



PITTSVILLE

School District Newsletter

Third Quarter, 2018-2019

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From the Desk of Superintendent Figueroa

The seemingly endless winter will soon be in the history books and I can say without hesitation, it will not be missed. Often overlooked because it always seems to be done well is the work our maintenance team does to make our walkways and parking lots safe. To say this winter has been a challenge is an understatement. Our team takes pride in the buildings they maintain and it shows. We are grateful for your patience and understanding.



Strategic Planning: The Board of Education heard from three different construction management firms at the March regular meeting presenting their qualifications addressing our Career and Technical Education facility's needs. After the construction management firms completed their presentations, the Board selected two of the firms to return in April to present a more specific detail about how they would address our CTE educational needs.

The Empty Bowls fundraiser continues to be a great community event with proceeds benefiting our local community. If you haven't had the chance to see the commons area and halls around the varsity gym, please make plans to stop in. Our student art work is on display and is excellent. The Elementary Learning Fair, held in the varsity gym, was well attended and educational. It is amazing to see so many students interact with adults and share some of the personal knowledge they are experiencing. The student presentations included topics on electricity, history, general science, chemistry, biology, blood typing, equestrian, dinosaur, programing (with 3D printer created machinery to execute the program), rebuilt dirt bike, athletic skill development, etc.

We just completed our winter sport seasons and are into spring training. As the weather improves, please consider coming to support our student athletes and enjoy a track meet or attending a softball or baseball game. Our athletes and coaches work hard to represent their best to our communities and the extracurricular activities are an important extension of our learning environment. On top of that...it's entertaining for fans.

The time we have with our children goes by so quickly. In reflection, there always seems to be things we should have said or done with our kids. Our kids are really amazing. The good news is, we do have time to start right now.

Our best for their best!

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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

(SECTION 120.06 (8)(c), WIS. STATS.)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Pittsville that on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 an election of School Board Members will be held.

Candidates for the School Board is as follows:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

Jane M. Wesely

Robert A. Wolff

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 11th day of March, 2019.

Jane Wesely, School District Clerk

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.

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| WOSQ | 92.3 FM | WAOW | TV-9 |
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| WGLX | 103.3 FM | | |

2019-2020 Open Enrollment

Wisconsin's inter-district pupil school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend a school district other than the one in which they live. The open enrollment application period for the 2019-2020 school year is from February 4 to April 30, 2019. The application period closes at 4:00 pm on April 30, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply online at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

PITTSVILLE CHILD CARE NEWS

Day Time Child Care Coming Soon!

Pittsville Child Care Center open enrollment starts April 1st for ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. Spots will be filled based on the return of completed enrollment forms and paid registration fee. Space is limited! Visit <https://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us/cc/> or contact Tabitha Becker at (715)884-5240 for more information on enrolling.

Kajeet Wifi Hotspots on Buses

In addition to the Kajeet SmartSpot program the district has also purchased five [Kajeet Smartbus Wi-Fi hotspots](#) that have been installed on some Hahn Transportation school buses. Like the Kajeet SmartSpots, these devices use cellular phone networks to establish an Internet connection, allowing students to connect their Chromebooks wirelessly, on any of the busses so equipped, to do school work on school trips or on some of the longer bus routes to and from school.

Pittsville Child Care Center

PEEK-A-BOO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 | 4-6 PM

PITTSVILLE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

Help grant the Little Panthers wishes!

Preview the new child care center vision and bring in any unwrapped donated item found on the baby registry lists created at Target, Walmart and Shopko. Complimentary treats available.



PITTSVILLE
Child Care Center

Join us in creating a warm, welcoming and inspiring space for our Little Panthers to play, learn and grow.

Kajeet Wifi Smartspots for Checkout

The Pittsville School District is offering a limited number of free wireless hotspot devices called [Kajeet SmartSpots](#) to students who have limited or no Internet access at home. This program enables students to take home a device that will provide wireless Wi-Fi Internet service—absolutely free...so they can connect their school Chromebook to the Internet. The device relies on cell phone reception from any of the major US cell phone companies, but the user does not need to have a cell phone or subscribe to cell phone service. The Kajeet will automatically connect to the cell service, provided there is strong enough cell phone coverage in the area. Both the device and monthly service fees are fully paid by the district.

The program is intended to help Pittsville students' access online resources at home for school work or school research purposes. Use by anyone other than students or for non-school purposes is prohibited. Each device has daily and monthly limits on how much data is available, so access should not be wasted on unnecessary or non-school purposes. Streaming of music or video is not allowed. To ensure peace of mind these devices use internet content filtering and are scheduled so that they cannot be used between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. The borrowing limit is one device per household, but these devices can be signed out repeatedly throughout the year. Students can check the devices out for the weekend or each night. Kajeet devices must be returned to the library they were checked out from, fully charged, powered off, and on time. Before students can check out a Kajeet the parent or guardian must sign a Kajeet Permission Form and return it to school. Kajeets can be checked out from either of the school district's libraries in the high school or elementary school.

“Counselor’s Corner: 3rd Quarter”

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 at 715-884-5223 or krystemi@pittsville.k12.wi.us! ~Mrs. Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

SENIORS:

Upcoming Important Dates

Awards Night: Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.

Graduation: Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 AM PHS Gymnasium (*Senior Breakfast will be held prior at 8:30 AM in the cafeteria; all seniors must report to the LMC by 9:00 AM*)

Paying for School: Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships! As most of you know, most local scholarships are due Friday, April 5th. For more information, check out the Scholarship Tab (specifically 2018-2019 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 2016 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 13th, 2019—Registration Deadline: March 8th, 2019
- b. Test Date: June 8th, 2019—Registration Deadline: May 3rd, 2019
- c. Test Date: July 13th, 2019—Registration Deadline: June 14th, 2019

Apply Early: Students who plan to attend *Mid State Technical College* after graduating can apply as early as second 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 and 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 1st to learn information about their programs that are offered. This was 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 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 will be hosted at Spencer Middle School by MACCI on Tuesday, March 19th. 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.

PTO Checking In...

Greetings Everyone! Just a quick PTO Check-In! We are very excited to share that we have two plays coming to school in the next month. Parents are more than welcome to come join their children in this fun experience! Check your Skylert for more information!

Our annual Box Tops, Milk Moola, and Coke Points collection was a HUGE success! We do not have official numbers yet to present, but there was well over 1,000 items brought in!

Our spring Scholastic Book Fair will be here soon! This is our annual BOGO sale on all items! Students will have a chance to visit during school hours on Thursday, March 21, and Monday, March 25. The book fair will also be open on the night of March 25 during the Elementary School Portfolio Night!

We only have one or two meetings left this year! This means you are running out of time to join us this school year to share your thoughts, ideas, opinions, and questions! Please consider coming to the meetings in order to learn what is going around in the school! We are always looking for willing volunteers and ideas to get people excited!



PHS News

On February 20, the Juniors took the state mandated ACT. There was 100% attendance from the Juniors for both the Wednesday ACT, and the Thursday ACT *WorkKeys* exam. THANK YOU families for ensuring your student got to school on that snowy day! THANK YOU PHS Staff for cooking a delicious breakfast for the Juniors. THANK YOU school district Food Services for catering lunch. A huge THANK YOU to Crossroad Church and Pastor Bratlie and his staff for being the exam hosting site.

Looking forward, the 9th and 10th grades will take the ACT *ASPIRE* exams the week of April 29th - May 3. One test per day will be administered to ensure we do not having testing fatigue. Please make sure your students make it to school each day that week.

PHS will recognize and celebrate EARTH DAY on April 18th. The National Honor Society will organize a day of volunteering around our community. If you are an organization in need of some volunteers that day, please contact Mr. Todd Steward at PHS.

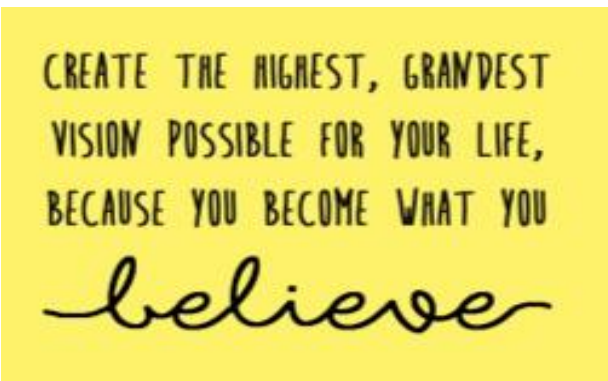
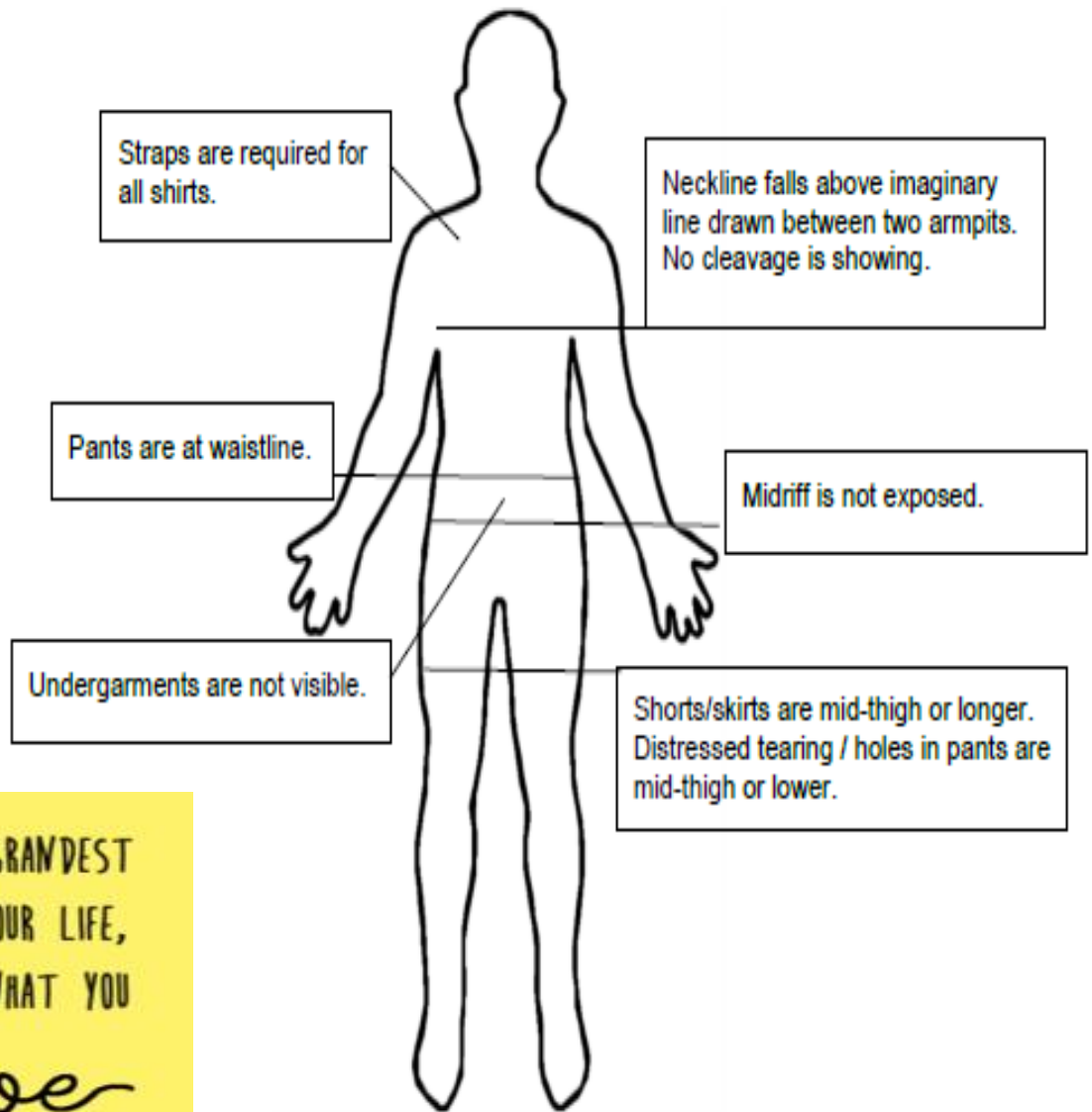
For students who know in advance they will have a school absence - please be sure to go to the district website and fill out a *PRE ARRANGED ABSENCE* form. Your parent/ guardian email and phone number is required for this form to ensure the absence is approved by a parent.

Prom is happening at PHS on Saturday, April 13. If you are planning on bringing a guest to the dance, you must fill out the *DANCE GUEST REQUEST* form online. It is required that you have the parent/guardian information, the school your guest is from, as well as a phone number and email of the principal. All guest requests will be reviewed and the reference from the student's principal is required.

Cell phones are an inevitable part of our lives. Please take time to talk about appropriate cell phone use with your student(s). Cell phones should stay in backpacks or out of sight during class time, and be silenced. Remind your student(s) that if their phone is out during class, the teacher will request to take the phone. The phone may go to the office for the remainder of the day.

Warmer weather is coming! Please review the revised School Board approved dress code for PHS! This graphic should help clarify the dress code expectations.

Dr. Cynthia Porter
High School Principal



Foundations of Early Childhood Course at PHS

The RealCare Baby and Empathy Belly simulations are coming to an end in the Foundations for Early Childhood course. As a hands-on teaching aid, the simulations can be used not only to educate, but also to help reduce the rate of teenage pregnancy. Students discover for themselves the many inconveniences or negative consequences that a pregnancy would impose on their life-style.



PES News

Happy Spring to you all!

I am certain after this harsh, cold winter we are all looking forward to warmer weather and being able to get outdoors!

The elementary school staff and students had a great time celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and reading! Read Across America Week (February 25th - March 1st) always welcomes an opportunity to have fun while fostering the love of reading and learning. This year, many teachers integrated Dr. Seuss books (and other books) into their daily reading and writing activities. As a school, we celebrated the week by dressing up and participating in trivia questions each day. To help encourage staff to join in the dress up fun, they won prizes if they dressed up and their name was drawn. On March 1st our annual visitor, the Cat in the Hat, came to school to greet students in the morning and he delivered a special treat to all the students in the cafeteria during lunch time. This year's treat was cupcakes in honor of *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* by Dr. Seuss. During Junior High lunch, Thing 1 and Thing 2 were running away from the cat! The junior high students had a great time cheering the "things" on so they wouldn't be caught by the cat. We brought closure to our celebration of reading by hosting Reading Rocks Night. A committee of teachers organizes this night filled with reading sessions that include parents, community members, and staff reading stories to the children, activities to win prizes, and it ends with a special treat in the cafeteria. This year, all the students received a special button and bookmark from the Cat in the Hat! All students had the opportunity to take free books home too! I would like to say **THANK YOU** to all the community members and staff who read to the children that night.



Every spring brings testing at the elementary school. It's time to start thinking about the Forward Exam. Our testing window this year is from March 26th - April 17th. Students in Grades 3-8 will participate in this state-wide test. All students in Grades 3-8 participate in the math and ELA sessions. Grades 4 and 8 also participate in the social studies and science sessions. Schedules will be sent home as grade levels so families are aware when the students are testing. All the testing is done in the morning and limited to two sessions per day to avoid test fatigue. Please help communicate the importance of your child doing his/her best.

Important Spring Dates for the Elementary School:

Thursday, March 14th at 5:30 p.m. - OPTIONAL 8th grade parent meeting in the ES Library to start planning the 8th Grade Promotion and Dance

Friday, March 22nd - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday, April 2nd - PTO Play, *Dragons Love Tacos & Other Stories*

Monday, April 8th - 9:00 a.m. Ned's Kindness Adventure

Friday, April 12th - PTO Play, *A Heart in My Suitcase*

Friday, April 19th to Tuesday, April 23rd - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Friday, May 3rd - 4K OPEN HOUSE 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Friday, May 10th - Fun Run

Thursday, May 23rd - 6:00 p.m., 8th Grade Promotion with a dance to follow from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Let the spring weather and sports begin!

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

4K Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

To register your child for four-year-old kindergarten (he/she must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2019), please go to the website: www.pittsville.k12.wi.us Click on the District or Elementary tab, then click on Enrolling in Pittsville tab and it will give you directions for registering. Then, plan on attending 4K Open House on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the 4K classroom at Pittsville Elementary School. Any questions, please contact: Mrs. Garrels at 715-884-2517 or Mrs. Kuehn at 715-884-2517 ext. 125.

Register now so we may plan for your child!

4K Open House for 2019-2020

Come on in to meet your teachers and make new friends!

Date: Friday, May 3, 2019

Time: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Location: 4K Classroom at PES

What to bring: Original or Certified Birth Certificate

Any questions, please contact: Mrs. Garrels at 715-884-2517 or Mrs. Kuehn at 715-884-2517 ext. 125.



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



During the week of January 21-25, we participated in The Great Kindness Challenge along with 24,027 other schools in 113 countries for a total of 13,166,854 participants worldwide. At Pittsville Elementary School, we had 12 staff members and 162 students participate and we completed 3,463 acts of kindness. Let's keep up the kindness year round!



Third Grade Happenings are out of this World!

The third grade students have been busy learning about the solar system in Science class. In January, the third graders went on a field trip to the U.W. Stevens Point Planetarium. While they were there, they learned about all of the planets in our solar system and about the constellations. Upon their return they picked a planet in which they wanted to research and began using a variety of research materials to find information about their planets. They were able to use books, articles, and search the internet to find information about their planet.

As a fun way to showcase their learning, each student created a planet prop to show their planet (model, poster, PowerPoint presentation, etc.). The students gave a presentation to read his/her report and show their planet prop to the class. This was a wonderful experience for our students to be able to work on giving speeches and knowing the importance of the volume of their voice, using expression when speaking, and making eye contact with the audience. The third graders learning was OUT OF THIS WORLD!



Kindergarten Connection ~Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Heinzen,

The kindergarten students recently participated in Read Across America Week and enjoyed an author study focused on Dr. Seuss' stories. The students listened to the following books: *The Sleep Book*; *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*; *Fox in Socks*; *The Cat in the Hat*; and *If I Ran the Zoo*. Each day, the students were engaged in an activity that related to this theme. Children practiced and wrote rhyming words, completed a word labeling activity about the Cat in the Hat, played a partner math game coloring the Cat's hats, designed a fish addition art project, and made a special hat. The children were able to participate in school-wide dress up days and even wore their pajamas to school one day! This was such a wonderful week of learning!

Dr. Seuss Opinion Writing

During Read Across America week, the first graders read many different books written by Dr. Seuss. Each first grader chose their favorite Dr. Seuss book to review. This went great with our opinion and writing reviews unit! They each wrote their opinion and gave reasons to convince others to read a Dr. Seuss book. During the last Golden Awards assembly, the students were able to share one of their reasons with the whole school!



Seussical Fun in Second Grade!

The Second Graders in Ms. Sischo's and Mr. Klein's classrooms have been enjoying Read Across America Week. The classes really enjoyed reading different Dr. Seuss books. They have been answering trivia questions about Dr. Seuss and his books. The dress up days are always a great time. The students learned about how to use a timeline to learn about the life of Dr. Seuss. We even got to enjoy some cupcakes from the Cat in the Hat during lunch to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.



5th Grade - "Aquatic Invaders in the Classroom"

On January 25, Mr. Jeff Ross, Environmental Education Coordinator from Golden Sands, came to Pittsville Elementary to lead a classroom program titled "Aquatic Invaders in the Classroom". The entire 5th grade class participated in this lesson. The hour long program covered the difference between native and exotic species, what makes a species invasive, and how invasive species affect our food, our recreation, and our economy. Specifically, the students gained a deeper understanding of how invasive species can affect our lakes, rivers, wetlands, and other surface waters. We discussed how the invasive species spread and what we can do to help slow it down. The students were very engaged throughout the entire lesson. We would like to thank Golden Sands, Mr. Ross, and the Wisconsin DNR for providing the regional grant that made this classroom opportunity possible.



4th Grade Focuses on Historical Events ~ Ms. Van Haren, Ms. Molitor

This quarter, fourth grade students have been learning all about historical events, how to research them, and how to present their new knowledge. They read about and researched a famous historical event, such as the Holocaust or Civil War, then wrote an informational paper to teach others. Currently, the fourth graders are working on researching dinosaurs and how they lived. After they learn all about their dinosaur's life millions of years ago, they will apply their knowledge to what they know about the world today and present how their dinosaur would survive in today's world. During these research activities, students are practicing skills used by historians, scientists, and professionals in different fields of study.

"In 8th Grade English,

students recently finished up their book clubs. They chose one of five books and read together in groups. To finish the unit, they were invited by the fictitious Mrs. Anneca Gichy to make a submission for her equally fictitious podcast, "The Social Word." Students worked in their small groups to discuss the social message that their book gave, find examples of it in action in the story, and decided on why that message was an important one for society and how learning it from the story could help people in real life. They wrote a script, revised it, recorded their podcast, edited that, and finally, presented them to their classmates.

Geography Bee News

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: Jasmine Andres, Grace Hensel, Grant Radamann, & Jenna Schiller
- 5th Grade: Connor Black, Mason Henzel, Alex Hobbs, & Peyton Leigh
- 6th Grade: Sylvia Durrant, Dylan Havlik, Ava Jones, & Lorelie Opie
- 7th Grade: Ezra Fiala, Cole Kremer, James Reich, & Kaden Schiller
- 8th Grade: Joey Downs, Delaney Klamrowski, Brayden Kumm, & Avery Vanatta



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 has the most geographic knowledge for our school. On January 15th, Kaden Schiller won the school competition with Ezra Fiala and Cole Kremer taking second and third places respectively. Way to go! We are proud of you Kaden!!!

6th Grade Science

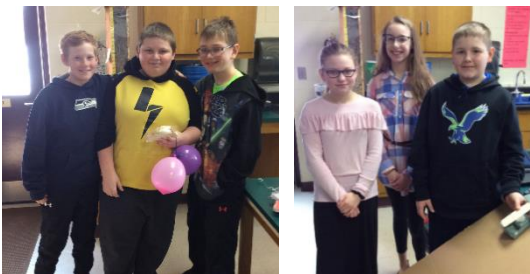
6th grade has been studying Newton's Laws of Motion by doing a variety of labs. Students made egg cars to demonstrate Newton's 2nd Law: The net force of an object is related to the mass and the acceleration of the object. They were given a budget to purchase materials and a short list of materials that they could obtain from the store (the teacher). All egg people survived the acceleration down the ramp making all the manufacturers very excited!



8th Grade Math Students

are working hard to discover new skills. They worked together on a discovery lab to learn these new skills. They worked through problems and looked for patterns that allowed them to create a rule that would extend the pattern so that is worked in all cases. They then met as a class to discuss what new skills that were learned. Students took turns leading the class with their examples providing opportunities to practice the new skills and work towards mastery.

Marcus Getsinger is pictured below leading the class.



6th Grade Prepare for Exams

Most of the students at the Pittsville Elementary, including these busy sixth graders in Ms. Hale's and Mr. Winters' class, have been busy these last few weeks with a winter exam called Aimweb in the areas of math and reading. Aimsweb is administered to the students twice a year in the fall (September) and winter (March). It is another tool used to measure student growth and help indicate whether a student is making sufficient progress in closing learning gaps and in meeting grade level expectations. In the spring, all the students in Wisconsin will be taking the Wisconsin Forward Exam. The comprehensive exam has replaced the old Iowa Basics that their parents and grandparents took. Computers have replaced the fill in the dot scan sheets, but the tests of today are still a rigorous adventure that the students must prepare for.

The Pittsville Music Department sent 16 events to perform at the rescheduled District Solo Ensemble on March 7th in Necedah. Students worked hard to prepare and perform vocal and instrumental solos, duets, trios, and small ensembles before an adjudicator. The results are as follows:

Vanessa Pelot, Trumpet Solo-1
 Sonya Merritt, Trombone Solo-1
 Maysen Gray, Flute Solo-1
 Maysen Gray, Violin Solo-1
 Maysen Gray and Natalie Fuller, Flute Duet-1
 Natalie Fuller, Flute Solo-1
 Rachel Schooley, Soprano Solo-1
 Alexis Redmond, Soprano Solo-1
 Brianna Keuffer, Flute Solo-1
 Alex Delaney, Alto Solo-1
 Emma Tolzmann, Music Theater Solo-2
 Tara Minor, Soprano Solo-1
 Emma Tolzmann, Soprano Solo-1
 Lisa Lacoursiere, Flute Solo-2

A special congratulations goes out to two students who received a star rating on their solos and will be performing at State Solo Ensemble in May: Tara Minor with her Music Theater Solo and Emma Tolzmann with her Piano Solo.



This year, three of our outstanding Pittsville Band students attended the 70th Annual Dorian Band Festival on March 3-4. With over 575 students participating from high schools all across the Midwest, our students had 1-½ days of rehearsal followed by a concert under the direction of Dr. Craig Paré from DePauw University and Dr. James Popejoy from the University of North Dakota. Congratulations and a job well done to Lisa Lacoursiere, Alexis Redmond, and Brianna Keuffer.



Music Department News

The Pittsville High School Music Program is honored to be Heid Music's School of the Month for February. Awarded as a way to celebrate the achievements of school music program directors and music students alike, School of the Month is one way of telling the incredible stories of local music programs and keeping music education alive and well in our schools.

"The Pittsville High School Music Program has created an environment of inclusivity. The band's welcoming attitude encourages participation, fun and relationship building. Every student should have a place in a school setting where they feel they belong; a home away from home. Students should have a relief from stress, pride in their actions, to be surrounded by people who share their passion." ~Ms. Batterman, Band Instructor. A smaller class size demands higher standards. The hard work required of Pittsville band students is matched with enthusiasm and fun. Batterman believes a successful music program is the product of the band's culture. With the added participation of alumni, teachers, community musicians, and even the principal, the Pittsville Pep Band alone is a noteworthy part of Pittsville High School's Music Program."

Thank you for this nomination and recognition.



Congratulations to all the students who performed at the CWC All Star Honors Band and Choir on January 26. High School band and choir students traveled to Rosholt for a day of music-making with the 22 schools in the Central Wisconsin Conference. The All Star Band and Choir members rehearsed all day and participated in a concert to showcase the talent of our area. Thank you to all who braved the cold to come and support our student musicians.



CWC All Star Choir Participants: Honey Blackcoon, Alex Delaney, Emily Griffith, Emma Tolzmann



CWC All Star Band Participants: Brianna Keuffer, Jared Peters, Jaylynn Merritt

Upcoming Music Events:

- Beginning band instrument introduction and testing will be happening at the end of March into the beginning of April for the 4th grade students. More information will be sent home soon.
- Friday, April 5: Concert Festival hosted at Almond-Bancroft in the morning
- Friday, May 3: HS Spring Concert at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, May 4: State Solo & Ensemble at UWSP
- Monday, May 6: 5-6 Spring Concert at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 7: 7-8 Spring Concert at 6:30 pm

Junior High Forensics

The Junior High Forensics season was a great success. The team consisted of thirty-six students from 7th and 8th grade. Our first meet was in Athens and our students represented our school very well. We had the largest team at the event. Students had the opportunity to attend *Disney's The Lion King* at the *Fox Cities Performing Arts Center* on February 16th.



The students loved the musical and the experience of watching a live theatre production. Our second and final meet was in Eau Claire and our students participated with 700 other students. We had thirty-five students participate in the second round. The students participated in Reader's Theatre, Prose, and Persuasive Speech categories. It was an exciting Junior High Forensics season for everyone involved.

~Junior High Forensics Advisors are Mrs. Niedfeldt and Ms. Van Haren



Interventionists' Corner

Ms. Schooley, Reading Specialist
Mrs. Frericks, Reading Interventionist
Mrs. Denniston, Math Interventionist

Here are some intervention tips to show your child(ren) reading is a valuable and enjoyable part of everyday living.

1. Check out books from your public library or free books online <https://www.getepic.com/> or ideas for interesting books at <http://childrensbookalmanac.com/>.
2. Read a bedtime story each night.
3. Set an example by being a reader yourself.
4. Make part of your dinner conversation a discussion about what you are currently reading and how you used reading that day.
5. Limit screen time for everyone so you have plenty of time for reading.
6. Write simple notes to each other as family members ie: honey-do lists, directions, notes of encouragement.

Through the Decades at PHS: Prom and Graduation Edition

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When that April with his showers sweet, the drought of March hath pierced the root, and bathed every vein in sweet liquor, of which virtue engendered is the flower
~ from The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer

In this edition, we take a look at spring and of proms and graduations past:

1979: On May 20, 73 PHS seniors became alumni, including one of our very own current English teachers, Ms. Sarah Freedlund. Leading the class academically was Valedictorian Victoria Palmer and Salutatorian Michael Tomsyck. The class president, Susan Mundt, was their elected leader. Prom 1979 was quote on quote "a night filled with fun and excitement for everyone." It was held on April 21st. The theme was "Crystal Ball". The prom court of '79' was Carrie Larson escorted by Jerry Wilke, Mary Redmond escorted by Ken Urban, Patti Tomsyck escorted by Ken Dickson, Sandy Hahn escorted by Chris Solatycki, Linda Christian escorted by Ken Schiller, and Karen Fluegel escorted by Keith Haumschild. The 1978 Prom King Mike Tomsyck and Prom Queen Nancy Rademan came back to crown the new King and Queen Ron Fochs and Laurel Roder. Crown bearers were Kristofer Berg and Camelot Oleson.

1989: The theme for the 1989 prom was "For Just One Moment." The colors were black, jade, and silver. The song was "When I'm With You" by Sheriff. The members of the court included Bob Coulthard and Amy Hanutke, Peter Kolar and Ammie Malsin, Jason Knott and Nikki Sojka, Canyon Schultz and Barb Perkl, Joe Scott and Diana Rayburn, Marc Sherwood and Lisa Christensen. Matt Hanutke and Kari McNamee were voted king and queen. Chris Hahn and Tonia Nordman served as miniature king and queen. The graduating class of 1989's Valedictorian was Mark Miller and Salutatorian was Cindy Dye. The top 10% academically were Cindy Dye, Heath Bowden, Mark Miller, and Tammy Hewuse. The class President was Gerald Fuller along with other class officers: Vice President-Gerald Fuller, Secretary-Shelly Huff, and Treasurer-Misty Wood.

1999: The theme and song of prom on April 10 was "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing!" The colors of prom were silver, black, and purple. There were eight couples on court: Tara Kroening escorted by Brad Usarek, Katie Bowden escorted by Matt Brogan, Jessi Fochs escorted by Dane Jones, Jodi Kumm escorted by Paul Grossman, Amy Greene escorted by Brett Rademan, Tami Kroening escorted by Jeremy Duerr, Casey Peterson escorted by James Kirk, and Mandy Fox escorted by Ryan Bowden. The Queen was our current school board president Mandy Fox, and the King was our very own Chief of police Jeremy Duerr! 1999 Graduation: The Valedictorian of the class of 1999 was Erin Kimball and the Salutatorian was Jessica LeClair. The class President was Aaron Hackett. The top 10% was Travis Kuhlka, Carey Haralson, Summer Schwanebeck, Jessica LeClair, and Erin Kimball.

2009: Prom '09 was a "Night Under the Stars!" The court of 18 included: Logan Reshel, Brittni Dammann, Bradley Ziemendorf, Marguerite Rosandick, Marcus Hendrickson, Dani Tritz, Jaymes Droste, Mary Shaw, Maranda Kenyon, Luke Kronstedt, Cassandra Esser, Jacob Ortner, Nicole Worlund, Tonia Schueller, Joshua Skibba and Prom King and Queen Cody Meyer and Heather Adrian. The court consisted mainly of strapless dresses with lots of poof and black suits. The night was all about "following old traditions and making new ones." 2009 Graduation: the valedictorians were Kyle Wilke and Taylor Wilke. The salutatorian was Angie Tritz. Rounding out the top 10% of the class were Steph Zdun and Melanie Wibel.

Food Service News

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."**

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.

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 and Lunch menus are available online 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.

2018-2019 MEAL PRICES

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| 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.



PACT Seeking Board Members and Volunteers

The Pittsville Area Community Theater group was founded in 2003, and in the sixteen year history of the organization, has had dozens of board members, twelve directors, over one hundred cast and crew members, and thousands of audience members who attended and supported seventeen shows, as well as a drama workshop and a talent show.

However, the number of volunteers who have kept us alive is shrinking fast, and the present board of six members would like to gain new supporters in order to continue to utilize the fine school auditorium and promote Pittsville community spirit.

The present members of the PACT Board are Steve Allar, President; Rebecca Niese, Vice President; Nancy Halterman, Treasurer; Dave Peterson, Secretary; and Kate Van Haren and Jared Peters.

If you are among those who have enjoyed our productions in the past, please consider volunteering with acting, set construction, publicity, or helping where you can. We are especially looking for members who would be willing to serve on our active board. If interested or would like to learn more, please contact Steve Allar at 715/305-0087 or Dave Peterson at 715/652-3686.

You can find out more about our past activities at our website: www.pittsvilleact.org

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

COMMUNITY WALKERS

Pittsville Elementary
School is open for walking
Monday-Friday, 6-8:00 PM.
Please use Entrance A.

