



PITTSVILLE

School District Newsletter

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From the Desk of Superintendent Figueroa

The data from the yearlong district wide listening sessions is in and was recently shared with the Board of Education as part of our Strategic Planning Process. Prior to starting the listening sessions, the Board decided to focus on service, stewardship, integrity, transparency, and excellence. A list of discussion prompts was created to gather opinions and perceptions. The prompts were shared with the entire district through the District Newsletter and again with all session participants. It was a pleasure meeting and listening to so many of you. The Board of Education is grateful you made time to participate. What became very obvious in every session was the high level of Panther Pride in our district.



Based on the data collected from students, staff, parents, community, and businesses, the order of importance would be as follows:

- 1. Infrastructure.** The area mentioned most often in our sessions was the Tech Education and Agriculture facilities. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) areas were prominent topics of discussion in the four areas below. We have rock stars working with our kids in the CTE area, but they have limitations based on teaching 21st century skills in facilities designed in 1968. Also mentioned repeatedly was interest in offering adult education courses in our district CTE facilities. The shortage of Skilled Trades Workers is not new and as more Boomers retire in the coming 5–10 years, there will not be enough young people entering these professions to keep pace. These professions pay good living wages and are personally satisfying careers, but are often overlooked by young people. It is apparent that the CTE area needs serious consideration for updating. Regardless of the age of the building, our custodial and maintenance team does an amazing job every day to keep our facilities functioning and looking great. Another often mentioned area was indoor bathrooms accessible and available facing the city baseball diamond.
- 2. Student Opportunity.** Pittsville School District works to enhance student opportunity every day. Our course offerings, combined with the Early College Credit Program (Associate/Bachelors) and Start College Now Programs (Technical College) allow us to offer as many course opportunities as districts ten times our size while maintaining the personal learning experience of a small school. If we cannot staff a course on site, we have the additional advantages of being a partner member of the Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) and can offer full online and blended delivery courses for our students. College and Career Ready has been a strong focus at the middle and high school levels which culminates with every junior student participating in a minimum of three job shadows and all seniors completing a semester long capstone internship in a career field prior to graduation. We will continually work to offer our students advantages for their future.
- 3. Environment for Learning.** The simplest way to summarize the goal of our learning environment would be “Learning how YOU learn.” Teaching and learning has progressed as we better understand how children process information in different learning spaces. Project based learning, collaborative initiatives, work based learning, enrichment/intervention, and growth of student ownership of learning look different for each student and in different areas and age groups. What they have in common is all require an environment which fosters continuous growth. The nurturing, modeling, and development of soft skills improves student communication and understanding of the employee/employer relationship. All of these efforts are made to assist students in finding their interests, strengths, and weaknesses. Giving our students as many high quality experiences as possible will help them better understand what they are capable of and recognize when they need more knowledge to be successful. Having a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities in arts, clubs, and athletics provide meaningful extensions of the learning environment.
- 4. Student Performance.** There has been a strong emphasis on measuring public school student performance over the last seven years and there have been several changes made to how it is done. A very good outcome from this focus has been the increase of data specific to individual students, development and refinement of intervention systems, modernization of special education, and more meaningful discussions centered on students

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>.

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and learning. Beginning next year, the state will begin using data related Career and Technical Education opportunities. Pittsville has had a strong focus on CTE and industry recognized certification earned by students. A concentrated effort in curriculum, intervention, and resource allocation was undertaken in the elementary and middle school two and a half years ago. Since that time, there has been a steady increase in student performance and achievement as measured by the state. The process is complex and requires a staff committed to their students. Reflecting on past practices compared to evidence based best practices is a great foundation for continuous improvement.

5. **Technology and Communication.** Pittsville has taken advantage of almost every possible grant and program to keep our students and buildings current in technology. Our Technology Coordinator has done an amazing job of infrastructure planning, long range device replacement, and recycling. The district operates several social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube) which were launched this fall with the #WeArePittsville. We continue to maintain the integrity of our devices, user policies, and filters to ensure our technology is being used to improve educational opportunity for students. Recently, 20 portable internet hotspots were put into service which can be checked out from our libraries by students who have limited internet access outside of school; and five stationary units soon to be mounted on our long route buses. Pittsville is taking full advantage of state grant funding to improve the safety of our facilities using technology. The increase in student safety is worth the occasional inconvenience.

Providing our young people with relevant learning opportunities and experiences to discover their personal strengths and weaknesses will be an advantage they will have the rest of their lives as they make lives of their own. Pittsville is a place where your children are surrounded by adults who truly care about their future success. Teaching our students is personal, and we want to provide the best opportunities for all of our kids. Helping parents educate the future leaders of our communities, state, and country is challenging and for us the most important work we can do for our kids. In time, expectations become reality.

Our best for their best.

R. Figueroa

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.

Welcome Chief Duerr

Research has shown that having a School Resource Officer (SRO) can be very beneficial to a school district. On June 11, 2018, the Pittsville School Board unanimously approved the implementation of a School Resource Officer. Chief Jeremy Duerr of the City of Pittsville was chosen to become our SRO. The district provided Chief Duerr with training that focused on positive relationships with both students and staff.



This training also helped show how law enforcement conducted inside a school environment differs from in the community. A secure office space has been set up in the high school to allow him to work on city work and still be the district SRO. The district is very pleased with the partnership of the city! "Being the School Resource Officer is a great experience. I am thoroughly enjoying interacting with the students and providing help when I can. I have noticed a change in the comfort level of students with having an officer in the schools. The students are not surprised to see me walking the halls and openly interact with me. Having an officer in the school is very valuable because it helps students become familiar with local law enforcement and opens up lines of communication. The interactions and experiences that I have gained already from students has been a great asset for me," stated Chief Duerr. He also explained that the relationships he has built with students was done simply by talking with them and most importantly listening to what they have to say. Some of the programs Chief Duerr has done with students include participating in the CTE program with the seniors (interning two students this year) and answering criminal justice questions for Mrs. Anderson's Medical Law class. Having an SRO is a great asset and Pittsville is grateful for the opportunity.

PITTSVILLE CHILD CARE NEWS

Day Time Child Care Coming Soon!

Beginning at the start of the 2019-2020 school year, Pittsville Schools will be offering day time child care. Please watch the district website, Facebook page, and the Pittsville Record for updates.

ALSO, watch for more information coming soon on the school-age child care available during the 2019 Summer School Program from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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.



PHS News

The first semester is quickly coming to a close and we are all working hard to ensure all students are successfully finishing courses. Looking back over the semester, many wonderful things have been accomplished by our students. The second semester promises to be filled with more exciting learning, opportunities, and adventures as PHS prepares to send off the class of 2019 and welcome the class of 2023.

The mandated statewide ACT will be held on February 20th. The mandated WorkKeys test will be on February 21st. The juniors will report to school at 7:00 am on February 20th for breakfast and the ACT will begin at 8:00 a.m. The freshman, sophomores, and seniors will report to school as normal on February 20th and will be taken on field trips, which will be planned by the PHS staff. February 20th and 21st are considered instructional days of school and attendance is required, as normal.

Mid-winter temperatures make many of us wish for warmer seasons. As spring approaches, please be aware that updates to the dress code at PHS are being presented to the School Board in January 2019. These changes will include a length requirement for bottoms (tears / rips in jeans, shorts, skirts) as well as clarifying language to shirts / blouses / tops.

Dr. Porter, High School Principal

Career Options for our Students

The Algebra 2 class welcomed three instructors from Mid-State Technical College into the classroom this October. The purpose was to introduce students to some of the options available to them as they consider their future careers. Mid-State offers a pathway for students to receive technical/associate degrees and begin working in their field of interest. It then becomes their choice to further their education by transferring their credits and experiences into a four year program at another institution or pursuing a career with the degree they have received in two years at Mid-State.

Greg Webster and Michael Johnson are both civil engineering instructors at Mid-State and spent part of their time here showing students some of the GPS equipment that their students learn to work with collecting data and then use to create computer generated models of landscapes and designs for future projects in our area. They also demonstrated the use and allowed students to try out some of the surveying equipment, as pictured here. Finally, we went outside and watched the use of drones to collect picture data to construct visual views of larger areas.

These programs, as well as the instrumental engineering program, are great options for students to consider for their futures. Mid-State has more requests for trained students from employers than they have students enrolled in their programs. What a great place for our students to find themselves, in an occupation of demand and with job opportunities right here in Wisconsin.

PHS Phy Ed

Mr. Rayburn's high school Physical Education classes turned the gym into a beach. The students played Kan Jam and 2 on 2 volleyball all while listening to tropical music.



Global Foods Class

The Global Foods course is a class where students get into pairs and choose a country to research. The students then get to create the lesson plan for that week and teach the class about their countries traditions, climate, geography and of course its cuisine. Student present their research and choose two food labs to cook during the week! Some of the labs have included:

CHINA: Activity-Chinese Bals. Labs-Chinese Pot Stickers & Orange Chicken.

AFRICA: Activity-African Necklace Making. Labs-Mashed Peas and Potato Dish & African Rice Dish.

ENGLAND: Activity-Watched a British show and drank tea. Labs-Pancakes & Shepard's Pie.

Spanish Classes

All Spanish classes are currently reading novels, IN SPANISH! What a great accomplishment for them. Spanish 1 is reading a fiction story about Pirates in the Caribbean, searching for a secret island and treasure. Spanish 2 is reading novel, which is based on true events, about a Guatemalan family facing challenges during Guatemala's civil war. Spanish 3 is reading a book about the MS-13, a notorious Salvadorian gang. They spent time learning about El Salvador's Civil war, immigration, and origins of the gang. Novels are a great way to learn about current and historical events. They are also fantastic for language acquisition!

Pittsville High School Competes at Math League

On November 28th, twelve Pittsville high school students traveled to the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point to participate in the first meet for the High School Math League Competition. The competition has three categories: Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Math. Fifty-one different schools brought their top math students to compete in the competition. Pittsville placed in 31st out of 51 schools ranging from Abbotsford to Wausau West.

The four students who represented Pittsville School District in the Geometry category were Rebekah Downs, Asher Fiala, Dezeræ Pelot, and Reilly Sukowaty. Ethan Hanutke, Amanda Ortnr, Amanda Piotrowski, and Rebecca Sturgis took the Algebra 2 test. The four students competing in the Advanced Math category were Trayson Ortnr, Hunter Wilke, Drew Bratlief, and Ryan Zickert. All students worked hard and scored points for their team. In school size three, there were 52 students taking each test. The Geometry students fared well with all students placing in the top half. Asher placed 25th, Reilly tied with Dezeræ in 15th place and Rebekah placed highest in 6th place. In the Algebra category, Amanda placed 19th and Rebecca placed 10th. The Advanced category was a challenging test for Pittsville with only Hunter placing in the top half in 16th place. The next competition is January 23rd and the final competition is April 3rd.

Congratulations to all participants! Good luck on January 23rd.

A Big Thank You goes to Custodian Steve Redmond for all of his hard work and dedication at the high school! Steve goes above and beyond his work duties and the staff appreciates it!



Mrs. Anderson and her classes noticed that Steve took a classroom chair home over winter break to fix and reconstruct the arm rest. He also made new shelving for some of the cabinets and fixed the top of a classroom desk. He is always wishing students well as they head home for the day and has such a selfless heart to help the teachers out on his own time. THANK YOU for all you do!!"

CTE Night

save the date

February is nationally known as Career and Technical Education month and to celebrate the Pittsville Career & Technical Education (CTE) Departments will be hosting the third annual CTE Night on Thursday, **February 7th** from 5pm-8pm in the Pittsville School District lobby. The theme for this year's event is "Renovating the Future" and will showcase the Mid-State Technical College (MSTC) Mobile Manufacturing Lab. The lab will be open for viewing and student led demonstrations. The Agriculture, Family Consumer Sciences, Business, and Technology Education Teachers as well as the High School Counselor will also have booths with hands-on activities that showcase how we are making sure that PSD students have the skills for the future.

Local Technical College representatives will also be available for questions on technical college, programs, and enrollment procedures.



Music Department News...

A number of students from high school band and choir were nominated to be a part of the CWC All-Star Band/Choir. Those students who were accepted will have the opportunity to spend a day performing music with the top high school music students throughout our conference. This experience is at Rosholt High School on January 26. The band students will work with Dr. Michael Butler from UW-Stevens Point. The choir students will work with Dr. Eric Barnum from UW-Oshkosh. All are welcome to attend the concert at 4:00 pm with band starting followed by the choir. The band students (pictured on left) who will be participating are as follows: Jaylynn Merritt, Jared Peters, Brianna Keuffer, and Lisa Lacoursiere (not pictured). The choir students (picture on right) who will be participating are as follows: Emma Tolzmann (far left), Alex Delaney, Lily Ratsch, Honey Blackcoon, and Emily Griffith (not pictured).



Thank you to everyone who came out to support the young musicians (K-12) here in Pittsville during the winter concert season. We hope that you enjoyed the performances as much as the students enjoyed performing for you. Below is a picture of the high school choir performing the Handel "Hallelujah Chorus" with the high school choir alumni.

Mark your calendars for upcoming music events:

- Feb 23 HS & MS District Solo & Ensemble, Necedah
- Mar 8 HS Pops Concert, 7:00 pm
- Mar 12 Empty Bowls
- Apr 5 Concert Festival Competition, Almond-Bancroft
- May 3 HS Spring Concert, 7:00 pm
- May 4 State Solo & Ensemble, UW-Stevens Point
- May 6 5-6 Spring Concert, 6:30 pm
- May 7 7-8 Spring Concert, 6:30 pm



Wrapping Up the Year with Holiday Spirit and Cheer!

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break! We had a busy December here at the Elementary/Middle School.

New this year, there was a candy cane sale to support school-wide events. Students could purchase candy canes for fifty cents during the week of December 3rd for themselves, teachers, family members, or friends. The delivery date was December 19th. Each candy cane came with a special message from the buyer to the recipient. Ms. Raygo and the Holiday Panther delivered candy canes to each classroom! There were almost 1,300 candy canes delivered that day! It was a great way to spread holiday cheer.

The Student Council, led by Ms. Molitor, helped sponsor a hot chocolate station the last day of school before winter break. Each student was invited to go through the line for a warm cup of hot chocolate! Members of the student council assisted the younger students as they went through the station. Children could choose from a variety of toppings: marshmallows, mini-candy canes, sprinkles, and whipped topping! It was a delightful way to celebrate the last day of school.

This year, we hosted our 4th Annual Christmas Shop during the Week of December 10th. All proceeds from the Christmas Shop go to PANS (Pittsville Area Neighborhood Shelf). This year, we raised \$1300! Shirley Kolar, Mrs. Abel, and Mrs. Denniston were on stage at our Golden Awards Assembly to accept the check on behalf of PANS. On behalf of all the staff at Pittsville Elementary, we would like to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas Shop. A big thank you goes to Mr. Klein, who organizes the shopping schedule and recruits volunteers. We want to thank all the community members who came and helped the students shop, donated items, wrapped gifts, and cleaned up. We are so grateful for the support from everyone.

December is the month to spread holiday cheer through singing and playing instruments. Ms. Schirger did a wonderful holiday concert for our 4K families in the cafeteria. The children worked hard to sing all their songs! The cafeteria was packed full of proud parents. Great work, Ms. Schirger!

Grades K-4 hosted their holiday concert in the varsity gym. It is a great way that parents can see their child/children throughout the entire performance! Ms. Batterman and Ms. Schirger do a wonderful job of alternating the grade levels and combining grade levels to keep the students and audience engaged.

Grades 5/6 and Grades 7/8 both had great holiday concerts again this year. A special thank you to Ms. Batterman and Ms. Schirger for the time, dedication, and hard work they both put into our music program. A special thank you to Mr. Natzke, who spends many hours helping the music department behind the scenes. A shout out to all the students in Grades 4K-8 for all the wonderful concerts!

I am excited to share that Ned's Kindness Adventure will be coming to Pittsville Elementary on February 25th. The Kindness Adventure is a 45 minute assembly that focuses how differences among people make friendships and experiences so great. The assembly will include storytelling, music, and interactive videos. This is a Pay-It Forward Program where there is no cost for the visit, but the students will have the opportunity to purchase beaded and carved jewelry and other hand-crafted items made by the artisans in Kenya to continue to support the program.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Mrs. Heather Friday



PES News

Child Development Day Screening

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. **Please call the Pittsville Elementary School office at 715-884-2517 to register your child for Child Development. Day Screening.**



4K Registration for the 2019-20 School Year

To register your child for four-year-old kindergarten, 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 the 4K Open House on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 8-11:00 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.

Healthy Smiles



The Healthy Smiles program was at Pittsville Elementary during the week of November 26th. The second graders listened to a classroom presentation about good oral hygiene, tooth friendly foods, and learned about getting sealants on their permanent molars to help prevent tooth decay. Children that had permission from their parents, received dental services including a dental screening, sealants, and fluoride treatments. Dr. Aly Loveland from Pittsville Family Dental also came to see the 2nd graders for a dental screening. 48 children in grades 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 received a dental screening and a fluoride treatment, and 31 of those children also received sealants on 137 teeth.

Christmas Shop

Every year the elementary school and community puts together a Christmas shop that allows students to come in and buy gifts for their loved ones! This teaches them budgeting skills for later in life. People from the community volunteer to come work at this shop and wrap every present for the students so that they can give it to whomever they bought for. The volunteers and teachers help the students in the right direction with what to get and how much they need or have left to spend. The students really enjoy this opportunity the school and community put on to make them feel more independent and in charge of their money.



PES presents "The Knights of the Rad Table"

This year's elementary school play is The Knights of the Rad Table by Pat Lydersen. 38 students from the elementary school participated in this year's play about two teenagers being brought back to the days of chivalry and King Arthur.



Playful Penguins in 4K

from Mrs. Kuehn

The students in 4K are having "snow" much fun as they learn about penguins. They have been practicing correct letter formation to write their name and sharpening their scissor cutting skills as they made a penguin craft. They have also been busy improving their counting skills and letter identification.



Battle of the Books, from Mrs. Frericks

I am excited to be heading an Elementary Division of *Battle of the Books* open to students in grades 4, 5, 6. The goal is to read and comprehend 20 books that were selected for this division by February 2019. I will select the top four readers to compete against other teams from Wisconsin. If your child is part of this, please assist them in finding the required books and encourage them to READ DAILY! So far, we all enjoying the books we are reading.

Our eighth grade *Battle of the Books* team is ready to compete this year in the high school division. In 2016, this team earned first place in the Elementary Division. They moved to the middle school division last year and did very well. This year, they are ready to battle the high schoolers and bring their best to the table! The group has been working very hard to read 20 books that are both fiction and nonfiction. The students are working extremely hard to get all the books read. Keep on reading!

Kindergarten Connection, Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Heinzen, Pittsville Kindergarten Teachers

The Kindergarten students learned all about their five senses: sight, hearing, vision, taste, and touch with Project Based Learning. There were fun activities planned each day for the children. With their sense of hearing, they got to shake 12 eggs and try and decide what was inside the egg. We used a blanket to hide a friend and used our sense of sight to figure out who was under the blanket. For our sense of taste, we made a prediction if foods were salty, sour, sweet, or bitter and then tasted the foods to discover if we were correct. We used our sense of smell to make predictions! The children smelled things like vinegar, ketchup, chocolate, ranch, and more. We used a feely box to describe objects using our sense of touch. What fun the children had with all these activities!

With the help of Mrs. Abel, we culminated this learning with the children working in groups to make a poster on a given sense. The children looked through magazines and cut out pictures to add to their poster.

To start out the New Year, the Kindergarten students will be learning about what it means to be a good friend and the meaning of peace. The children are learning that peace has many definitions. Peace can mean: having things they need to live, having family and friends, respecting others' differences, learning how to use words to solve problems, and others. The students will be learning who Martin Luther King, Jr. was and how he strived for peace.

As this semester ends, the children are showing us the growth they have made in literacy and writing skills. The children will be assessed with the PALS screening test in early January.

We are projecting the 100th Day of School to be on February 5th. The kindergartners will be celebrating this special event and are hoping to receive 100 pieces of mail in our classrooms. If you would like to be a part of this, we would love to hear from you. Please send a note to the Pittsville Kindergarten Class at 5459 Elementary Avenue, Pittsville, WI 54466.



What's Happening in 5th & 6th Grade Reading?

Quarter 2 came and went quickly as we are heading into 2019. Our 6th grade students had a deep learning experience as we dove into the Holocaust, what happened, and what people experienced during that time. The students were able to learn about the history and made timelines to show what they learned. They also dove deep into both realistic fiction and nonfiction books to learn about what happened during that time period. Sixth grade will be diving into mythology and nonfiction units in Quarter 3. We also had high participation rates in our Christmas week dress up days!

In fifth grade, we are wrapping up our nonfiction units. On January 17th, our students presented a live wax museum about a character that they have researched. They were very excited to share their newly learned information and taught classes, parents, and community members all about who they were. Our fifth graders will be moving into debates and research in Quarter 3, so be on the lookout for things to be getting heated in Mr. Winter's and Ms. Hale's rooms!



Cookie Craze Collaboration With 4K, Global Foods & Project Service Learning!

The Global Foods high school course helped make Christmas cookies with the 4K students for their Family Activity Morning and Holiday Sing that was held on December 14th in the elementary cafeteria. A special thanks to Mrs. Anderson's class and Mrs. Abel's 7th grade Community Service classes who helped the students frost and decorate the cookies! It was a fun and productive time collaborating! ~Mrs. Kuehn, Mrs. Abel, & Mrs. Anderson

Mid-State Discovery Days

On December 14, our 7th grade students participated in Mid-State Discovery Days as part of their Academic and Career Planning, along with students from Port Edwards and Nekoosa. Students started the day by completing an assessment in a Career for Me Workbook to learn more about career clusters they may be interested in. Students then took part in three interactive sessions at Mid-State to learn more about careers and programs offered. Students were able to learn about criminal justice, electrical power, auto, hospitality management, IT-network specialist, industrial mechanical tech, and machine tool.



3rd Graders Host a Living Wax Museum

Our 3rd Graders worked on information writing in Writer's Workshop and reading informational text in Reader's Workshop. They learned the difference between non-fiction stories and biographies. Then, the students chose a famous person to research and wrote about them. As a culminating activity, the students 'became' their famous person and presented the information at a Living Wax Museum. Students and parents were invited to attend and were able to meet famous authors, musicians, athletes, presidents, etc.

Christmas Shopping Trip

On December 7th, students in Mrs. Niedfeldt and Mrs. Kremer's classes participated in a Christmas shopping trip. The students made lists with their families of possible gift ideas. Then they were able to shop using money they brought from home for items at the Dollar Tree and Wal-Mart in Wisconsin Rapids. They were able to apply skills they have been working on in school such as staying within a budget, figuring out tax, using a shopping list, and counting change in a real world setting. The students also had the opportunity to eat lunch at Pizza Hut where they were complimented many times by employees about their respectful behavior. The students had a lot of fun shopping for gifts for their families. After returning to school, the students wrapped all of the gifts so that they could take them home as a surprise for their families. This annual shopping trip is a fun and educational experience that the students look forward to each year.



Fourth Grade, Ms. Van Haren and Ms. Molitor

This quarter, 4th grade students have been working hard on writing opinion pieces. They have been generating thesis statements with factual reasons and evidence to support their claims or opinions. Fourth graders also learned how powerful certain words can be when used while sharing their opinion to be more persuasive. They even wrote a persuasive letter to Santa to help him decide which animal would be best to help deliver presents! Finally, fourth grade students have learned the importance of supporting their opinions with research.

5th Grade Gingerbread Houses

On December 21st, Mr. Sanken's and Mr. Schultz's fifth grade students created their annual gingerbread houses. Students brought a variety of sweet treats from home to help decorate their creations. This annual activity showcases each individual student's creativity. The classes enjoyed hot chocolate and social time while they created their structures. This activity encourages structural engineering and exterior design skills. By the end of the morning, the classes created a variety of tasty structures.



Agricultural Education Students "Learn by Doing"

One of the key parts of agricultural education and the FFA motto, is learning by doing. Our agricultural education students are developing innovative approaches and ideas to foster and promote student learning, while staying engaged in the classroom. We work together to send forth empowered and versatile life-long learners, capable of successfully navigating to this ever-changing world and its myriad of complex and emerging challenges. Keep taking learning into your own hands, and challenging yourself for your future endeavors. Here are just a few of the "Learning by Doing" experiences the current Pittsville Agricultural Education students are using for engagement and understanding of the curriculum.



Dr. Porter, Dylan Weinfurter and Wyatt Grimm learned about the Siberian Husky breed and owning/operating a dog breeding facility. Thank you to Maxhaven Kennels for this wonderful hands on learning experience.



Students in the Small Animal Veterinary Science class learned by doing while visiting Maxhaven Dog Kennels.



Agricultural Education students Alexis Jacobson and Mary Schooley learn by doing and demonstrate their understanding of proper bandaging techniques in Veterinary Science.



Agricultural Mechanics students Beau Merritt, Tylar Ditzler and Kara Peterson learn by doing by designing a hydraulic model.

Through the Decades at PHS: Winter Edition

From the pages of Ho-Ang-Ho. Contributors: Jared Peters, Katherine Carter, Jaylynn Merritt, Emma McLaughlin, Ethan Hanutke, Hannah Hensel, Bekah Downs, Dezerae Pelot, Elizabeth Holford, Emily Carlson, Caitlyn Fox, Heidi Kunderling and Messrs Piotrowski and Downs for The History Club

1978-1979: Boys Basketball - The Boys Basketball team finished the season with 5-15 record. The boys, coached by Tom Possley, were led by seniors Chris Anderson, Dave Elwood, Pat Quinlan, Jeff Slovinsky. **Girls Basketball** - The Girls Basketball team was coached by Ms. Hiles. The team was led by seniors Cheryl Armes, Susan Mundt, Sheila Walker, and Cheri Hiles. **Wrestling**: The coaches were Gerry Hahn and Coach Konichok. The seniors were Glenn Heuer, Mark O'Keefe, and Ken Lee. **School Play**: This school year saw the drama department put on three total plays involving a variety of students. The plays and their cast were: *Sean, the Fool, the Devil, and the Cat*. Cast: Denise Rudolph, Dorene Jepson, Darcy Creola, Al Zieher, Mark Orgel, Jeff Kane, Sue Skrenes, Sarah Freedlund, Bill Urban. *Silly Young Ladies*: Donna Buss, Penny Erwin, Bob Leigh, Sara Zieher, Vicki Palmer, Mike Fuller, Kevin Heuer, John Walker, Fran Skrenes, Karla Hahn, Deanna Shoemaker, Lori Ortner, Sheila Walker. *The Storm*: Dave Schmidt, Gretchen Mattner, Scott Orgel, Carol Gorst, Michelle Mattner, Leslie Baker, Lori Lambert, Tim Hiles, Sandy Skebba, Linda Christian, Mike Bonacci. Stage and Make-Up: Scott Orgel, Deb Wolf, Mike Bonacci, Jim Snider, Mike Tomsyck, Lori Lea, Darcy Creola, Sheri Hiles.

1988-1989: Boys Basketball - The Boys Varsity Basketball team, coached by Noel Denniston, had a successful season back in '89 with a record of 15-3, and taking second in the Marawood Conference. Senior members of this underclassman dominated team included John Drechsler and Don Irwin. Randy Neve was a Marawood All-Conference selection and a Channel 7 All-Star. **Girls Basketball** - The Girls Varsity Basketball team earned a record of 5-13 coached by Don Neve. The team was very young, led by seniors and captains Tracey Grubofski, Nancy Rasmussen and Amy Van Wyne. That year Nancy Rasmussen received Marawood Conference Honorable Mention and 2nd Team All Marawood Conference Amy Hanutke. **Wrestling** - Coached by Gerry Hahn, Mike Brogan, and Rick Marten had a pretty good year having a conference record of 5-1. Seniors that participated this year include Shannon Luther, Charlie Smith, and Todd Wolff. Dan Schooley took second place at state, Charlie Smith took sixth place, and Matt Hanutke was state champ for the third consecutive year and was still undefeated in his high school career.

1998-1999: Boys Basketball - The varsity boys' team of '98 was coached by Mark Wagner, Bruce Zeiher, and Ed Hendrickson. The seniors this year were Jake Ignatowski, J.P. McKeel, Ryan DeCaluwe, Eric Scheunemann, Tom Hewuse, Mark Jankowski, Troy Kroening, and April Knights. The captains for the team were Jake Ignatowski, J.P. McKeel, Ryan DeCaluwe, Eric Scheunemann, Tom Hewuse, and Mark Jankowski. The record for varsity was 16-2, good for second in the Marawood Conference. **Girls Basketball** - The varsity girls' team of '98-99 was coached by Don Neve, Stephanie Weinfurter, and Steve Wesley. The seniors that provided team leadership included Sarah Pulvermacher, Rachel Moore, Stephanie Oleson, and Summer Schwanebeck. The captains were Summer Schwanebeck, Sarah Pulvermacher, and Kristy Kumm. The team had a record of 4-14, including many games that went into overtime. **Wrestling** - 1998 was a good year that saw three wrestlers go to state, including seniors Brandon Dammann and Jeremy Klevene and junior Jeremy Duerr. They were guided by coaches Mike Brogan, Dan Hahn, Todd Sanken and Rick Winters. Other senior wrestlers included Robert Schooley, Travis Kuhlka, and Matthew Schiller. Overall they won 3 out of 5 meets. **Play**. This school year saw the drama department put on two plays involving a variety of students. The plays and their cast were: *"Give My Regards to Broadway"* Cast: Jesse Frost, Ryan Brandt, Ken Gardner, Erin Kimball, Jon Hoffman, Chris Skidmore, Eric Scheunemann, Katrina Schuster, Amy Salo, Sara Nelsen, Jodi Allison, Dean Jagielo, Lori Martin, Danielle Klevene, Nikki Kumm, Lauri Riedel, Trina Wolf, Laura Solvered, Summer Schwanebeck, Sarah Pulvermacher, Jessica LeClair, Kristy Hiles, Tonia Nordman. Directed by Mrs. Carmen Kumm, Mrs. Gronski, Mr. Ruckwardt. *"Raggedy Ann and Andy"* Cast: Tonia Nordman, Pam Knutson, Nikki Kumm, Emily Sadauskas, S Schwanebeck, Chris Skidmore, R Moore, Sara Nelsen, Nikki Bruggeman, Diana Stascak, Erin Kimball, Joe Wilhelm, Nicole Kasner, Amy Salo, Ryan Brandt, Trina Wolf, Lori Marten, Jon Hoffman, Ken Gardner, Jesse Frost, Mike Fox, Jessi Fochs, Sarah Pulvermacher, Jodi Allison, Dean Jagielo, Diana Klevene, Jessi LeClair, Katrina Schuster. Directed by: Mrs Carmen Kumm.

2008-2009: Boys Basketball - Dan Hoffa coached the '09 team. The senior players were Mitch Palmer, Devree Vogel, Seth Smazal, and Kyle Wilke. The boys' varsity basketball finished with a record of 15-3. **Girls Basketball** - The Panther girl team was coached by Mark Denniston. They had an overall record of 5-9. The lone senior was Carrie Lippert. Janine Wegner was 1st-team All-Conference. Carli Kronstedt and Margo Rosandick were honorable mention that year. **Wrestling** - The head coach for '09 wrestling was Dan Hahn. The seniors were Nathan Shultz, Neal Backman, and Paul Totzke. The wrestling team had a record of 0-7. **Play** - *Good Morning Miss Dove* featuring Hannah Rahm, Olivia Wesely, Cody Meyer, Allie Reinikainen, Anna Schwanebeck, Zach Hoffarth, Joshua Skibba, Carrie Lippert, Nikki Dietz, Katlin Wheeler, Devin Minor, Ken Allington, Cody Young, Abi DeWilde, Jason Schultz, Margo Rosandick, Brad Zieher, Zach Zdun, Lucas Delaney. The play was ably directed by Gail Possely and Sarah Freedlund.



“Counselor’s Corner: 2nd Quarter” ~ Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

SENIORS:

Please continue to work on **scholarships** and stay tuned for the local scholarships which will be posted by the end of January. Most local scholarships are due Friday, April 5th, but some are due sooner. For more information, check out the Scholarship Tab under High School Counseling on the PHS Home page. Also, please remember to complete your **FAFSA** before the priority date for your college. Applications have been available online since October 1st 2018 at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (there is also a link off the HS Counseling website).

As the acceptance letters start to roll in, remember to celebrate! Your hard work has paid off and the next chapter is beginning. Please notify the counseling office of your final decision for life after high school. If you have not been accepted and are waitlisted, please also seek out the counseling office to help answer any questions you may have or any documents you may need to provide.

JUNIORS:

If you are planning to **register for the ACT** this spring, please make sure you register online before the registration date ends to avoid paying a late fee. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org (there is also a link off the HS Counseling website under the “Testing” tab). Spring test dates include:

- Test Date: February 9, 2019—Registration Deadline January 11, 2019
- Test Date: April 13, 2019—Registration Deadline: March 8, 2019
- Test Date: June 8, 2019—Registration Deadline: May 3, 2019
- Test Date: July 13, 2019—Registration Deadline: June 14, 2019

The upcoming state required ACT is at school on February 20, 2019. On February 21st, students will take the required ACT WorkKeys, which is an employability skills test.

Please make every effort to be at school on this day so as to avoid unnecessary stress on yourself. This test can be used for college & technical school entrance. Students will indicate their four post-secondary choices prior to the day of the test. If students miss one or both of the required test dates, make up is mandatory the mornings of March 12 & 13.

SOPHOMORE, FRESHMEN & 8TH GRADE:

As we head into the registration for next year, please make sure you are taking time to plan out your courses based on what is best for your future. To assist in this process, sophomores and 8th graders should attend “Your Future is Now Night” at the high school. The evening session in February is designed for students to look ahead to their beginning and final years of high school and taking the proper classes that will help them achieve success. The students of those parents that attend the event will be allowed to register first in their upcoming registration day later that month. In addition to this, during 3rd and 4th term, freshmen and sophomore **individual planning conferences** will be held 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** accounts.


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

ACT Prep

Saturday, Feb. 2
9 - 2:30 p.m.

UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield
Room 131

Fee: \$45
Register online or by phone
Continuing Education
2000 W. 5th St., Marshfield, WI
(715) 389-6520
www.marshfield.uwc.edu/ce


Continuing Education
Marshfield
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point


Be prepared and confident come test day.

Cover main subjects of the ACT, including:

- Test-taking strategies
- English usage/mechanics & rhetorical reviews
- Math problem solving strategies
- Science data representation, analysis & interpretation of research summaries

Sample tests and test-taking tips from multiple resources will be shared.

For students planning to take ACTs or looking to improve their score



From the Interventionists,

Ms. Schooley, Mrs. Denniston, and Mrs. Frericks

Happy New Year! We are almost halfway through the year. Interventions are going strong at every level. We thought we'd focus on Math tips this month.

Here are some ideas for building math skills in daily life.

1. Have your child help with measurement by having them measure ingredients (fractions) while cooking or measuring length in simple building projects or home improvement projects.
2. Have your child decide on length of time for an activity. Work on elapsed time when figuring out how long until leaving for somewhere, doing something at home, etc. Work on telling time by having your child read an analog clock, and not just using a digital clock.
3. Have your child practice counting money by counting the change in your pocket each night, having them pay at the store, concession stand, etc. Have your child count back your change. Have older students figure out how much more they need to save up to get a certain item.
4. Work on estimation by having your child guess how many items are in a pile, in a candy bag, how many toys are on the floor to pick up, etc. Have your child try to estimate what your bill will be at the grocery store or restaurant by using rounding of prices.

7th Grade News

During December, the 7th grade students explored *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson, examining its theme of controlling emotions and letting go of anger; something we can all learn and get better at. Throughout the book, the protagonist, Cole, learns from animals he observes on a year-long exile on a small island off the coast of Alaska. As he learns, he carves the animal to create a totem. As a culmination of their learning, students reflected on their lives and considered in what aspects they could improve themselves, then created their own totems and wrote on what they could learn from observing that animal. Students created a wide variety of totems, ranging from soap, clay, wood, and paper.



6-8 Science News

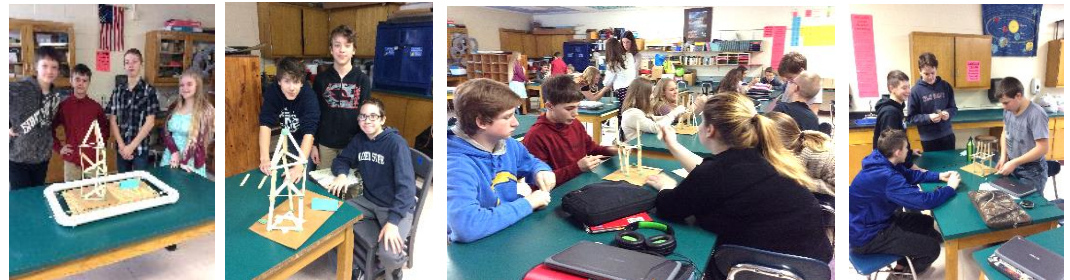
SIXTH GRADERS have been learning about the Periodic Table of Elements in their chemistry studies. They choose an element to investigate and they displayed information on that element on a unique poster.



SEVENTH GRADERS are learning about what cells need for growth and replacement. They did a lab to compare the fat content of some of the food that they eat. The liquified samples were spread on a filter paper and then hung up to view for luminescence. They rated the food on little luminescence (little fat content) or medium to high luminescence (high fat content).



EIGHTH GRADE have been studying plate tectonics, volcanoes, and earthquakes. Their STEM task was to design a building from craft sticks and silly putty that could withstand a long and more rigorous earthquake. Students gave their building a name and then tested their buildings on the earthquake table. An iPad seismograph app was used to record the size and length of the earthquake.



Art Department...

The Art Department is offering the high school students the wonderful opportunity to travel to Italy and Switzerland during June 2020! Seventh grade and up can register for this high school international trip. After traveling to the top of the Alps, the group will travel to Italy with the first stop in Venice, on to Florence, Rome, and Pompeii. While in Venice, the floating city, the students will learn that a master glass blower needs to blow glass for ten years before saving his work as well as have an opportunity to ride in the Gondola rides (a traditional flat-bottomed rowing boat). While at St. Mark's Square, they will observe detailed mosaics that adorn the exterior of the cathedral. In Florence, they will stop at Duomo and the Tower of Pisa. Heading next to Rome where they will see the Colosseum, Old Forum, Trevi Fountain, and the Pantheon (built in 115 AD) as well as stopping at Vatican City where they will stand beneath in the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo and visit St. Peters Basilica. Lastly, they will travel to Pompeii, the buried city. Students will have the chance to experience new and exciting things as the trip goes on. The cost for the students includes everything from airfare and transportation to hotel accommodations, admissions, and two meals a day.

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Empty Bowls Dinner

March 12, 2019
 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Pittsville Elementary Cafeteria
 5459 Elementary Avenue, Pittsville
Admission \$10.00
 Includes Ceramic Bowl and Meal
 All Proceeds Benefit PANS
 Pittsville Area Neighbors Shelf

Save the Date

Pittsville Elementary School is hosting our 6th Annual Empty Bowls charity fundraiser and Art Show 4-6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Join us for a fundraiser soup dinner, student demonstrations, hands-on opportunities at a potter's wheel, and an amazing art show!

Classy Cups

This year, the eighth grade entrepreneurship class created a business called "Classy Cups". Their products included tumbler cups, pint glasses, carriers, and holders. Each one was customizable with several decals and text options. The business had five departments: Marketing, Manufacturing, Packaging, Design, and Accounting.

Each department had a manager, and the company had one president. At the end of the quarter, they sold about \$3,000 worth of product. The profit from the sales goes toward the company's expenses, and the leftover goes to the students. At the end of the quarter, an auction consisting of items bought with the money they made was held for students to participate in. This year was one of the most profitable yet for the entrepreneurship class. The eighth grade would like to thank their wonderful community for supporting them!



Food Service News

ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE EASY AND CONVENIENT

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

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

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 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.

2018-2019 MEAL PRICES

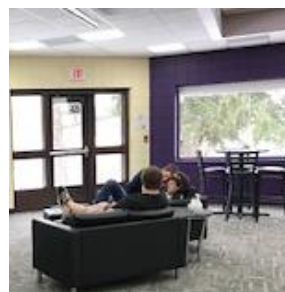
4K- Grade 3 Lunch	\$2.40
Grade 4-8 Lunch	\$2.80
Grade 9-12 Lunch	\$3.25
Adult Lunch	\$3.90
Reduced Lunch	\$.40
Milk	\$.30
4K-Gr 12 Breakfast	\$1.00
Adult Breakfast	\$2.00
After School Snack	\$.50

After School Snack for Free/Reduced Students is FREE.

HS LMC News....

Students can stop by the Cat Creek Coffee Bar in the LMC for a delicious coffee or hot cocoa treat during lunch and breakfast time! The cost for these treats is only 75 cents each! The money made will go toward restocking and adding any new or old items!

Other new changes in the library...there has been some new furniture, tables, and books added for student enjoyment.



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



Nonfiction Focus in First Grade

First grade studied nonfiction text and nonfiction text features in second quarter. We have used what we learned to write an "All About" animal research book. Each student researched an animal of their choice. They had to use at least two sources, books and online information. The students wrote chapters, made diagrams, and summarized the information about their animal. Additionally, they created a table of contents, glossary, and about the author page. Finally, the first grade classes published the reports and shared them with their peers.



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

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



COMMUNITY WALKERS

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

