



April - May 2010

Pittsville School District Newsletter

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ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS (SECTION 120.06 (8)(c), WIS. STATS.)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Pittsville School District that on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, election of School Board Members will be held.

Candidates for the School Board are as follows:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO

Jane M. Wesely
MaryAnn Lippert
Brian J. Kissner

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 1st day of March, 2010.

MaryAnn Lippert, District Clerk

Upcoming Events

Mar29-Apr2	Spring Break
Apr-5	School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Apr-7	8 th Grade Reality Store
Apr-16	WHSFA State Forensics
Apr-22-23	Visioneers Design Challenge
Apr-23	4 th Grade Heritage Day
Apr-26	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
Apr-27	ES Golden Awards
Apr-28	ES Panther Dinner
Apr-30	4 th Grade to Madison Capitol
May-1	PTO: Tom Pease, 10:00 am
May-3	HS Spring Concert, 8:00 pm
May-10	School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
May-11	6-8 Spring Concert, 7:30 pm
May-20	WI/China Exchange Prgm. 7:00 pm
May-29	Graduation, 10:00 am
May-24	JH Band/Choir Trip

SPORTS SCHEDULES ARE
AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT'S WEB
PAGE AT WWW.PITTSVILLE.K12.WI.US.



From the Desk of District Administrator Terry Reynolds

Last month, you read about the District's Pittsville's 2025 initiative which will occur later this Spring. I thought I'd take a few moments to update you on the progress and planning of this event. A District VEST Team (Vision Element Study Team) has now been established. This VEST Team will be meeting on March 22 and 24 to plan the Pittsville 2025 Conference which will be held in May for interested community members, parents, and staff.

The VEST Team will assist in leading table discussions at the conference, as well as being in charge of compiling all the information gained at the Pittsville 2025 Conference. The group will then make recommendations to the School Board for possible/needed changes in the District's vision for the future. We are fortunate to have and thank the following volunteers from our school district who will make up the Pittsville VEST Team: Paul Sturgis, Ken Freedlund, Paula Hensel, Kevin Zogleman, Lisa Denniston, and Julie Strenn.

A reminder that the Pittsville 2025 initiative will call upon district residents, staff, and administration to be engaged in discussions which will help guide our educational system and prepare for the class of 2025 and beyond. In the coming weeks, there will be further announcements/invitations for residents to be involved in this very important discussion. Please keep an eye out for future announcements and try to make a commitment to be involved in this very important process! If you have any questions about Pittsville 2025, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 715-884-6694.

In other news, I will be traveling to Harbin, China April 11-25, to take part in the Wisconsin/China Administrative Exchange Program. Ten other Wisconsin school administrators besides myself will be visiting various schools in China. The purpose of this program is to exchange ideas and learn successful educational initiatives from each of our countries. The exchange will also help build positive relationships with China officials to further build partnerships with China schools and establish long term global learning opportunities for students and staff in our Wisconsin school districts. Wisconsin has seen exports to China increase 41% over the last two years. It is increasingly essential for our students to learn about that part of the world, both for its rich culture and its rapid, modern development, in order to prepare for future work in the global economy. Last December, Mrs. Binqiao Zhang from XIAOHONG Middle School visited Pittsville as part of the China visitors to Wisconsin. Mrs. Zhang has indicated how very much she appreciated the Pittsville community and our school district. I am excited about the opportunity to now visit her schools. It is indeed an enormous privilege and honor for me to be chosen to represent Pittsville, Wisconsin, and our other state schools on this education exchange.

The Wisconsin/China exchange program was developed through a State Department grant. I will present information on what I learned about China and its educational system to the school and community on May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. I hope you will be able to join me that evening.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Todd Steward** and **Kris Doering** for receiving the Crystal Apple Teacher of Distinction.

Out of 250 nominated teachers in the Central Wisconsin area, 22 were presented with candy, a balloon and a mug on March 9 as Teachers of Distinction. Four of those selected teachers will be chosen as Crystal Apple winners in October, where they'll receive a trophy during the program's banquet.

New Breakfast Program Offered at the Elementary School

In place of our a la carte cash breakfast, students will be able to purchase breakfast or milk using the money in their lunch account. The breakfast will cost 60¢. If a student would like milk in the morning, it can be purchased at breakfast for 30¢. The breakfast items will include milk, fruit or fruit juice, and a main item that will vary daily. Families that qualify for free or reduced lunch will receive breakfast free.

2009-10 LUNCH PRICES

4K- Gr 4	\$2.10	Adult	\$3.50
Gr 5-8	\$2.50	Reduced	\$.40
Gr 9-12	\$3.00	Milk	\$.30
4K-Gr 8 Breakfast		\$.60	
Adult Breakfast		\$1.50	

April Menus

THE MAY MENUS CAN BE VIEWED ON-LINE AFTER APRIL 30TH

B R E A K F A S T

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
			NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
5 Toast N' Jelly String Cheese Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	6 Fruit Filled Poptarts or Assorted Cold Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	7 P-Butter Uncrustable or Grab N Go Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	8 Toasted English Muffin Scrambled Eggs Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	9 Cinnamon Rolls or Grab N Go Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk
12 Breakfast Pizza or Assorted Cold Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	13 Fruit Filled Poptarts or Grab N Go Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	14 Bagel 1/2s Giant Goldfish Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	15 Hot Oatmeal or Assorted Cold Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	16 Cinnamon Rolls or Grab N Go Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk
19 Assorted Cold Cereal Toast N' Jelly Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	20 Pancake on a Stick or Assorted Cold Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	21 Toasted English Muffin Fruited Yogurt Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	22 P-Butter Uncrustable or Assorted Cold Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	23 Cinnamon Rolls or Grab N Go Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk
26 Assorted Cold Cereal String Cheese Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	27 Assorted Cold Cereal Toast N' Jelly Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	28 Large Muffins or Assorted Cold Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	29 Fruit Filled Poptarts or Grab N Go Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk	30 Cinnamon Rolls or Grab N Go Cereal Chilled Fruit or Juice Milk

L U N C H

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1	2
			NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
5 CHICKEN NUGGETS Mashed Potatoes Fresh Bread Chilled Fruit Jungle Cookies Milk	6 HARD SHELL TACO or SOFT SHELL Pizza Casserole Carrot Sticks Fresh Bread Shredded Cheese Chilled Fruit Milk	7 SPAGHETTI Italian Sauce Corn Dinner Rolls Chilled Fruit Milk	8 HOT HAM ON A BUN BBQ RIB ON A BUN Tatertot Casserole Fresh Bread Chilled Fruit Sliced Cheese Milk	9 CHEESE FRIES HAM & CHEESE KAISER Broccoli Rice Fresh Bread Salad Bar Chilled Fruit Milk
12 FISH SQUARE ON A BUN or HAMBURGER ON A BUN French Fries Chilled Fruit Relish Sticks & Dip Sliced Cheese Milk	13 MINI CORNDOGS Baked Beans HOT PASTA Chilled Fruit Milk	14 ROAST CHICKEN Veggie Mashed Potato Fresh Bread Chilled Fruit Milk	15 SUB SANDWICH Chicken Noodle Soup Fresh Bread Carrot Sticks Chilled Fruit Milk	16 CHEESE QUESADILLA Salad Bar Spanish Rice Fresh Bread Chilled Fruit Milk
19 PEPPERONI PIZZA TUNA SALAD KAISER Fresh Bread Salad Bar Pasta Salad Chilled Fruit Milk	20 CHICKEN NUGGETS Baked Potatoes Fresh Bread Chilled Fruit Jungle Cookies Milk	21 FRENCH TOAST STICKS Sliced Ham Fresh Bread Juice Chilled Fruit Milk	22 SPAGHETTI Italian Sauce Corn Dinner Rolls Chilled Fruit Milk	23 SLOPPY JO or HAMBURGER ON A BUN Potato Wedges Fresh Bread Chilled Fruit Sliced Cheese Milk
26 HOT PASTA Turkey Ala King Carrot Coins Chilled Fruit Dinner Rolls Milk	27 NACHOS Cheese Sauce/Taco Meat Vegetable Blend Fresh Bread Chilled Fruit Salad Bar Milk	28 CHICKEN NUGGETS Mashed Potatoes Fresh Bread Chilled Fruit Jungle Cookies Milk	29 PIZZA DIPPERS Salad Bar Fresh Bread Chilled Fruit Pasta Salad Milk	30 CHEESE FRIES HAM & CHEESE KAISER Broccoli Rice Fresh Bread Salad Bar Chilled Fruit Milk



PITTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

It is the time of year where we are working on the schedule for next year. During high school, we want students to prepare for life after high school. I always encourage students to take 4 years of math in high school. Twenty-five years ago when I was a beginning teacher, I heard a speaker say that 75% or 80% of students who fail to complete the requirements of a degree program after high school fail to complete the program because the student cannot meet the math requirement. Often I have heard individuals in college or technical school say, "I wish I would have taken more math in high school." I encourage the students to take challenging math classes. The students who have the easiest time with math after high school are students who challenge themselves during their senior year.

Mr. Shane Lilly and Mrs. Marlis Downs recently attended a conference hosted by Mid-State Technical College. After the conference, they began working on a new Tech Math class for Pittsville High School. We will be offering the class next fall. We are actually looking to begin using the same text in our Consumer Math class this year as Mid-State Technical College is using in a course which is taught at the Technical College. Mr. Lilly and Mrs. Downs are also working to articulate the class with Mid-State Technical College. Once the articulation agreement is complete, students who meet a required level will be able to receive credit at both Mid-State Technical College and Pittsville High School. We are working on other articulation agreements that can help students prepare for Technical College and save money at the same time gaining Technical College credit while in high school.

While talking about preparing for college, I also need to mention Advanced Placement (AP) testing. These tests allow juniors and seniors at Pittsville High School with successful completion to gain high school and college credit. We have had students pass three tests in the past and receive between 9 and 12 college credits. The AP test cost students around \$85.00. Generally, students at Pittsville will take the US History AP Test or the English Literature AP Test. We offer Advanced US History and AP Literature to help prepare students for these tests. The actual amount of credit a student receives depends on their AP Test Score and the acceptance of scores by the university the student is attending.

Last year both Kyle Wilke, a 2009 graduate, and Devin Minor, a current senior, were recognized as AP Scholars. In August, I received notice that both students were recognized as AP Scholars by receiving a score of 3 or better on at least 3 different AP Exams. AP Exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5. A score of 3 is recommended by the College Board as worthy of college credit.

I hope everyone gets outside and enjoys the spring!

John Olig, Senior High School Principal

CENTRAL WISCONSIN MATH LEAGUE, Shane Lilly, Advisor

Pittsville High School is doing very well this year at Math Competitions. They are currently ranked 4th only 150 points out of first place, a mere 65 points from medaling as a team. Top performers in the advanced category Nathan Franson is currently ranked first out of 45 competitors in our division and in 6th over all. Kang Seung Yeon, our exchange student from Korea, is currently 3rd in our division and 12th overall. Both of these students are eligible for an award if they maintain their current position. In geometry, Angela Rahm placed first at the last meet out of 32 competitors. She missed the first meet, so her overall ranking is low. Nikki Dietz is 16th out of 56 competitors in our division. In Algebra 2, Lee Friedl is the highest ranking student at 24th place out of 44. We hope to improve our scores in the lower categories, while maintaining our high average in the advanced category.



Congratulations to ALYSSA SCHOLZEN on being the 10th grade winner of the Wisconsin Trooper Association Art & Essay contest.

PHS HO-ANG-HO Yearbook is on sale now!

They can be purchased online at jostensyearbooks.com for \$33 or order forms can be filled out and returned to school. Yearbooks purchased through the school are \$38. Yearbooks will be on sale through April. After April, there will be no pre-order and students will have to hope for extras available for purchase in the fall, they will be \$40 at that time.

PITTSVILLE ELEMENTARY NEWS

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members:

Ahhh...the days of spring are finally here! I hope many of you took advantage of the Parent/Teacher Conference time that has just passed. Conferences allow time to discuss with the teacher the progress of the student in both academic and social aspects of school. Report Cards were also recently sent out. Please take time to review the comments of the teachers with your child. This time of year, it gets more and more difficult to stay focused in school.



As the year progresses and the days warm, motivation to do well in school tends to wane. Here are a few reminders for you on how you, as a parent, can support us here at school.

1. Communicate to your child the importance of school.
2. Build up your child's confidence and self-esteem by maintaining high standards for behavior and school work. If you see work that doesn't look "up to par", don't be afraid to require them to redo it. If a behavioral slip is sent home, hold your child accountable for his/her behavior.
3. Be a good listener and make yourself available to discuss problems your child is having, large or small.
4. Be sure there is a good balance of work, play, and study in your child's day.
5. Show your love and affection for your child---often. They might act like they don't appreciate the hugs, but deep inside they love it!
6. Log on to InfoNow to review the progress of your child. We offer this opportunity to all of our parents and we hope that you take advantage of it.

Together we can make our school a great place for all children to learn.

Looking forward to a warm and sunny April.

Mrs. Sondelski, Elementary Principal

GOLDEN AWARDS WINNERS

JANUARY

Golden Pencil Award-- Mr. Schultz's reading class
Golden Dustpan/Broom Award-- Mrs. Niedfeldt's Homeroom
Golden Present Award-- Multiage 3rd Grade
Golden Book Award-- Mrs. Hautala's First Grade
Golden Slide Award-- Ms. Hartwig's Fourth Grade
Golden Slipper Award-- Mr. Schultz's Homeroom
Golden Table Award-- Mrs. Heinzen's Kindergarten
Golden Spoon Award-- Mr. Schultz's Room
PANTHER DINER-- Mrs. Pavlick's 3rd grade

FEBRUARY

Golden Dustpan and Broom Award--Mr. Winter's class
Golden Slipper Award-- Miss. Coon's class
Golden Slide Award-- Mr. Sanken's Kindergarten
Golden Present Award-- Mrs. Brux's class
Golden Table Award-- Mrs. Moore's class
Golden Book Award-- Mrs. Hautala's First Grade
Golden Spoon Award-- Mrs. Sanken's Homeroom
Golden Pencil Award-- Mrs. Neve's 4th Grade Reading Class
PANTHER DINER-- Mrs. Sanken's homeroom

Positive vs. Negative

All adults react more graciously to positive rather than negative expressions and so does a child. A negative statement generates a negative reaction just as a positive statement generates a positive reaction. Therefore, it is beneficial to understand which words to choose when talking to a child.

Alice in Dairyland Cheryl O'Brien came to Pittsville on March 17 to speak with 4th Grade students on the history of Wisconsin and vast variety of agricultural crops grown and produced in our state.



ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR NEWS...

Things have really been happening in the Elementary School Counseling Office. During February, the National Guard visited for an entire morning to work with our 5th graders on leadership, team building, and making good choices. This is done through their LEAP program which is aimed at drug and alcohol prevention. As March progresses, preparation is taking place for the 8th graders to attend the Reality Store in Marshfield in April. This is a yearly event in which our 8th graders get to experience budgeting, buying, and planning for the future based on a career, family, and other information that is assigned to them. It is quite an adventure for them to go through this process. In March, Puberty Night will also be taking place for those 5th graders and their parents who wish to attend. Mush Husky will be here to share the morning of March 24th with the elementary students about Alaskan sled dogs. If you have any questions about any events taking place, please do not hesitate to call the elementary school.

REMINDER

If your child needs prescription medications including inhalers and antibiotics for an illness, infection, etc. I must have authorization in writing from the physician. Any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 884-2518.

Tammie Cramer, School Health Director



Thank you to the High School helpers who willingly volunteered.

On February 4, families had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a variety of math activities. A few of the activities children were able to do that evening were: build with place value cubes, construct 3-D shapes with toothpicks and marshmallows, sort and graph noodles, play math baseball and Bingo, and make patterns with crackers, cookies, and marshmallows. A math quilt, consisting of 22 math questions, challenged the children to think of how math is related to the everyday world. Math and numbers are all around us!! The following are the questions and answers, along with the individual's names who answered correctly. We had so many smart children AND adults!

FAMILY MATH NIGHT

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

QUESTION	ANSWER	WINNERS
1 How many donuts are in a baker's dozen?	13	Monte Thiel, Karl Durrant, Helen Durrant, Chad Durrant, Irene Klevene
2 How old is President Obama?	48 years old	Gina Zickert
3 How many players are on 2 football teams?	106 players	Karter Kundson
4 How many ounces are in 9 pounds of butter?	144 ounces	Michael Robinson, Stephanie Durrant, Helen Durrant, Irene Klevene, Ashley Weigel, Savanna Frederick
5 How many students are enrolled in Pittsville Elementary?	455 students.	Irene Klevene was the closest with a guess of 464 students.
6 Can you name something that is a rectangular prism?	a book, tub, cubbie, pencil box, table, Kleenex box, movie box, concrete block, chalkboard	
7 How many cups are in 2 gallons?	32 cups	Monte Thiel, Irene Klevene
8 What is the freezing temperature of water in degrees Fahrenheit and Celsius?	32 degrees F and 0 degrees C	Monte Thiel, Amanda Ortner, Michael Robinson, Irene Klevene, and Helen Durrant were correct on both questions
9 How many miles are between Marshfield and Pittsville?	18 miles	Helen Durrant and Monte Thiel were the closest with 15 miles
9 Which president is on the half dollar?	John F. Kennedy	Monte Thiel, Ashley Weigel, Laney Garrels, Jenna Rasmussen, Karl Durrant, Irene Klevene, and Savanna Frederick
10 What is the decimal to 5/7?	0.714	Nobody was correct
11 How many minutes are in the school day?	440 minutes	Lydia Sanken was the closest with 420 minutes.
12 How many inches of snow would equal 3 inches of rain?	36 inches	Nobody was correct
13 Write a letter from the alphabet that is symmetrical. Draw its line of symmetry.	answers given were I, H, A, & O	
14 What is the weight of a newborn giraffe?	110 pounds	Closest answer was given by Ashley Weigel at 90 pounds.
15 How many hot dogs were served at tonight's meal?	157 hot dogs	Evan Manlick was the closest with a guess of 110 hotdogs.
16 How many nickels are in \$1.65?	33 nickels	Jenna Rasmussen, Laney Garrels, Abby Look, Amanda Ortner, Evan Manlick, and Lydia Sanken
17 What is the perimeter (in feet) of the elementary cafeteria?	252 feet	Chad Durrant was the closest with 256 feet
18 Can you name a fraction equivalent of 1/2?	answers given were 2/4, 4/8, 6/12, & 5/10	
19 How many different combinations can you make with the following choices: vanilla, chocolate, or strawberry ice cream WITH a sugar cone, waffle cone, or in a dish?	9 combinations	Michael Robinson and Irene Klevene were correct.
20 How many cans of soda are in 4 12-packs?	48 cans	Monte Thiel, Lydia Sanken, Laney Garrels, Ashley Weigel, Eric Neve, Irene Klevene, Helen Durrant, Evan Manlick, and Jenna Rasmussen
21 How many days are between Easter and the 4th of July in the year 2010?	90 days	
22 How tall is the Statue of Liberty?	305 feet from foundation to tip	Nobody was close



On March 13, **PHS Forensics** left in the wee hours on a Saturday morning to compete at District Forensics at East Junior High in Wisconsin Rapids. After a three rounds of competition, twelve of the thirteen entries will be traveling to WHSFA State Forensics on April 16th. The team is coached by Mr. Simonds and Ms. Freedlund.

Technology Ed News

Mr. Winter, Instructor

Time is sure flying by it seems and soon we are going to be mowing the lawns and planting our gardens! Is your lawn care equipment ready? If not, how about bringing it in and let the students in Small Engines take a look at them. We can do anything from sharpening blades, changing oil, tuning carburetors and just plain "get them ready for summer" work. Prices will vary depending on what we need to do.

Our woods classes are also looking for some projects to build and have plans for several flower boxes, benches and chairs that would add beauty to any home. If you need something let us know and we will make something work.

Any questions feel free to email me at winteeripittsville.k12.wi.us or call the school at 884-6412 and ask for Mr. Winter.

Business Education News, Ms. Jackson, Advisor

The Business Education Department has been busy since returning from winter break. The largest activity was planning, preparing, and competing at the Regional Leadership Conference on Saturday, February 6th at West Junior High in Wisconsin Rapids for FBLA. The chapter, which has its largest participation in recent years, took 24 competitors to RLC with hopes of many advancing on to state. In the end, 5 students have qualified for the State Leadership Conference which will be taking place at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells on April 12-13.

The students who placed in the top 5 in their competition category were Kaitlin Wheeler (Business Communications), Richard Duerr (Computer Problem Solving), Joe Hoffman (Computer Problem Solving), Hannah Marti (Personal Finance), and Tyler Hiles (Impromptu Speaking). These 5 students plus President Cody Meyer and Vice President Jen Quinnell will also be attending, serving as Voting Delegates for the general assemblies to select next year's state officers.

Besides FBLA, the department has also been busy planning field trips for different classes. one of those was the Careers/Employability Skills class which spent a day touring two different college campuses. On March 17th, 12 members of the Careers class visited Northcentral Technical College in Wausau and UW-Stevens Point to have the chance to see two campuses they had not visited before. At NTC, the students were able to explore the different programs available and got some hands on learning as well. In Trades and Technology, they saw a plasma cam at work and walked away with a metal fish to prove it. Business and Information Technology had them see the hardware and networking labs students use for training. In Health, they saw the Nursing training and the dummies used which have bodily function capabilities like breathing. And in Agriculture and Community Services, they had the chance to learn some sign language. The students were able to see the newly remodeled campus and hear about the costs associated with attending NTC.

After spending the morning in Wausau, they jumped back on the bus and headed to Stevens Point to see the UW campus. After sitting through an introduction to the college by an admissions officer, the students had a chance to tour the campus and see everything from the dining facilities to dorms to the academic buildings. A real interest was given in learning about the study abroad opportunities and checking out the living facilities available on campus, and of course, the food options as well. The students enjoyed having the chance to spend a day on two different campuses they had not had the chance to visit before and learn something new to help them plan for their future beyond Pittsville.

More potential field trips are in the works and getting ready for State FBLA. It will be a busy, and exciting, last quarter of the school in Business Ed!

SPLASH OF RED CRANBERRY TOUR RECEIVES AWARD

State Superintendent Tony Evers recognized nine projects that provide services to their rural communities, enriching the quality of life in rural Wisconsin. "The small towns and rural communities that dot Wisconsin's landscape make valuable contributions to our state's heritage," Evers said. "The talented individuals and organizations accepting "Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin" awards have made a commitment to their schools, libraries, and communities." A ceremony to recognize the nine projects receiving was held at the State Capitol in Madison on Feb. 22. One of the projects receiving "Standing Up for Rural Schools, Libraries and Communities" award was Pittsville High School's 'Splash of Red Cranberry Tour.' Splash of Red Cranberry Tours, an outgrowth of the Pittsville High School Cranberry Science class, have grown from five tours and 60 guests the first year to more than 600 guests from every state in the nation as well as visitors from Germany, Japan, Canada, and Australia. Developed by William Urban, Pittsville agriculture education instructor, the student-led tours provide a comprehensive and interactive look at a cranberry operation, giving students an opportunity to teach what they've learned in class and practice public speaking and leadership skills while boosting local tourism. The grower insisted that money from the tours help increase scholarship and travel opportunities for students and FFA members. Students, Abby Swoboda and Amy Miner, attended the award ceremony, along with other students and guests involved in the community project, to accept the award.



PHYSICS STUDENTS CONSTRUCT INSTRUMENTS

Mark Denniston, Instructor

The high school physics class recently studied the physics of sound. As part of their study students constructed musical instruments capable of playing a complete octave. The students also performed a simple song for the class and were required to explain how their instrument produces sound, how they control the pitch of the instrument, and what category of instrument they constructed. Some of the instruments the students made include: flutes, guitars, a xylophone, and pipes.



AG/FFA NEWS...

2010 PITTSVILLE FFA BANQUET A SUCCESS

Mr. Urban, Advisor

The Pittsville FFA held its annual banquet on March 25. It was a great success with over one hundred thirty people in attendance. The Pittsville FFA which is the most active organization in the high school handed out several awards to the following people: Dan Hahn received the Honorary Chapter Farmer Award for his continued support of our community's FFA program and help with the Splash of Red Cranberry Tours. Zach Hoffarth received the Star Chapter Farmer Award for his leadership in agriculture. Josh Robus received the Outstanding in FFA and Agriculture Education Award. Outgoing President Margo Rosandick received the Gold and Blue Award for excellence in the FFA program the past four years. Megan Christiansen received the Chapter Greenhand Award because of her involvement in the FFA. Wendy Cullen and Zach Hoffarth were recognized for being high fruit salesman. Hoffarth will also be receiving the State FFA Degree as the top 3% of FFA members in the state. Sandy and Jerry Moore were recognized with the "Friends of the Pittsville FFA Alumni Award." Pittsville High School Principal John Olig gave the opening comments about the importance of agriculture and FFA programs in all the smaller communities. After the meal, FFA Alumni Treasurer Jan Wright gave comments and discussed the important role that the Pittsville FFA alumni plays in our member's development. FFA member Christiansen recited the FFA Creed while the office team each reflected on the past years successes, which included Food For America Program, State and National FFA Conventions, Washington Leadership Conference, Manitowish Waters Leadership Camp, Central Wisconsin Fair (Pittsville FFA had the most exhibits this past year), Meat and Labor Auction, Cranberry Tours, State FFA Degrees and Choir members, FFA Week and Ag Olympics. State FFA Officer Jeannie Untiedt from Colby gave an inspirational speech about how the FFA Organization has helped her grow. FFA Presidents Margo Rosandick gave her retiring address, at the end former State FFA Choir members Kaila Pralle and Josh Pavlicek sang the Star Spangled Banner to complete the evening's events. We would like to thank all the area business everyone for their donations to helping us make the banquet a success for our members.

News from the Art Department

Visioneers Design Challenge, Mrs. Doering, Advisor

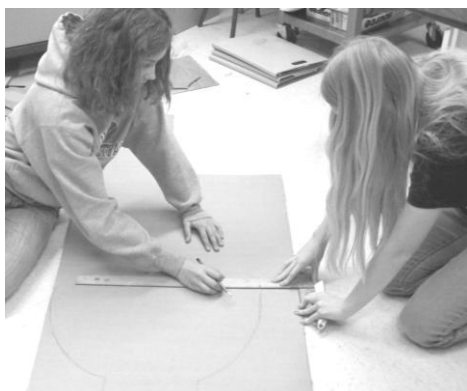
Twenty-four middle school and high school students are preparing for the Visioneers Design Challenge held on April 23 at the UW Milwaukee–Pecks School of The Arts. The competition offers a variety of challenges that are written by business professionals. The theme for the challenges is “going green.” The students are currently working on a long-term challenge that they will present in Milwaukee. While at the UW Milwaukee, they will be given an on-site challenge that they will need to solve and present that day. This year the Visioneers team will travel to Milwaukee a day early to spend an afternoon at the Milwaukee Art Museum participating in a guided tour, *What Ism is it?* The students are researching an art ism (realism, impressionism, cubism, etc.) to report back to the Visioneers team in preparation for their tour.

Our team has selected a variety of challenges. We have two groups participating in the Digital Photography Challenge consisting of a sixth grade group of Olivia Pelot, Lexie Dupee, Miranda Ortnier, and Alissia Korslin and a high school group of Seung Yeon Kang, Rachel Delaney, and Olivia Wesely. For the digital photography long-term challenge, the students need to take photographs of the complete alphabet found in nature, architecture, etc. while considering composition, angle, lighting, shadows, etc. Of course, they also have the option to alter the photos using computer programs. They will complete their long-term challenge by selecting and mounting their three best photos.

Tom Schubert and Jake Allind, sixth grade, needed to research numerous insects as part of their long-term challenge in Product Design. Once the research was completed, they selected an insect to create a design for a hanger and holder. Using the spittle beetle, they are creating a copper beetle to hold jewelry. Mrs. Doering can't wait to see the end product!

Selected by two groups, the Point-Of-Purchase Challenge will be solved by Adrianna Zickert and Haley Kumm, seventh grade, and an eighth grade group - Sarah Schimtz, Sophia Schwanebeck, and Hannah Downs. The challenge is to design and construct a display for a grocery store for a green product while considering eco-friendly. Of course the display has to be attractive to convince the customer to buy the product. The eighth grade group participated in the Point-Of-Purchase Challenge last year and is applying what the business person taught them last year on the manufacturing aspects of point-of-purchase displays.

Could you design a going green snowboard/skateboard that everybody wants to purchase? Well, we have an eighth grade group and a high school group that decided to take the challenge. Jenna Sanken, Breanna Kumm, and Audrey Meis, eighth grade, have researched many green issues to target their clientele and their lifestyle. High School students Rachel Neve and Christine Sturgis are also exploring ways to address the environmental issues to design a product that visually communicates a green environment message, while appealing to members of our snowboarding club.



Sarah Schimtz & Hannah Downs working on their display for Point-of-Purchase



Sixth Grade Group: Lexi Dupee, Miranda Ortnier, Alissa Korslin and Olivia Pelot editing photos for the Digital Photography Challenge



Adrianna Zickert working on a counter display for Point-of-Purchase

That Was Easy!

The students at Pittsville High School are gearing up for another blood drive on April 14th. The blood drive will be held from 8:30 to 1:30 in the Pittsville High School gym. If you would like to make an appointment to donate, contact the high school office or Mr. Piotrowski at 884-6412.

The blood drives have been increasing in participation and as a result have “outgrown” the use of the library for a place to donate blood. This is a wonderful problem to have, and with more room to donate, feel free to come donate and help others!

The Student Council, Pittsville students, and the Pittsville community were recognized for their efforts this past fall. They were second place winners in a drawing for total number of participants who donated blood. The student council received a \$500 gift card from Staples.

The Blood Center of Wisconsin would like to remind everyone that giving blood does save lives! The students of PHS can be commended for their willingness to step forward and help others in their time of need.



PHS Drama Club production of “Til Death Do Us Part.”

Actors pictured: Olivia Weseley, Zach Zdun, Nikki Deitz, Zach Hoffarth, & Anna Schwanebeck.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

\$200 was collected and sent to UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) to help children from the earthquake. Thanks to all that contributed.

Pittsville Junior High Student Council

News from the Music Department...

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Apr 13 - Large Group Choir at Auburndale

Apr 20 - Large Group Band at Auburndale

May 3 - HS Spring Concert, 8:00 pm

May 11 - 6-8 Spring Concert - 1:45, 7:30 pm

Jun 5 - HS Band Marshfield Dairy Fest Parade, 11:00 am

Jul 4 - HS Band Pittsville 4th of July Parade, 12:00

In April, the Pittsville Junior High and High School Music Department will be participating in Large Group Festival. This year it will be held in Auburndale. The choirs will perform on Tuesday, April 13 and the bands will perform on Tuesday, April 20. We hope to see you there.



Green Tea Saturday, April 10 Show time: 7:30 pm

One of the Midwest's most progressive Celtic groups, Green Tea is becoming well-known for their driving melodies, world-beat jams, and heart-felt ballads. Green Tea performs high energy Irish dance music with a strong infusion of Celtic world beat and contemporary improvisation. You can find out more about the group at: www.greenteaworldmusic.com.

Sponsored in part by:
Pittsville Homes, Inc.
Pittsville Therapy Services, Inc.

Tickets: Adult \$10, Senior \$8, Student \$5



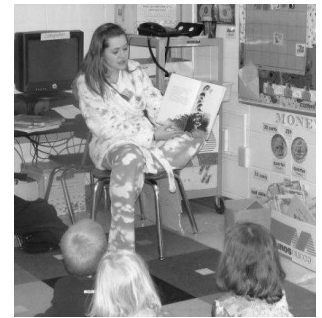
Art Stevenson & Highwater Saturday, May 1

Show time: 7:30 pm

This four-piece bluegrass band from the heart of Wisconsin has become a local favorite as it returns for an eighth annual performance. You'll hear bluegrass classics, early country and mountain songs, as well as gospel vocal trios and quartets; warm with friendly humor. Visit them at www.highwatermusic.com.

Sponsored in part by:
Charlie's Pinecrest, Pittsville Co-Op,
Pittsville Homes, Inc., Pittsville Therapy Services, Inc.
Stratford Therapy Services, Inc.

Tickets: Adult \$10, Senior \$8, Student \$5



Pajama Reading Party

The Title 1 Staff and the PTO would like to thank all those who made the Pajama Reading Party held on Friday, March 5 such a success. Without all of the help and volunteers we'd not be able to host this event. We'd also like to thank all the families who came and listened to the readers. We had approximately 170 adults and children attend. All the smiles and seeing everyone enjoy it makes all the time and work worthwhile.

A huge thank you goes out to the following people who volunteered to read. They are Denise Herkert, Liz Knutson, Barb Calloway, Mrs. C. Kumm, Breanna Kumm, Jessica Gauger, Mrs. Look, Marce Ortnier, Cindy See, Jessica Zahn, Tina Behselich, Mr. Sanken, Mrs. Zickert, Adrianna Zickert, Ms. S. Freedlund, Mrs. Bisek, Hailey Kumm, Katie Delaney, Shelby Freedlund, Amber Guden, and Wendy Cullen

We'd like to say a special thank you to Joe Dostal for ordering the milk for us. Also, thank you to Gail Baum and the staff at the Pittsville Bakery for baking the delicious cookies we enjoyed. We'd also like to thank Pam Pralle and Dan Bornbach for their help with setting up, making sure we had what we needed, and cleaning up.



Mindy Bakken, Lindsey Graham, Mason Frost, & Adrina Blanco act out a scene from *Of Mice and Men* during English 11.

PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST							SEPTEMBER (21)							OCTOBER (20)							NOVEMBER (20)						
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HOL Holiday - No School
 INS Teacher Inservice - No School
 NS No School
 VAC Vacation

PTC Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 pm
 ER Early Release at 12:30 p.m.
 E/PTC Early Release, Parent/Teacher Conf 1-3:30, 4-8 pm
 I End of Quarter

INSERVICE

August 25 Teacher Flex Day
 August 26 Teacher Inservice
 August 31 Open House (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)
 October 28-29 Teacher Convention - Madison
 January 17 Teacher Inservice
 February 24 Parent/Teacher Conference
 May 16 Teacher Inservice

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

October 21 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 October 26 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.
 February 24 1:00 - 3:30, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

November 5 February 24 June 8
 December 23 March 25

NO SCHOOL

September 6 Labor Day
 October 28-29 Teacher Convention/Inservice
 November 25-26 Thanksgiving Break
 Dec 24 - Jan 2 Winter Break
 January 17 Teacher Inservice
 February 25 No School
 Mar 28 - Apr 1 Spring Break
 April 22 No School
 April 25 Snow Make-Up Day
 May 30 Memorial Day

QUARTERS

1st Quarter September 1 - November 4
 2nd Quarter November 5 - January 14
 3rd Quarter January 18 - March 25
 4th Quarter April 4 - June 8

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - SEPTEMBER 1

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - JUNE 8

LOW LUNCH BALANCES

Students whose lunch accounts are below six meals will be notified weekly using the Pittsville School District Instant Alert System. The notice explains that the students funds are running low and money should be added as soon as possible.

If an account gets below zero, a notice will be sent out through the instant alert system stating if the amount due is not paid in three working days, your child will not longer be able to participate in the morning milk program and/or lunch program. If no money is received, a note will go home with the child explaining the account is closed and Pittsville Schools will no longer be providing school lunch or milk. It is then the parent's responsibility to provide their child with a lunch from home. Once money is added, your child may again participate in the school lunch and milk program.

When sending in a payment, please include the name of your child and account number. If your family has more than one student attending the district, be sure to list the names and account numbers of all the students you wish the money to be distributed. When distributing money (unless otherwise directed), family accounts will be "evened out" so all the students in one family will have about the same amount of money.

Here are a few tips to insure your child's food service account is up-to-date and in good standing.

- Check with your answering machines, e-mails to see if your family received an instant alert message concerning a low lunch balance.
- If you received a notice, please send payment as soon as possible. Remember – your child has only six or less purchases left.
- When sending in a payment, please include each student's name and account number.

If you have any questions about your account, please contact Joe Dostal at 715-884-2517.

STI InformationNOW for Parents

STI InformationNOW is a free web-based student information application that gives parents/guardians and students on line access to grades, assignments, attendance, schedules, emergency information, and more! If you have access to a computer, you can now monitor your child's assignments and grades on a regular basis. It's easy to use and we think you'll find this an invaluable tool!

To obtain a parent/guardian **LOGIN** to *InformationNOW*, please contact the school. Users must receive a user name and password, as well as the Web site URL, to access the program.

- To log in, open a Web browser window.
- Go to the Web site URL <https://infonow.cesa10.k12.wi.us/pittsville>
- Enter the *User Name* and *Password*.
- Click **Login**.
 - The first time a user logs in, it is necessary to reset the password for security purposes.
 - If necessary, enter the old password. Then enter the new password and retype it in the space provided. Click **OK** to save the changes.

Note: If the user has forgotten the password and has an e-mail address on file with the school, click the **Forgot your password?** link. Enter the user name and the last four digits of the Social Security Number on file. The password will be e-mailed to the user's account. If further assistance is needed, please contact the school.

Home Page

The *home page* will initially display, listing all announcements for the school and/or district. The user may also use the *Logout* option in the upper right hand corner to exit *InformationNOW*. It is recommended that users exit *InformationNOW* when finished accessing the program to protect confidential information, such as Social Security Numbers as well as demographic, discipline and grade information.

School Calendar

To view the school calendar, click the **School Calendar** link at left. By default, the events and attendance days will display for the current school/academic session and month. Non-attendance days appear in gray. Events appear as a blue link. Regular attendance days appear with the type of day.

Student Information

Click **Student Information** to view student data. All students to which the current user is assigned as custodian will display. Click the name of the student to view. Access various tabs of information for the selected student including *Grades*, *Schedule*, *Attendance*, *Discipline* and basic *Demographic* data.

Reports

- **Report Card:** To view the student's report card information, click the **Report Card** link at left. Select the grading period and click **View Report**. Click to **Open** or **Save** the report.
- **Unofficial Transcript:** To view the student's unofficial transcript grade information, click the **Unofficial Transcript** link at left. Click to **Open** or **Save** the report.

If you have questions, difficulties, or need a new password, contact Karen Garrels or Tammie Cramer (884-2517) at the Elementary School or Pam Kumm (884-6412) at the High School. Troubleshooting Information is also available at the district's website at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us.

INSTANT ALERT FOR SCHOOLS

Instant Alert for Schools is an essential tool for notification and communication. Within minutes of an emergency, school officials can use Instant Alert to deliver a single, clear message to the students' parents or guardians by telephone, cell phone, e-mail, pager or PDA in any combination. Instant Alert can also be used to notify you of a school closing due to inclement weather. It's an equally effective way to keep you informed of everyday activities, such as event times and locations as well as schedule changes. Keeping parents informed and involved helps to assure student safety and improve student success.

The system can be found through a link on the district website or at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity, as we will be utilizing this system for much of our school-to-home *communication*.

If you need assistance with your profile, please go to <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> and click on the **Help Request** link on the lower right hand side of the page, or contact the school at 884-2517 (elementary office), 884-6412 (High School office) or the district office at 884-6694.

Cafe Prepay

To help simplify payment of school lunch fees, Pittsville School District has enrolled in an internet-based service called Café Prepay. This service is a website where you can pay for your child's lunch account fees using your Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express, plus a small processing fee (approximately \$2.50 per transaction) charged by your credit card company. Participation in this service is voluntary; you may enroll at any time.

Café Prepay also enables you to view your student's participation report, which means you can monitor your child's spending and see exactly what he's eating each day (via the Participation Report link).

You can find a link to the Café Prepay website on the school district's website at <http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us/>. If you have questions, please visit <http://www.pay4lunch.com/faq.aspx> or call 1-866-642-9990. For questions about your child's account balances or other food service questions please call the school district food service office at 884-5220.

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

If weather conditions are such that the school schedule may be interrupted, notification of cancellations, delays, or early dismissals will be made through the Pittsville School District Instant Alert System or on one of the stations listed below. 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 on those days.

WIFC	95.5 FM	Wausau
WOFM	94.7 FM	Wausau
WOSQ	92.3 FM	Marshfield
WGLX	103.3 FM	Wis. Rapids
WSAW	TV-7	Wausau
WAOW	TV - 9	Wausau
WEAU	TV-13	Eau Claire

The mission of the Pittsville Public Schools is to enable each student through his/her own efforts and the efforts of parents, educational staff, and the community to be lifelong learners, capable of adapting to change while making a positive contribution in the global community.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

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715-884-2517

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