener. A universal screener is an assessment given to all students in the same way to determine where students are in their learning in the areas of math and reading. We have reduced the testing windows from 3 times to 2 times per year, to help reduce test fatigue. Our students were screened in September and will be assessed again in March 2019. Just like any assessment, this is one way (of many) to monitor student learning and growth!

My door is always open if you want to discuss educational topics or discuss your child's learning journey.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Heather Friday



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4-Year-Old Kindergarten News

The student's in Mrs. Kuehn's 4K class have been super busy the first two months of school. They have met many new people and made many new friends! The children started off the year learning about school culture including respectful and responsible behavior. Dan Hahn from Hahn Transportation, visited the school to help the children learn about bus safety. Safety tips from the children include: "Sit down when the bus is moving." "Use an inside voice, so the bus driver can drive." After learning about expectations at school, they moved onto learning about apples and pumpkins. They discussed their life cycles, how and where they grow, labeled the parts of apples and pumpkins, measured with apples, taste-tested and so much more. They also compared and contrasted apples and pumpkins. As a culminating activity to the units, they had fun, despite the cold, and enjoyed a field trip at Reinke's Down on the Farm to explore firsthand the growing process of plants. Happy Fall Y'all from 4K!



First Graders Visit School Forest

On Friday, September 28th, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Stone's first grade classes took a trip to the School Forest! While there, the students got to experience different hands-on stations. The first station they stopped at was the Touching Bags. Here the students got to feel around a dark bag and use their sense of touch to identify what was in the bag. They used a lot of describing words to help them better identify these objects. The second station was a Scavenger Hunt. Each student was given a set of clues and set out on the trails to discover what the clues were describing! This activity allowed them to use their sense of sight! The third station was a Taste and Smell station. At this station they experienced some different scents and flavors! They got to smell different things such as: vanilla, lemon, orange, and lavender! For the fourth and final station they got to do some Tree Identification. The students got to examine the leaves and identify what tree they belonged to. Once they were finished identifying them, they got to do some rubbings to take home!



News Hailing from Ms. Hale's Room

I am so excited to be back for my second year here at Pittsville! This first quarter is off to a busy start! Our sixth graders are working on reading the book *Wonder* while learning about kindness, characters, and themes! Some of our 8th graders are working hard on making surveys that will be passed out to JH students on all different topics! Last, our 5th graders are learning to write about what they are reading and working in book clubs!

Sixth grade has been working extremely hard on their kindness unit! They are constantly showing their love of reading and are eager to learn. We have learned about characters in depth, and the sixth graders did a great job acting out scenes as they put themselves in the shoes of the character. We are slowly transitioning into themes and understanding that every story has a lesson! They will even get to complete a huge project that will be shown in the hallway so stop down our way!



Map Skills

The boys and girls in Miss Sischo's class have been learning about the seven large landmasses on the Earth called continents. They are North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Antarctica. They also have been learning about the five large bodies of water on the Earth called oceans. They are the Pacific Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, and the Southern Ocean. The students created a world map to show where the continents, oceans, equator, and prime meridian are located. The students also learned about directions and map skills. The students created a compass rose to show where each direction is located on a compass rose.



Physical Education is in Full Swing with Mr. Krueger

School is now in full swing and so are our Physical Education classes. It has been apparent that the students are enjoying their time to learn different ways to engage in physical activity. In grades K-3, we have been covering locomotor skills such as running, galloping, skipping and hopping, as well as object manipulation skills such as throwing, catching, underhand rolling, punting and kicking. In grades 4-6 we have done units in Soccer, Disc Golf and Rollerblading as well as many other fun activities. Ask your child what their favorite activity is so far. Ask them to teach you how to play it. Playing games as a whole family will help to promote healthy living.

I also want to remind your child to bring their tennis shoes to class so they can fully participate in class. Also, if your child has any health concerns that may restrict their ability to participate in Physical Education, please send a note expressing the severity and any restrictions.

I have thoroughly enjoyed having your students in class. Physical activity is important in everyday life so encourage your child to be physically active.

ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE EASY AND CONVIENENT

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.**"

Food Service News

FREE OR 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.

SALAD BAR

We will again be experimenting with new types of salads on the salad bar. Lettuce and all the vegetable fixin's will still be offered, but we plan to feature a new type of salad once in a while to shake things up. Seeds & Greens, Oriental salad, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, and Caesar Salad, are just a few examples.

"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.

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



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.

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.

2018-2019 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
After School Snack	\$.50

After School Snack for Free/Reduced Students is FREE.

MEET THE NEW STAFF



Hello, I'm Tabitha Becker, the new Child Care Center Director. I'm a PHS graduate with a Bachelor's Degree from UW-Stevens Point and currently working towards my Early Childhood Education Leadership Degree with Rasmussen College. I've previously worked as a preschool teacher at a local day care and owned and operated a family child care center. My husband Joey and I have four children – Keigen 10, Everleigh 7, Titus 5, and Jagger 2. I enjoy playing volleyball and softball, running and spending time with my family.

Hi my names is **Mrs. Nicole Gressett**. I graduated from PHS in 1997. It's been a pretty exciting year for me. I recently got married and after having my own home daycare for 8 years, decided it was time to work outside of the home. I am a Before and After Childcare Teacher and a Paraprofessional Aide here at PES. I have two children – Brianna age 11 and MaKayla age 8, both attend Pittsville Elementary. I love spending time with my family and friends camping, hanging out at the beach, doing crafts, and spending time with my fur babies.



Hello my name is **Mr. Eric Hahn**. I am the 3rd Grade Teacher here at Pittsville Elementary. I was born and raised in Pittsville and later attended UW-Eau Claire. I have worked as a Math Interventionist Substitute at the Elementary School and also drive bus for my father Dan Hahn. This is my first year being a full-time teacher here. I enjoy staying active in my spare including coaching varsity sports. It's great to be back in Pittsville. The community is always very welcoming!

My name is **Ms. Chauncey Jones** and I am the 8th-12th Grade English Teacher here at Pittsville High School. I grew up in Vermont reading and being outdoors! I graduated in 2014 from Ithaca College in New York with a Master's in English Education. After graduation, I immediately received a job offer in Arizona and taught there for 3 years! In my spare time, I like reading, cooking, and riding my motorcycle. I really enjoy the small family friendly community that Pittsville has to offer and I'm so glad to be here.



My name is **Dr. Cynthia Porter** and I am the new PHS Principal. After spending 28 years serving in the Air Force and National Guard and teaching in Alaska and Wyoming, I am excited to return closer to home. I am a graduate of Nekoosa High School, received my Bachelors in Mathematics from Michigan Technology University, and my Masters in Secondary Education and Ed. D. in Educational Leadership from University of Phoenix. I have two daughters attending Pittsville – Jayden a sophomore, and Jaci is in eighth grade. I'm excited to be a part of this talented staff who fill the building each school year to ensure students successfully transition through the last years of school and into the adult world.

Hello my name is **Ms. Megan Schirger**! I am the 4K, 3rd, and 4th Grade General Music Teacher, and I also teach 5th-12th grade music here at Pittsville. I was born in Denver, Colorado but grew up in Grafton. I have 4 younger siblings and was homeschooled 3rd-12th grade. This is currently my first teaching job! I recently graduated from St. Norbert College in May. Usually in my spare time, I enjoy crafting, cross-stitching, and baking! Outside of school, I really like to get involved in church choirs.



My name is **Mr. Matt Sherwood**. I am currently the Director of Special Education and Pupil Services. I grew up here in Pittsville and graduated from Pittsville High School in 2002. I then attended UWSP and graduated with my undergrad degree in 2007. I received got my Masters from Arizona State University and my Director of Special Education from Eau Claire. After graduating, I worked in Adams-Friendship and substitute taught in Pittsville. In my spare time, I like to golf and spend time with my family. I am very excited to be here and hope to provide extra leadership to make our school that much stronger!

Hi...my name is **Ms. Azizah Tester** and I am the new Food Service Assistant Cook. I'm a single mom to a second grader. I love hanging out with my sister and going for bike rides. As an outsider who moved here three years ago, I have really come to appreciate and enjoy the small community of Pittsville.



My name is **Mr. Brenton Vruwink**. I am the new Mid-Day Custodian. I graduated from Port Edwards High School and have a degree in Resource Management and Wildlife from UW-Steven Point. I enjoy hunting and fishing and have a dog named Cooper.

Hello my name is **Ms. Tasha Vogel**. I am one of the Before and After School Program Instructors. I grew up here in Pittsville and after I graduated high school I attended UW Oshkosh for early childhood development education then transferred to UWSP. Once I finished college, I worked at a daycare in Stevens Point for 4 years mostly with school aged children. In my spare time I enjoy watching my favorite shows on Netflix and spending a lot of time with my family.



PES Presents:

The Knights of the Rad Table

by Pat Lydersen

Thursday, December 6 at 1:00 pm

Friday, December 7 at 7:00 pm

Pittsville Auditorium



Gwen and Artie, two friends, are surprised when the wizard Merlin wakes up from a 400 year nap and transports them back to the land of Kamalot, with a K. When Artie is mistaken for the great King Arthur, he is kidnapped by the evil witch Morgan Le Fey. Gwen must join the Knights of the Rad Table on their quest to battle dragons, defeat the black knight, and rescue their king.

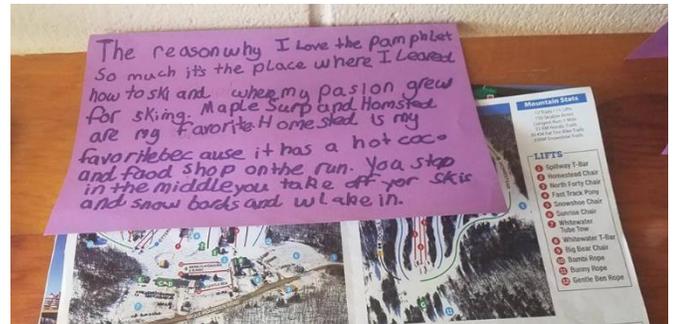
8th Graders: Heavy Metal Tour

The 8th grade class had the opportunity to visit two manufacturing businesses and Mid-State Technical College during the Heavy Metal Tour on October 3, 2018. This event is sponsored by the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the businesses. Area schools, along with Pittsville, are invited to visit and learn about a variety of career opportunities in manufacturing during their visit. Mrs. Kumm and Mrs. Krystowiak accompanied the students on this trip.



4th Graders Think Like Historians

In order to start learning about Wisconsin history, students in Ms. Molitor's and Ms. Van Haren's 4th grade classes are learning what it means to think like historians! Especially when dealing with the ancient past, historians don't have written records or documents telling them what ordinary people did in the past. Historians often have to rely on artifacts or objects they find to learn more about cultures and groups of people. Students enjoyed learning a little bit more about each other and telling stories through personal artifacts that were brought from home. Students even tried to guess whose artifacts belonged to who! Finally, students created a class museum of our most special and important artifacts. They even documented their artifacts just like museum curators! In the future, we will be using other types of primary sources like letters, pictures, and journals to learn even more about Wisconsin history.



Second Grade to the School Forest

The second graders in Ms. Sischo and Mr. Klein's classes spent the afternoon at the School Forest in early October. While there, they explored nature to learn about living and nonliving things, found nouns and verbs in nature, learned about the changing of the leaves, made leaf rubs, and learned about predators and prey. They played a fun game of Predator and Prey Tag. It was a great afternoon and we are excited for another trip to the forest.



3rd Grade News

Using Project-Based Learning, our 3rd Graders have been learning about habitats in our Science Unit. Each group of students chose an animal to research and presented the information to the class. Following that unit, we took a trip to the School Forest. While we were there, we discussed the forest habitat by taking a hike and looking for animals and their homes. Also, the students looked for leaves, sticks, pine cones, acorns, etc. to design a forest animal. The animals that were created were a butterfly, fox, owl, turtle, and rabbits. It was a fun experience for the students to collaborate and integrate into our Science studies!





Kindergarten Connection

The Kindergarten children have been busy adjusting to attending school every day. They are learning all about being Respectful, Responsible, Honorable, and Engaged! We learned about The Panther Way in all areas of our school. We would like to thank Dan Hahn for bringing a school bus to school and practicing safety procedures with the students. Students have had the chance to visit the computer lab, learn how to login, and they have used the Starfall and IXL websites at school. Families will have access to use both IXL and RazKids programs at home this school year. These are programs that focus on Math and Reading.

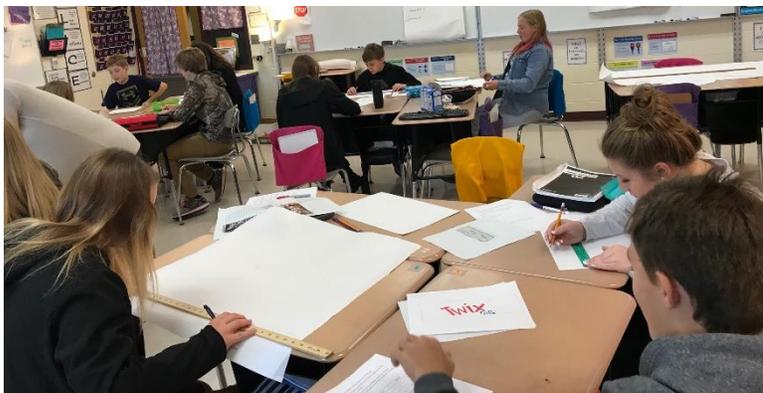
The Kindergarten classes are learning all about the season of fall! The children have identified different signs of fall and discussed the weather changes that occur during the season of fall. We completed Kinder Literacy units on the themes of Sharing, Apples, and Bats.

Students were recently screened using the statewide PALS Kindergarten assessment. This screening includes alphabet recognition, rhyming words, beginning sounds, phonetic spelling, and concept of word. Results of this screening were shared with parents during Fall parent/teacher conferences, as well as to help drive instructional decisions to meet individual learning needs.

We look forward to visiting the Fire Station and learning about Fire Prevention. The children will be able to see the equipment that firefighters use to help others. We would like to thank the Pittsville Fire Department for taking the time to have us visit the station and learn about their job. The Kindergarten students have also been taking turns with wearing turn-out gear so they know what the real firemen wear! The kids are loving being firefighters!

Happy Fall!

Mrs. Heinzen and Mrs. Petersen, Pittsville Kindergarten Teachers



8th Grade Math – Scale and Factor Project

Mrs. Knuston's 8th grade math class has been working hard on a scale and factor project! They have been given the opportunity to choose a candy bar or they were provided a comic and were asked to make a factor scale of the candy bar they chose to work with. Once they have finished the scale factor grid, they needed to figure out the nutrition facts of their candy bars! This project is a fun way to show the students how to calculate scale and research more about the nutrition facts!

Music Department News.....

Many students in the music department will be performing for the Veteran's Day assemblies on Friday, November 9, including the HS Band, HS Choir, 8th Grade Band, and the 5th/6th Grade Choir. Since Veterans Day celebrates and honors the service of all U.S. military veterans, we are asking all performers to dress nicely for the day, i.e. dress pants, khakis, long skirts, longer dresses, button down shirts, etc. We look forward to showing our appreciation through music.

Believe it or not, our elementary music classes have begun preparing music for the Elementary Winter Program. This year, our K-4 program will be held on Monday, December 17 at 6:30 pm in the varsity gym. There will also be a "dress rehearsal" for the student body at 1:00pm. We would advise all parents to attend only the 6:30 pm performance. If parents are unable to make the 6:30 performance, they are welcome to attend the student assembly concert, of course.

Our elementary grades have been busy learning new songs and new concepts. Fourth graders have just started using their new recorders. Please remember to tell them when practicing to use only a small amount of air while saying "doo" or "too". Also remind them that using too much air and not completely covering up the holes are what cause squeaks to come from the recorder.

Most of the 5th grade band students will be coming home with their instruments soon. First students will be practicing on their mouthpiece alone, and slowly we will be adding more and more of the instrument. Videos and other resources are available on my website under the 5th grade tab, and those same resources will soon be available on your student's Google Classroom.

Ms. Batterman's Website: <https://sites.google.com/pittsville.k12.wi.us/music-batterman/5th-grade-band?authuser=0>

There is learning an instrument and practicing that instrument, not just during band class, but at home, practicing on a daily basis. Playing an instrument well is like anything else; it needs practice to make perfect, and practice takes time. So if you are the parent of a 6th, 7th, 8th, or high school band member, please keep an eye out and ask your student when are they practicing? When are they bringing their instrument home to practice? It really does take a village to raise a child, and it takes a lot of help to keep a band going. Ms. Batterman appreciates all you do to help your child(ren) succeed in band.



Through the Decades at PHS: Fall Edition

From the pages of *Ho-Ang-Ho*. Contributors: Jaylynn Merritt, Katherine Carter, Emma Mc Laughlin, Jared Peters Bekah Downs, Emily Carlson, Hannah Hensel, Alexis Redmond, Dylan Kumm, Heidi Kundering, and Messers Downs and Piotrowski for *The History Club*

1978-79: Football: Head Coach Chuck Soper led the Pittsville Football team to a 7-1 record and their first ever Conference Championship (shared). Seniors on the team included: Chris Anderson, Craig Dickson, Dave Elwood, Mike Fuller, Glenn Heuer, Ken Lee, Mark O'Keefe, Pat Quinlan, Mike Tomsyck, Jim Wilke, Dave Wood. Fuller, O'Keefe, Chris Solatycki, Joe Buelt were selected 1st team All Marawood Conference. Quinlan, Heuer, and Wood were named honorable mention all conference. Junior Chris Solatycki had a banner year for the football team garnering many postseason honors. In addition to first team All-Conference, Chris won the conference rushing title, WFHR All Area team, Channel 7 All-Area Honorable Mention and was Pittsville's team MVP! **Volleyball:** The varsity volleyball team was coached by Karen Iwanski and Lois Lang. Senior team members included Lori Schultz, Deb Tyler, Lori Lambert, Cheri Hiles, Teri Bryant, Barb Schiller, Janet Brody, Cheryl Armes and Kathy Woiak. **Homecoming:** Homecoming featured a parade on October 12, 1978, featuring the school band and color guard, floats, and the Homecoming court which included Lorie Ortner escorted by Glenn Heuer, Cheri Hiles escorted by Dave Elwood, Kay Gachnang escorted by Ken Lee, Terri Wood escorted by Dave Wood and Queen Vicki Palmer escorted by King Mark O'Keefe. A bonfire, powder puff football, a solid thrashing of Rib Lake and of course the dance rounded out the festivities

1988-89: Football: Head coach Bob Wolff led his team to a 4-4 record. The seniors included Joe Bosh, John Drechsler, Mike Eichsteadt, Rod Heck, Dale Kuhlka, Steve Smith, Shannon Luther, Brian Rucker, Charles Smith, Todd Wolff. Earning All-Conference was RB Randy Neve. Special mention to Todd Wolff (E) and Charles Smith (G). Honorable Mention went to Mark Denniston (QB) and Mike Eichsteadt (G). **Volleyball:** The varsity volleyball team was coached by Karen Iwanski. Captains this year were Tracey Grubofski and Amy Van Wyhe, seniors included Tracy Grubofski, Nancy Rasmussen, and Amy Van Wyhe. Earning 2nd team all-Conference was Nikki Sojka. The record for varsity volleyball was 4 - 6. **Homecoming:** Court: Todd Wolff and Nancy Rasmussen, John Drechsler and Wendy Fox, Mike Eichsteadt and Tracy Grubofski, Steve Smith and Raynee Knutson, Rod Heck and Shelly Huff, Dale Kuhlka and Cindy Dye.

1998-99: Football: The varsity football team was coached by Rick Marten. Seniors of '98 included Mark Jankowski, Ryan Decaluwe, Aaron Hackett, Kyle Garvin, Travis Kuhlka, Brandon Dammann and Eric Scheunemann, Tim Wilhelm, and Jeremy Klevene. The football team finished off the year with a conference record of 4-3 and qualified for the Division 5 playoffs. Scheuneman and DeCaluwe served as team captains. **Volleyball:** The varsity volleyball team was coached by Karen Brownell. The captains were Cindy Sanders, Sarah Pulvermacher, and Summer Schwanebeck. The seniors included Summer Schwanebeck, Jaclyn Weinfurter, Jennifer Claeys, Sarah Pulvermacher, Rachel Moore, Cindy Sanders, and Carey Haralson. Varsity finished with a 7-5 record. **Cross Country:** The varsity girls cross country team included Lisa Blanchard, Amy Greene, Jessi Fochs, Katrina Wolf, Tonia Nordman and Laura Solverud. The boys included Troy Kroening and Jesse Frost. The cross country team was coached by Robert Piotrowski. The girls varsity team placed in some meets and there were not enough boys to receive team points. **Homecoming:** Homecoming of 1998's court included Eric Scheunemann, Robert Schooley, Jeremy Klevene, Ryan DeCaluwe, Brandon Dammann, Mark Jankowski, Aaron Hackett, Summer Schwanebeck, Rachel Moore, Jaclyn Weinfurter, Kristy Hiles, Carey Haralson, Jennifer Claeys, Sarah Pulvermacher. Homecoming King and Queen were Ryan DeCaluwe, and Jenny Claeys.

2008-09: Football: The Panther FB team had a very young team this season as there were only five seniors plus a sophomore starting quarterback. The Panther were unable to win a game for Coach Dan Hahn, but many gained critical experience that would pay off in later years. Seniors on the squad were Levi Simonds, Devree Vogel, Lucas Simonds, Cody Elwood, and Patrick Minor. **Volleyball:** The varsity Volleyball team was coached by Shane Lilly. Seniors included Elena Bruni, Victoria Gauger, Stephanie Zdun, Taylor Wilke, Angela Tritz, Alex Mallory, Caroline Lippert, and April Tritz. The record for varsity volleyball was 3 - 5. **Cross Country:** The varsity cross country team members included Neil Beckmen, Lucas Delaney, David Collins, Jennifer Quinell, Oliva Wesely, Caroline Lippert, Heather Adrian, Seth Smazal, Dallas Oates, Carli Kronstedt, Tory Palmer, Tyler Beckman, and Albert Virsnieks. They were coached by Casey and Renea John and assisted by Eric Winter. The gals team finished first in 7 out of 9 races and earned 5th place as a team at the State Meet held in Wisconsin Rapids. **Homecoming:** Homecoming Court consisted of Deveree Vogel escorted Taylor Wilke, Seth Smazal escorted Jordan Huber, Cody Elwood escorted Amanda Casperson, Lucas Simonds escorted Mackenzie Hahn, Patrick Minor escorted April Tritz, Dillon Lilly escorted Steph Zdun, Lucas Delaney escorted Angie Tritz. At the coronation, Dillion Lilley and Angie Tritz were crowned King and Queen.



Mindfulness with Ms. Raygo

This year in 4K-6 guidance classes and 7th-grade careers class we have been implementing mindfulness at the beginning of our class. Mindfulness is focusing awareness on the present moment and can be achieved through breathing exercises and stretching. Some of the benefits of mindfulness are:

- Improved attention and focus
- Reduced stress
- Increased ability to regulate emotions and feel compassion and empathy

Here are a few apps that you can download if you would like to try mindfulness at home:

- mindful-app
- Smilingmind
- Breathe2Relax
- Mindful Powers
- Breathe, Think, Do With Sesame
- Stop, Breathe & Think

Inspire Central Wisconsin

Let's go back to your junior high and high school days. Was your career path set out for you, were you clueless as to where you'd start reporting regularly after, or perhaps you planned to join up with you parents or family members in their line of work? There may have been some thought to career choices, but chances are there were less options out there for careers than there are now.

It's time to face the music, there are more careers now than ever before and on top of that there are careers needing to be filled that don't even have names yet let alone where to receive an education. Our workforce demands are changing and we must be ready. One way the state of Wisconsin has taken steps to help prepare our youth for future careers is through a platform called INSPIRE. This program can be accessed through your 6-12 students Xello (formerly Career Cruising) account at school.

The INSPIRE program pulls its resources right from the borders of our state. From the tip of the UP to the IL border, students can look at careers, companies, and opportunities available to them either while still in secondary school or for post-secondary plans. Through this platform, they can see career discussion boards, contact companies, and participate in activities that replicate the real world of work. This tool can and will change how our future graduates will make those very same decisions that we once did about the world of work.

Not only can INSPIRE serve our students, but it can serve our organizations and business' as well. If this opportunity turns the light bulb on for a local company that is in need of new hires or is working to plan for the future, look no further than [signing up](#) under join now. Businesses and employees can become career coaches as well as listing businesses for future apprenticeships, speaking engagements such as career panels, and job shadows. This is a phenomenal way to get students today into the doors of jobs tomorrow. Please consider using INSPIRE with your PSD student as well as talking with current employers about this opportunity for them!

More information on INSPIRE can be found [here](#).

“Counselor’s Corner: 1st Quarter” ~ Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

Pittsville Juniors Attend Wisconsin Education Fair at MSTC & Tour UWSP: Pittsville juniors had the opportunity to visit with college reps from over 90 different colleges and universities across the Mid-West region at the annual Wisconsin Education Fair held at MSTC on October 1st. Juniors were able to obtain information for schools they may be interested in attending. From there, they traveled to UWSP and received a campus tour. This gave them first-hand experience of what a four year college campus is like. Students will be discussing their experience during their Junior Conference which will be held in November or December.

Teen Leadership Council Transitions to Young Adult Mentors. The 18-19 school year has brought change into the high school/junior high mentoring program. The focus this year has shifted from small group meetings to one on one mentoring meetings. Junior high students in grades 6-8 can sign up with Mrs. Friday or Mrs. Krystowiak to participate in this program. Students will be placed with a high school mentor in grades 10-12. The meetings are taking place from 11:40 to 12:00 two times a month during the first and third weeks. The goal of the program is for students in grades 6-8 to have a ‘go to’ relationship with an older teen to help with their current life, either academically or socially. In addition to this, knowing a student in the high school setting is a benefit when transitioning in a few short years. We are looking forward to seeing the relationships that will be made as a result of this program!

Time of Transition: Fall is a time of transition. As we look around, we can see it in nature and perhaps our own lives. We can see the colors changing on the leaves and in the necessary events in our homes, winterizing the lawn mower, harvesting the garden, and beginning to think about the holidays. Your student is also transitioning back into school. With almost the first quarter complete, students are transitioning back into new teachers, expectations, friendships, and life outside of school plans. During this time, be there for them to get back on track and into a good routine. Just as we adults make yearly preparations for our own lives, we too can help our teens get there too. When routines are in place, it helps students focus and feel more accomplished, just like when something gets crossed off the ‘to do’ list in our own lives. As the second quarter is beginning, help them pick up the pieces from quarter one and talk with them about how to make quarter two better. Perhaps that may be, making their own to do list, exploring options, meeting with teachers, or taking time to invest in new friendships. Patience can wear thin for students and parents as this happens. When ‘new’ comes into our lives, it takes time to adjust and re-focus. As always, if this is something that students or parents need to discuss, please contact the counseling office at 715-884-5223.

Important Reminders for Upper Classmen

Seniors:

- *Applications to Colleges and Tech Schools should be completed soon; Halloween = Ahead of the Game, Thanksgiving = On Time, and Christmas = Slightly Behind.* Remember, the earlier you are accepted, the sooner you can apply for scholarships as well as indicate housing requests from your university/college.
- Please remember to inform Mrs. Krystowiak after you have applied & been accepted to any college or university.
- Please remember to continually check the scholarship webpage for updated scholarships; HS Home Page, School Counseling Tab, Scholarship Tab, 2018-2019 Scholarships and Contests Tab.
- Transcripts can be requested via the HS Home Page, Transcripts-How to obtain. Parchment is our new provider for online transcripts. There is a \$5 fee for official transcripts. Students can request one unofficial transcript for free, but then will be charged for them afterward. Please allow at least one full day for processing.
- Cap & Gown information will be handed out to the senior class in January.
- Senior Conferences should be completed by now. If you have questions about your students’ conference, feel free to call Mrs. Krystowiak or check in with them!

Juniors:

- **Junior Conferences** are scheduled for November/December; please make sure to schedule an appointment with your junior student and yourself. A 45 to 60 minute block between the hours of 7:15 am and 2:45 pm are needed.
- **ACT Preparation:** It is not too early to start practicing for the ACT. Online preparation is available through students Xello Account (Formerly Career Cruising. Please contact the counseling office with login questions.
- **ACT DATES:** Register ONLINE at www.actstudent.org
 - December 8th, 2018; Register by November 2nd, 2018
 - February 9th, 2019; Register by January 11th, 2019
 - April 13th, 2019; Register by March 8th, 2019
 - June 8th, 2019; Register by May 3rd, 2019

All juniors are **required** to take the state offered ACT on February 20th and the ACT Work Keys on February 21st.

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

Fifth Grade Travel to the Highground

On Thursday, October 11, 2018 the Pittsville 5th graders took a field trip to the Highground in Neillsville. It was a chilly morning with snowflakes in the air, but the children were treated to a great tour by their guide Skip. Skip is a Vietnam vet and Purple Heart recipient as a Marine. His stories were awesome and it helped bring the memorials to life for the students. While the students were at the Highground they also took part in The Great Apple Crunch at 10:00 a.m. What a great day for these students and their teachers.



Greetings from Pittsville PTO!

Thank you to all of the students, staff, parents, and community members that supported our fundraisers! We were able to raise \$7,800 with our Pasta Fun, Little Caesars, and No Pizza Sale Fundraisers. Congratulations to everyone that participated in making this such a successful kickoff to our year! Every student that participated in the fundraiser/no pizza sale will be getting a coupon for an ice cream treat during lunch. The PTO will also be hosting the Pie in the Face Assembly on November 1st, at 2:00 p.m. If any community members are interested in getting a pie in the face, please send an email to the PTO (pto@pittsville.k12.wi.us). The more volunteers we have for getting a pie in the face, the more students get to participate!

Exciting news this year, the PTO is sponsoring three plays for the students to watch in our auditorium.... *A Dickens Tale* on December 13th, *Dragons Love Tacos & Other Stories* on April 2nd, and *My Heart in a Suitcase* on April 12th. The plays will be put on by three different traveling children's theater. Great opportunities for children to attend the theater for a very low cost, right at our school!

New York City Trip 2019

This year's New York City trip will be a fun and educational way to see the city and its historical stops. Students in grades 6th through 12th will have the opportunity to see many different sites and museums throughout the trip such as the Empire State Building, 9/11 Memorial and Museum, a Broadway show, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art (students get to see the famous painting, *The Starry Night*, by Vincent van Gogh) and so much more! This trip is considered a summer school course because students spend 3 days prior to the trip learning about the different places they will see. The trip will be estimated to leave from Madison on June 9th and go until June 13th, 2019. The cost to attend includes airfare, coach bus, hotel accommodations, two meals a day, admissions into the museums and a Broadway show. For more information please contact Mrs. Doering or visit efexploreamerica.com/2151280CV



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CHRISTMAS SHOP IS COMING SOON

The Christmas Shop will be open the week of December 10-13. The Christmas Shop is a chance for the students to do their shopping right here at school without the prying eyes of parents and siblings. Students can bring small amounts of money and a list of who they are shopping for to school. They are able to choose items to purchase that range in price from \$.25 to \$2.00. Items are all donated! After children purchase the items, volunteers will wrap, tag, and deliver them to the classroom for your child to take home. Money raised is donated locally to PANS.

How can you help? Below are ways that you can help to make this a huge success.

- Donate items for our sale. We will be in need of things to sell to the students. These items do not need to be new, gently used is okay. We accept the following: board games, decks of cards, stuffed animals, toys, pictures, picture frames, candles, lotion, books, knick knacks, dishes, tools (not sharp). We DO NOT accept movies, video games, clothing, or sharp or dangerous items. Bring items to the office. If you have a question, contact Mr. Klein.
- Donate paper bags, gift bags, tags, tape. We can always use these items.
- Set up. We will be setting up the shop the first few days of December. This will be taking place during the school day. If you like to price and organize tables for a sale, this may be for you. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE TO VOLUNTEER.
- Sales and Wrapping. This is where we always need the most help. We need adults to help students go through the shopping process, collect money, and wrap gifts when time allows. This happens during the school day during the week of December 10-13. Seeing the little ones shop is a great way to get you in the Christmas Spirit. ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE TO VOLUNTEER.

If you have interest in helping us or have questions, please contact Mr. Klein at (715)884-2517 or kleinron@pittsville.k12.wi.us.