

Newsletter

PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



From the Desk of Interim Superintendent Dr. Paul Vine

ENERGY SAVINGS RETROFIT PROJECT UPDATE

Our Pittsville School District, like many PK-12 school districts, is constantly trying to find ways to do more with less. In recent years, the district was spending increasingly more money on utilities for lighting and heating. In addition, the district was forced to defer maintenance and safety updates due to lack of funding.

To try to get a handle on the issue and address the challenges, in the spring of 2014 the Pittsville School District embarked on a plan to develop, fund, and implement a comprehensive facility management plan. The goal of this plan is to evaluate, repair, and modernize facilities, while also controlling escalating energy costs, bring buildings up to code, and improve the learning environment by improving the comfort and safety for students and staff.

The District began working with Energy Services Group (ESG) to conduct a facility needs assessment. Based upon the assessment, ESG and district staff created a comprehensive list of projects. Included were measures to retrofit/update lighting, plumbing, controls, building exterior/envelop, and variable speed drives to be replaced throughout the district. It also proposed a new cooling tower at the high school, replacement roof at the elementary school, and updating the heating and ventilating system at the elementary school.

On October 13 and 16, 2014, the district held public informational meetings on the projects. On October 29, 2014, the school board approved the performance contract and a resolution to exceed the levy limits for debt service on the energy efficiency financing for \$2,415,000. This resolution also identified required performance indicators that will measure energy savings/or energy cost avoidance in an amount equal to the exemption request. Essentially, the upgrades will provide at least an annual guaranteed savings of \$57,830 of which the district will use to offset the cost of the project and pay back the debt each year.

In May of 2014, the district commissioned with Energy Services Group. During the fall of 2014, Energy Services Group worked with district staff to plan for the completion of most of the projects in the summer of 2015. Included were projects to replace energy management systems and controls for heating and ventilation, upgrades for lighting, structural improvements to reduce air leakage, and replacement of the cooling tower at the high school. By November 2015, almost all (or ninety-nine percent) of the projects have been completed. We continue to monitor the overall savings and utilize the savings to pay for the projects.

Overall, we are extremely pleased with the facility and HVAC, lighting, and structural upgrades. We continue to work with Honeywell to analyze the future savings that will occur. If you would like more details and/or a tour to see the upgrades, I encourage you to contact Pittsville School District Buildings and Grounds Director Dan Giles at 715-884-5217 Ext 602 or at gilesdan@pittsville.k12.wi.us. Thanks to the community for your support with these important facility upgrades to create the best learning environments for our students --our future! Thank you!

School Board Members, Jane Wesley and Bob Wolff Honored

Pittsville school board members Jane Wesley and Bob Wolff were recognized by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) for their commitment to the students and staff of the Pittsville School District. Wolff and Wesley earned this recognition by attending professional opportunities by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and/or the National School Boards Association focused on student achievement and improving public education.

WASB Executive Director John Ashley recognized Wolff and Wesley accomplishment at a WASB Regional Meeting this fall. "I commend Bob and Jane for their efforts to improve educational opportunities for the young people in the community and to diligently work at ensuring an effective governing body," said Ashley. "I thank them for their work on behalf of public education in Wisconsin." Jane is a fifteen year member of the Pittsville Board of Education and Bob is completing his third year. Congratulations to both for their commitment and dedication to the students and staff of the Pittsville School District.



Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative Students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community.

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PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Open Enrollment in Wisconsin Public Schools

The open enrollment application period for the 2016-2017 school year is from February 1-April 29, 2016. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 29, 2016. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

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The 1st Inclement Weather Day will not be made up by students or staff. All cancelled school days beyond the first will be made up on days scheduled by the district.

HOL Holiday - No School INS Teacher Inservice - No School NS No School	PT Parent-Teacher Conference I End of Quarter VAC Vacation - No School
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<p>INSERVICE</p> <p>Aug 22-26, 29-31 Teacher Inservice Open House (4:00 - 6:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Nov 4 Teacher Inservice</p> <p>Jan 13 Teacher Inservice</p> <p>Mar 17 Teacher Inservice</p> <p>May 30 Teacher Inservice</p> <p>PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES</p> <p>Oct 13 4:00-7:30 pm</p> <p>Oct 18 4:00-7:30 pm</p> <p>Inclement Weather Make Up Days: May 30, May 31, June 1</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Sep 5 Labor Day</p> <p>Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Break</p> <p>Dec 28-30 Winter Break</p> <p>Feb 20 No School</p> <p>Mar 20-24 Spring Break</p> <p>Apr 14 No School</p> <p>May 29 Memorial Day</p> <p>QUARTERS</p> <p>1st Quarter Sep 1 - Nov 4</p> <p>2nd Quarter Nov 7 - Jan 13</p> <p>3rd Quarter Jan 18 - Mar 17</p> <p>4th Quarter Mar 27 - May 28</p>
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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - SEPTEMBER 1
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - MAY 26

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**

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

As we come to a close on the end of first semester, please keep the following points of information in mind to plan ahead for a successful spring.

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 1st, 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; your 2015 taxes should be completed before you apply for the most accurate information. Financial Aid night will be held on January 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Applications are available online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website.)

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 6, 2016—Registration Deadline *PAST*: January 8, 2016
- Test Date: April 9, 2016—Registration Deadline: March 4, 2016
- Test Date: June 11, 2016—Registration Deadline: May 6, 2016

As a reminder, the state required ACT will be offered at school on March 1 & 2, 2016. This test can be used for college entrance if they’d like. Students must indicate this during the time of the test. Students who plan to attend Mid State Technical College after graduating should consider taking the **Accuplacer** this spring as well. The Accuplacer can be taken at PHS and does not require an official registration. Students should see the school counselor to sign up.

Sophomores, Freshmen, and 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 & 8th graders should attend “Your Future is Now Night” on **January 25th at 6:00 pm** at the high school. This evening 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. 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 **WISCareers** account.

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

Pittsville Wrestling Club Receives Friends of Pittsville School Award

The Pittsville Wrestling Booster Club received the Friends of Pittsville School award from the Pittsville School Board for their donation of new competition wrestling mats to the Pittsville School District. Pictured is Pittsville School Board President Mandy Hoogesteger presenting Wrestling Booster Club members Hondo Damman, Michelle Kauth, Lisa Parker, Kim Damman with a plaque from the school board thanking all booster club members for their support of the district.

Booster Club member Michelle Kauth stated, “Over 52 community and business members made donations to raise the over \$16,000 for the new mats. We also had a successful fundraiser dinner. In addition, Gardner Trucking donated the truck and driver to pick up the mats from Pennsylvania.” The previous competition mats will continue to be used for practice. Fastening the practice mats purchased in 1972 to the walls for added safety is being looked into.

Board President Mandy Hoogesteger stated, “We commend and thank all the members of the wrestling booster club for their hard work and dedication to our district. It is groups like this that make our community and schools great.”

For more information, please contact Dr. Paul Vine at 715-884-5222 Ext. 215 or vinepau@pittsville.k12.wi.us.





PHS News

As of the writing of this part of the newsletter, it is raining and windy; not like the first day of winter at all. I am hopeful that when you are reading this it will be a winter wonderland, and we will have had a white Christmas to enjoy. Winter is a busy and important time here at PHS, as we have some very important events coming soon.

Just around the corner are Final Exams on January 14th. Students will be taking all four exams in one day, so make sure they start studying early and get plenty of rest!

We are beginning our scheduling process, and advisers are working hard with our students to set up their four-year Individual Learning Plans (ILP's). We start this process with freshmen, and it is very important. Please spend some time talking to your children about their future goals so they can prepare themselves as fully as possible for their life after high school. A wealth of information can be found on our webpage, in our course handbook, as well as the matrices for even years (2015-16), and odd years (2016-17). This will help with planning the classes your students will take each year in high school. Registration for next year's classes (odd year) will take place the week of February 8th. It is an exciting time!

On January 25th, we will have our "Your Future is Now Night" for 8th and 10th grade parents and students at 6pm. This is a very critical time for both groups, so I urge parents to attend with your children. We will hear from post-high school experts from colleges and the military, learn about beginning your PHS career, as well as registration and planning.

The ACT test will again be given to all Juniors this year on March 1st. This assessment, given state-wide, plays a big part in what options students have after high school. We are offering many opportunities to prepare for the ACT; please encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of them.

We recently conducted our first Forum of the year in which students spent the morning discussing critical readings of articles regarding Distracted Driving and Multitasking. We then spent the afternoon learning about distracted driving through watching a high energy DVD, presentations, and discussions. We also had a distracted driving simulator. Presenters and discussion leaders included a distracted driving expert, students, and staff. We then encouraged students to sign a pledge banner to not drive while being distracted, and gave out wristbands that can double as barriers to texting when placed on a phone. It was a very productive day, which I hope, will pay huge benefits in helping keep students safe.

All around the school our clubs, such as snowboard, forensics, and FBLA, as well as sports, are very active with trips and competitions this time of year, and our music department is gearing up for Solo and Ensemble and Large Group. As I mentioned, winter is an important and busy time. Please join us if you can!

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal



PHS students signed the fingerprint commitment banner during a Distracted Driving Forum.

FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America

The FBLA 2015 Regional Leadership Conference will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016. We have 70 members competing in a variety of events. We hope to continue on to state and nationals!

PHS Student Council News

The Pittsville High School Student Council took the opportunity to work with the Pittsville Police Department in reminding people to drive safe for the holidays. This was done by handing out fruit baskets to drivers who were "pulled over" by the police. It was at this time that the driver was told the good news that there was no ticket, but rather a fruit basket delivered by Senior Student Council members Lindsey Winterhack, Sarah Minor, Miranda Ortner, and Cedric Neve. A special mention to Pittsville police department and Chief Dale Zawislan to help "choose" drivers who would receive not only a fruit basket, but a reminder to not be distracted while driving not only during the holiday season, but all year.

PHS Competes at Math League

On November 11, twelve high school students traveled to the UW- Stevens Point to participate in the first meet for the High School Math League Competition. The competition has 3 categories: Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Math. 45 different schools brought their top math students to compete in the competition. The four students who represented Pittsville in the Geometry category were Tyler Dupee, Cody Havlik, Lydia Sanken, and Miranda Sturgis. Luke Denniston, Jaden Litwaitis, Heather Schubert, and Trevor Winterhack took the challenging Algebra 2 test. The four students competing in the Advanced Math category were Deanna Borgman, Austin Carlson, Daniel Piotrowski, and Josh Zogleman. All students worked hard and scored points for their team. In school size three, there were about 40 students taking each test. The Geometry students fared well with all four students placing in the top half. Tyler placed 8th, Cody placed 14th, Lydia placed 15th, and Miranda placed 20th. In the Algebra category, Luke Denniston placed in the top ten with 6th place followed by Trevor Winterhack in 12th place. The Advanced category was a challenging test for Pittsville with Deanna placing 20th as the highest finisher for Pittsville. The next competition is January 27th and the final competition is April 4th. Congratulations to all participants! Good luck on January 27th.

Order Your **Yearbook** 

Don't miss this opportunity to remember the friends, fun, and activities from the 2015 - 2016 school year by ordering an ALL COLOR High School Yearbook. The cost is \$40.00 if you purchase before February 1; after that the cost increases to \$45. Yearbook orders will be online only this year. Go to jostensyearbooks.com to place your order.

FCCLA & Ski/Board Club

If you have questions, please call Pam Kumm at 715-884-6412. Delivery date will be Feb 10 and Feb 11 for 4Kgn and Feb 12 for Kgn-12.

Valentine's Day Order Form



To be Given to: _____
 Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Given By: _____
 Special Message: _____

Mix and Match – Pick as many as you want:

- ____ Valentine Helium Balloon \$3.00
- ____ Valentine Small Stick Balloon \$2.00
- ____ Valentine Carnation \$2.00 each
- ____ Valentine Stuffed Animal \$5.00

Valentine Candy

- ____ Chocolate \$2.00
- ____ Conversation Hearts \$1.00
- ____ Total Amount _____

Do not write below this space

For Office Use:

To: _____
 Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

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 Animal Chocolate Heart

Learning a Language with Duolingo.com

Students have been using the site Duolingo.com to practice their Spanish skills outside of class this semester. Duolingo offers free online language courses in 26 languages. It provides students with the opportunity to learn and practice a language outside of the classroom. As the semester comes to a close, encourage your students to keep their language skills fresh while they aren't in Spanish class! I also highly recommend that adults use it if they are interested in picking up a new skill. There is nothing more exciting than learning to communicate in another language.



English Department News Story Corps

Students in Ms. Freedlund's classes used Thanksgiving Break to interview family members and friends to complete a national program called "The Great Thanksgiving Listen" (GTL). The GTL is part of the StoryCorps project. StoryCorps was founded in 2003 as a way to record oral history via one-on-one interviews. Interviews for this class project were recorded using the StoryCorps App, digitally recorded, or handwritten by the student interviewer. Interviews recorded on the app will be edited and saved as part of the American Folklore Center at the Library of Congress. The program provided tips and questions for the participants. Over 60 students at Pittsville High School shared their interviews with their class.

Students in Composition II have been busy improving their writing skills after testing for the English 102 Placement test on Monday, October 19 administered by Steve Kaiser from UW-Marshfield/Wood County. Students who tested into English 102 will be able to earn Dual Credit (1 from PHS; 3 from "The Wood") accepted as college credit at any Wisconsin campus.

The freshmen in Ms. Freedlund's English 9 class enjoyed acting out the play *Romeo and Juliet* and the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* after completing a Short Story Unit. The top five stories were written by Colleen Lassa, Emma Miller, Amanda Ortner, Amanda Piotrowski, and Hunter Wilke.

Advance Placement Literature and Composition has been focusing on recognizing and applying various literary terms. Students have taken several AP format multiple choice tests and written many literary analysis essays. A specific focus has been on improving Introductions, Conclusions, and Thesis Statements. The students also read books from the AP Open Question: *Of Mice and Men* and *Macbeth* as well as several poems and short stories. AP students enjoyed a break from the testing by modeling the writing process using playdough.

Comedy "Dating for Dietrich" to Be Performed February 1

"Committed man looking for a wife. Needs to be a little boring and willing to be engaged in one day." Tired of his parents treating him like a loser because he isn't married, Dietrich (Jack Zdun), tells them he has a fiancé. Overjoyed, Deitrich's parents (Jesse Poppy and Kayla Larson) make plans to show up in two days to meet the lucky gal. His two best friends Clay (Colton Ortner) and Quinn (Aaron Ickler) put an advertisement in the paper seeking a girl interested in nerdy guys who love math, puzzles, and the daily Jumble. Potential fiancés include a Goth cheerleader (Deanna Borgman), an accident-prone klutz (Jhessica Borgman), and a woman on the lam for murdering her last husband (Adrienne Week). Seniors Brooke Zdun as Dietrich's sister and Katie Hardinger as a Star War's loving waitress and other potential 'dates' (Jessica Fuller, Isis Ignatowski, Laney Garrels, Elizabeth Schultz, Mechayla Zeinert), and Ava Fortner and Sarah Downs as police officers will have the audience rolling in the aisles in this comedy. The PHS Drama Club will be performing this One-Act Play "Dating for Dietrich" by Kory Howard on Monday, February 1 at 7:00 pm. The play is directed by Sarah Freedlund, Tim Delnay with Cedric Neve as Technical Director and Stage Manager.

New Science Elective Classes for 2016-2017

The Life Science area is offering two new science elective classes in the 2016 – 2017 school year. The new electives will be taught by Mr. Steward for sophomore through senior students at Pittsville High School.

The first new elective class will be **Zoology - From The Birds To The Bees** - is the study of animals - but animals are in ecosystems, so other living and non-living aspects of our world will be incorporated. This scientific course is designed to teach students the basic principles of the diversity of life through the application of identification, classification, their structure, embryology, evolution, habitats, and their interaction/distribution throughout their ecosystem and the world. We will examine fish, mammals, insects, reptiles, birds, etc. utilizing the school forest and public lands. Zoologists research everything they think to ask about animals.

The second new elective class will be **Science Issues - Past, Present and Future** - is designed to provide students with the basic principles and concepts of the ever-changing environment of the scientific community. Building on the experiences and prior knowledge that the students bring to this course, we will engage in a series of conversations, projects, and laboratory exercises to explore and examine a series of topics related to science. Topics are based on student interest and some themes may include scientific breakthroughs, cyborgs, biological and chemical warfare, chymosin, medicines, Ebola outbreak, the mission to Mars, performing enhancing drugs, vaccinations, etc.

Elementary News

Dear Families and Friends,

This holiday season staff, students, and families shared the joys of the holidays with me. A special thank you to all the families who thought of me over the holidays! I enjoyed your cookies and treats with my own family. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness, kindness, and generosity.

Our staff, students, and families were also in the spirit of giving when they implemented the Christmas Shop this year. The purpose of the Christmas Shop was to provide an opportunity for students to shop for their family members while raising money for the local food pantry. The elementary school raised \$750 and Shirley Kolar from PANS accepted the check at our Golden Awards Assembly. This was a community effort and we thank everyone who made it possible.

A special thank you to Mr. Delnay and Ms. Batterman who worked very hard preparing the students for their musical performances in December. All the performances clearly showed the hard work of the teachers and students and their dedication to be the best they can be! Great work everyone.

We begin to transition to the New Year. This is a great time to focus on personal and academic goals. Teachers and staff will be reviewing our PBIS guidelines and expectations as we focus on success the rest of the school year. In January, teachers will administer winter assessments to monitor student learning. Kindergarten, first, and second grade teachers will assess using PALS. First through 8th grade will use Star Math and Reading to see growth in those areas and determine what the students need to move forward with their learning.

As we teach students to be lifelong learners, I enjoy sharing my own learning being a new principal to model that everyone has something new to learn and simply to share how much I do love learning! Because there is so much new learning for me, I set goals throughout the year to grasp everything I need to take in! This year I am focusing on analyzing the school-wide schedule to make necessary changes for the fall, learning more about school-wide implementation of Response to Intervention (RTI), and being in classrooms to build relationships with students and staff as well as learn the curriculum at each grade level.

Once again, I want to say how much I am enjoying my position here at Pittsville Elementary. The students, staff, and community members are truly what make this place such a wonderful place to learn each day!

Happy New Year!
Mrs. Friday

'Tis the Season for Giving: Christmas Shop is a Community Effort Elementary School Donates \$750 to PANS

During this holiday season, what started as a small idea from Mr. Klein, 3rd grade teacher, ended up a big success! Staff and teachers at the elementary school shared the message of giving to others. Through donations and purchases within our school Christmas Shop, a donation of \$750 was given to PANS (Pittsville Area Neighborhood Shelf), a food pantry to help families in need.

The Christmas Shop would like to thank all the volunteers who made it a success. The appreciation starts with the community members, staff, and families for donating items from their home. Volunteers organized the shop by placing all the items on tables; preparing the shop to be open for sales. Teachers brought their students in during the week of December 7-11 to purchase affordable gifts for family members. Volunteers wrapped all the gifts for the students before they brought them home to be opened at Christmas time. What a wonderful way to surprise moms, dads, sisters, and brothers! Shirley Kolar, a volunteer from PANS, accepted the check at an all-school assembly. The students and staff at the school hope the donation helped make the holidays special for area families.



'Tis the Season of Giving in 4K

Students in Mrs. Kuehn's 4-Year-Old Kindergarten have been very busy during the holiday season. They had been busy practicing their songs and poems for the Pittsville Elementary Winter Program on Monday, December 14. They were giving of their singing and reciting talents and were very excited to perform the songs for their families. Some of the songs/poems they performed helped them learn the letters of the alphabet, such as the ABC Santa Chant and also with counting as they sang Ten Little Snowflakes. Way to go 4K students! Mrs. Scholzen, Mrs. Knutson and Mrs. Kuehn are very proud of you.

Another giving opportunity that the 4K students participated in this season was providing a bundle of supplies to the Pittsville Community Library. In lieu of exchanging gifts with a friend in their class, they brought joy to the library. Due to increased project expenses along with budget reductions in recent years, the library was a prime candidate for our joyful giving. With the help of Library Director, Barb Calaway, whom provided a Wish List for Preschool Story Hour, the families shopped for various needed supplies. Joyfully they gave yarn, craft sticks, wiggle eyes, foam and other craft supplies! Thank you 4K families for your generous spirit. Merry Christmas!



News from 4Kgn The Random Acts of Kindness donation made to the Pittsville Fire Department last Spring has helped support 3 projects that relate to either rescue or training of children.



A Fire Safety Simulator was purchased - this is a large waterproof board where children can help extinguish a fire using either a nozzle or an extinguisher while learning about causes of fires in homes. Four sets of junior fire gear were purchased for students to wear - the intent here is to constantly remind them that firefighters may be dressed in big scary uniforms and they should not be afraid. The ensemble includes a jacket, pants and helmet with the PFD logo on them.

The final purchase most recently made is for a rescue auger - the auger is used in grain entrapment to help remove flowing grain away from trapped individuals.

Pittsville Fire is very proud of our students and all of the work they put into this project - their donation has been a benefit to many people.

Kindergarten Connection

Do you want to build a snowman? The Kindergarten children are anxiously waiting for the snow to arrive for Christmas!

The Kindergarten students are learning about what it means to be a good friend and about 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 are learning who Martin Luther King, Jr. was and how he strived for peace.

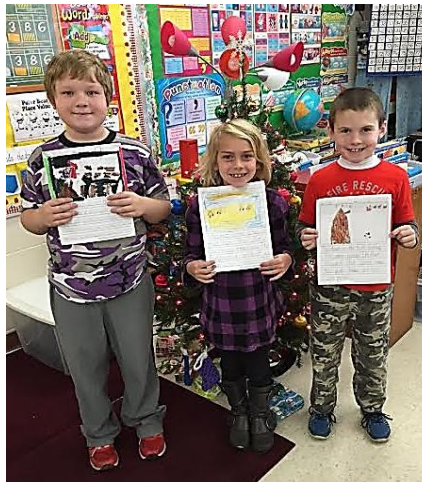
As this semester ends, the children are showing us the growth they have made in literacy and writing skills. The children will be assessed with the PALS screening test in mid-January and will also have their second writing assessment.

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.

*Mrs. Petersen, Mrs. Niehaus, Mrs. Heinzen
Pittsville Kindergarten Teachers*



1st Grade News Our First Graders have been busy learning about all of the different habitats. We learned about lifecycles, adaptations, and food chains in each habitat. Some of our favorite habitats were the Rainforest and the Ocean. We even created these in our classrooms. Come in to check them out! Our rooms are really coming to life!



Second Grade and Looping Students The first and second graders have been busy working on their writing skills. Miss Sischo's students have been working on writing an opinion paragraph telling what they think is the best holiday. They also have been researching the rainforest and are in the process of writing an informational booklet on the rain forest. The students in the Looping classroom have been writing about the characters Clifford, Poppleton, and an old lady, after reading books from those series. The Looping students have also completed projects including informational writing on the mammal and reptile animal groups, as well as a how-to paragraph on how to decorate a Christmas tree. These first and second grade students will have lots of practice writing paragraphs by the end of the school year!

Special Ed Department Shopping Trip

On Friday, December 18th, the special education students participated in an annual Christmas shopping trip. The students made lists with their families of possible gift ideas. Then the students were able to shop, using money they brought from home, for items at the Dollar Tree and Wal-Mart in Wisconsin Rapids.

The students were able to practice life skills 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. The students 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 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. The students are able to showcase their use of the Panther Traits in a real world setting and they did an amazing job of representing the Pittsville School District.

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

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.

ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE EASY AND CONVIENENT

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

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

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

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

DOUBLE UP and SIGNATUTURE ENTRÉE SALADS

We will be offering a second entrée "DOUBLE UP" again this year for grades 6-12. For a \$2.00 charge to your families lunch account, your student will be able to purchase a second entrée, just the entrée, or go through the salad bar to complement a lunch from home. Students that qualify for free meals may also participate in the "DOUBLE UP" promotion as long as money is in their family account. To monitor your student's purchases, view your family account online through Skyward Family Access at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Dostal at 715-884-2517 or dostajos@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

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.

2015-2016 MEAL PRICES

4K- Grade 3 Lunch	\$2.25
Grade 4-8 Lunch	\$2.70
Grade 9-12 Lunch	\$3.20
Adult Lunch	\$3.85
Reduced Lunch	\$.40
Milk	\$.30
4K-Gr 12 Breakfast	\$1.00
Adult Breakfast	\$2.00

Breakfast & Lunch menus are available on the district website at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us

Community Walking
in the Elementary School on
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Thursday
from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.
Please use Entrance B.



The 2015-2016 Pottery Group is gearing about for another great Empty Bowls event, March 10, 2016 to sponsor P.A.N.S. (Pittsville Area Neighbors Shelf). The group is hoping to throw an additional 300 – 400 bowls in January alone! This year the bowls are even bigger! As the students perfect their skills, we encourage them to throw new forms, giving you a larger variety to select from on Match 10th. Come early to get the first choice of a few featured items – bread bowls, cheese trays, bells, vases, mugs, juicer, etc.



Mr. Sanken's Fifth Grade

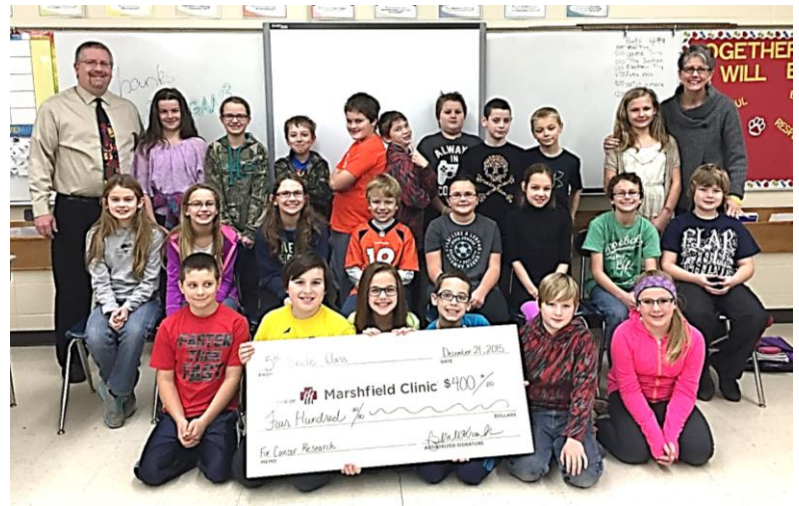
They say when life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Well that is in a sense what Mr. Todd Sanken's Pittsville 5th grade class did when they heard that his wife, Mrs. Jodie Sanken, their school librarian/media and technology specialist for the school district, would be receiving treatments for her second bought of Lymphoma.

They came up with a simple idea, to order and sell lime green bracelets to raise money for cancer research and lymphoma awareness. Well this idea grew and they soon had to re-order the bracelets several times to keep up with the demand. In the end they raised over \$400!

Mary Beth Knoeck from the Marshfield Clinic Development office came to talk with the class and shared how the money will be used to help others. "We are doing clinical trials for adults and children. These would be trials of medications to find better treatments for lymphoma. Your \$400 gift to cancer research at Marshfield Clinic will help us in our quest for better diagnosis and treatment of cancer." One of the medications that they use actually helps Jodie so that her chemo does not make her feel to nauseous. Mr. Sanken told the kids that this one drug and how it helps his wife get through the days is huge, and knowing that the money they raised may help others, is a great thing.

The kids were very proud of what they were able to do, and it goes to show that we all can do something to make a difference for others, even if at first the idea seems as small as a lemon.

Those who would still like to give to the foundation in Mrs. Sanken's name can go to www.marshfieldclinic.org/giving or call 715-389-3530.



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

SCHOOL CENSUS

Please contact the District Office at 715-884-6694 if you recently had a baby, adopted a child, moved into the district, and/or changed your address.

Check out Pittsville Schools on the Social Media!!!



SKYLERT/SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

SchoolMessenger allows the district to quickly send mass notifications to employees, parents, and students. It can provide you with information through telephone or cell phone, e-mail, and/or text message. We will be using the system to let families know about emergency situations, weather related delays, cancellations, attendance, lunch balances, changes to athletic and other events, and general information about up-coming events.

Skylert works through *Skyward's Family Access* to provide you with the means to manage your contact sources and choose how you will be contacted for a variety of purposes. To check and update your *Skylert* contact information, go to our district home page at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. Hover your mouse over 'Skyward' on the left side bar, click on the 'Family & Student Access' link from the pop-up menu, and login to your *Family Access account*. Click on the *Skylert* option listed on the left hand side. Click **Edit** to make changes to the information or to change your preference of notification delivery. You can add and remove checkmarks as you wish for the various types of contact calls, emails, or SMS text messages. Even though you may have checked phone numbers to receive SMS text messages, you must also 'opt in' to receive the services for each number.

If you do not know your Family Access login information or if you need more assistance with this issue, please contact your child's school: High School 715-884-6412; Elementary School 715-884-2517.

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



8th Grade Entrepreneurship

The 8th Grade Entrepreneurship class has divided into manufacturing and marketing teams to produce and sell products designed and built by students. The classes collaborated to create unique key holders and keychains that came in a variety of designs. The teams have sold over 120 keychains and key holders.

As part of the class, students have the option to invest in the company in the form of stocks. This is real money and students can earn or lose money based on dividends of the company. Students also use time cards to keep track of hours worked each week. At the end of the course, students will receive fake money based on the hours worked that they can use to purchase items at an auction. Auctions items are bought with the profit of the company.

For more information regarding this incredibly successful program, please contact Mrs. Kaster at 715.884.6412 Ext. 423 or email at kastekat@pittsville.k12.wi.us or Mr. Hadfield at 715-884-6412 Ext. 310 or email at hadfiste@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

Through the Decades at PHS: Winter Sports Memories

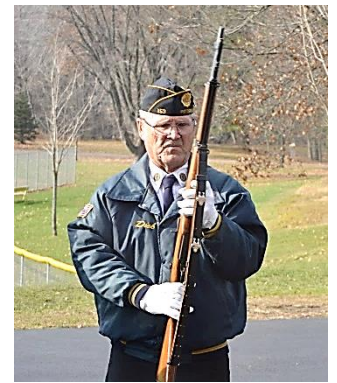
From the pages of Ho-Ang-Ho. Contributors: Messrs Piotrowski and Downs for The History Club

1976 - The '76 boys' basketball squad was coached by Noel Denniston. Seniors on the team included Ted Urban, Doug Slovinsky, Jeff Heeg, Jeff Masephol, Pete Bushman, and Jerry Schutz. The girls' basketball team was led by senior Denise Baker. Coach Jerry Hahn's wrestling team earned their second Marawood Conference title and featured seniors Joe Wilke, Pete Peterson, Ed Weinfurter, Louis Pontzloff, Rick Winters, Dale Dickson, Mike Baker, and Bryan Friedrichsen. Highlights for the season included a 10-2 record in duals and Dennis Grutzik, Dan Hahn, Rick Winters and Bryan Friedrichsen all earning Marawood Conference Champ titles in their respective weight classes. Dennis Grutzik was also a Regional and Sectional champ and a State Qualifier.

1986 - On the basketball side of things, the boys' basketball team were led by seniors Forrest Schultz, Jeff Christiansen, Kevin Scott, and Shawn Lilly. Their overall record was 12-6 for the year. Coach Don Neve led the young Panther girls' basketball team. Leading the way was a lone senior Chani Ewer, who helped lay the groundwork for future hoops teams. The Panther Wrestling team was led by Coach Gerald Hahn and assisted by Mike Brogan, Seniors Roger Lyrenmann, Dan Sebold, Dean Schara, Brett Whyte, Jim Schutz, Juan Carlos, Curt Pelot, and Dan Merritt led the way to a 9-5-1 dual meet record. Roger Lyrenmann went 26-4 on his way to an individual State Championship.

1996 - Boys Basketball: 2nd year coach Jeff Schlender was led by Seniors Nick Kumm, Rob Unruh, Jake Groshek, Nate Bowden, Cliff Parker, Tim Larson, and Jim Peters. They compiled a 7-14 record for the season. MVP's of the season were Jake Groshek and Jim Peters. The hustle award was earned by David Houston and Rookie of the Year to Eric Schuenemann. Still being led by Coach Don Neve, the girls' basketball team finished with a 12-10 record. The Panthers were led by Seniors Kim Wolff, Karen Krohn, Dottie Luther, Julie Grossman, Jenny Mundt, and Jamie Cullen. Captains of the team were Kim Wolff, Julie Grossman, and Karen Krohn. On the mats found the Panther wrestlers led by seniors Jon Minor, Scott Korslin, and Jeff Kremer. They helped lead the Mike Brogan coached team to a 6-3 record and fell just 3 points short of conference champion Athens. Conference Champs were Jeremy Klevene, Dustin Grutzik, Brad Marten, Jon Minor, and Jeff Kremer. Sophomore Brad Marten also earned a state championship at the 160lb weight class pinning his opponent in the title match.

2006 - On the hardwood court the Panther boys' basketball team led by Coach Dan Hoffa finished with an outstanding 18-4 record and second place in the Marawood South Conference. Senior leaders included Scott Normington, Tyler Copeland, Ben Rosandick, Sam Schwanebeck and Joey Becker. Chris Wesely was named to the Marawood South All-Conference 1st Team, while Ben Wright and Justin Rayburn made 2nd Team. Scott Normington received an Honorable Mention. On the girls side Head Coach Mark Denniston had another successful season as the girls won their fourth straight Marawood South Conference Championship and an overall record of 21-2. The team was led by seniors Sam Heuer, Kelly Hahn, Jackie Kumm, Tabi Vogel, Hollie Lippert, Amanda Kirk, Amy Franson and Melinnie Hendrickson. Sam Heuer was named to the Marawood South All-Conference team and Kelly Hahn made second team. Hollie Lippert and Brit Zieher received Honorable Mentions. Head Coach Dan Hahn's wrestling team made it all the way to Team State! Senior members of the team included Jeremiah Adrian, Jordan Wolf, Paul Lippert, Casey Krohn, Jake Fox, and Firat Delipelta. Highlights for the season included a most wins ever team record of 19-7. Marawood Conference Champs included Adrian, Krohn, Jordan Wilke and Sam Winters. Adrian, Wolf, Wilke and Brandon Haumschild were Regional champs. Jeremiah Adrian went on the win the sectional championship and finished second at state. Jordan Wilke and Brandon Haumschild also qualified for state.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Veteran's Day programs at Pittsville School District. We were able to pay tribute to the Pittsville Veterans who have sacrificed so much for our Country.



PHS Winter Concert



PTO Corner

- Our Little Caesars/No Pizza fundraiser was a huge success. Students were able to raise \$8327! This money goes directly to teachers and students, covering field trip and classroom expenses. All students who donated \$15 or sold at least 3 kits earned fifteen minutes in a bounce house, along with cotton candy and popcorn. We would like to thank Gee and Me Jump Around LLC for their generous support! We would also like to thank all of the businesses who provided the more than 300 prizes given to participating students.
- Our fall book fair was very successful and the BOGO book fair will be coming up this spring.
- Individual spring pictures will be held on Wednesday, April 6.
- Please continue to save: Labels for Education, Box Tops, Milk Caps and Coke Points. We will have a classroom competition in the spring.
- Thank you to everyone who has supported the Schwann's fundraiser. It has been extended to February 12.
- Need a gift card? Drop your order off in the school office. Place it in the scrip box any day. Orders will be placed on Thursdays and delivered on Tuesdays. Check out the PTO page for more information. <http://www.pittsville.k12.wi.us/pto.cfm>
- YMCA Day: January 16 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm will be a free day at the YMCA for families. More information will come home with your child.
- Please feel free to contact a PTO member if you have more questions about any of these programs.

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAYS SCREENING

Pittsville Public Schools

Thursday, February 18th from 4:00-7:00 pm

Friday, February 19th from 8:00-10:30 am

The screening will take place in the 4K/EC classrooms at the Elementary School. The screening is for children who will be turning 3 years old on or before June 1, 2016 through age 5 and reside in the Pittsville School District. Children who currently attend the Early Childhood or 4K programs do not need to be screened. During the screening, parents will complete a survey while children play with others and interact with school staff. The screening will provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about their child's growth and development.

Please call the Pittsville Elementary Office at 715-884-2517 to register your child for Child Development Days Screening.



4 YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for 4K will be online. Follow the link on the Elementary website which will be open from February 9 through 20. If parents want to complete the registration in the school computer lab, there will be a staff member who can guide you through the process.



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