

Newsletter

PITTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



From the Desk of Interim Superintendent Dr. Paul Vine

As the recently hired Interim-Superintendent, it is my privilege to join your community and serve the Pittsville School District. I grew up and went to school in Neillsville. Following high school, I attended UW-La Crosse, where I played basketball for four years and graduated with a degree in Health and Physical Education.

My teaching career began in 1979 in Bayfield as Health/Phy. Ed. Teacher as well as Head Boys' Basketball Coach. During that time, I also attended UW-Superior to earn my Master's Degree in Educational Administration. Between 1987 and 1996, I served as an Assistant Principal at River Falls High School, Eau Claire Memorial and in Arcadia as High School Principal.

While working during that time, I earned my Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Thomas University in St. Paul, MN. From 1994 to 1998, I was Superintendent of the Colby Area School District, and from 1998 to 2011 Superintendent of the Rice Area School District. In 2012 to June 30, 2015, I worked as Independence School District Superintendent and Elementary Principal. I am very excited to spend this school year with Pittsville students, staff and community.

In the spring of 2015 Kelley and I completed construction on our "dream" home on my family farm located between Neillsville and Granton. Kelley is insurance nurse who works for the Gundersen Health System. In 2014 she was able to work from home which she continues to do from our new home. I am also blessed with three adult daughters 28, 29, and 31 living in Minneapolis, Lander WY and Medlin, Columbia.

As a veteran educator, I have had opportunities to work in both large and small school districts, where I have concluded all students can learn. As the world continues to shrink, it is imperative students in public education are prepared to work in a changing world, be able to think critically, as well as understand the importance of becoming a lifelong learner. To ensure our students receive the best education possible, we must strive to support our teachers and staff by providing relevant staff development as well as by hiring and retaining the best teachers possible.

As the Superintendent of the Independence School District, we initiated a community fitness center in our school. We implemented Response to Intervention (RTI) and greatly improved our reading and math scores. We also invested \$125,000 in new wiring closets and 50 wireless access points. We also purchased and 275 MacPro laptops for all students in 6-12 grade as well as Pk-12 teachers.

While In Rice Lake, we implemented Reading Recovery for students who were struggling with reading and writing. In addition, we started an after-school program, in conjunction with the local Boys' and Girls' Club, which regularly served over 25 percent of our students. We initiated an on-line charter school for home schooled students as well as for students from other districts. With the support of \$1.9 million in donations from local citizens and businesses, we were able to construct a \$4 million outdoor athletic complex. Another highlight was successfully passing a \$4 million referendum to update our energy plant, which reduced our energy costs annually by \$125,000 -\$150,000.

In addition to my work as an educator, I have also been very involved in a variety of community activities. As a Rotarian and past president, I initiated and helped coordinate bringing a Feed My Starving Children mobile packing event to Rice Lake, where each year over 700 community volunteers packed 150,000 meals that were delivered to starving children around the world. I was active in my church and was also a founding member and past president of the Barron County Restorative Justice Program. I have served on the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Board of Directors. I am an avid cyclist, golfer, and hunter. Along with two of my five siblings, I own and operate a Christmas tree farm near Neillsville.

My contract with the district is for 2-4 days per week, depending on needs, through June 2016. I look forward to working together to achieve the mission and goals 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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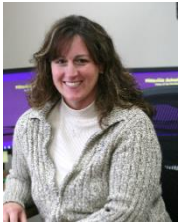
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MEET THE NEW STAFF.....

"Hello! My name is **Emily Batterman** and I am excited to be teaching music here in Pittsville. I graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a degree in Instrumental and General Music Education. I am originally from Fond du Lac, WI where most of my family still lives. Another passion of mine, outside of music, is being an aunt. I have one niece (age 2), one nephew who started 4K this fall (coincidentally a panther, too!), and am expecting another niece in November!!! I couldn't be more excited to begin my teaching career here in the Pittsville School District with you and your children."



Hi, my name is **Abigail Brown** and I am very proud to be joining the Pittsville School District as a new English teacher! I grew up just outside Madison, but currently live in Marshfield with my rambunctious cat, Jupiter. I have a bachelor's degree in English Literature from UW Madison and am currently pursuing my master's degree in Education from Edgewood College. My practicum and student teaching experiences involved working with at-risk youth, which showed me how big an impact a good education can have in the lives of struggling students. I'm thrilled to have found my first teaching position here in Pittsville, and look forward to the academic year.



Hello! My name is **Stephanie Durrant**; I am the new Payroll/HR Specialist for the District. I earned an Associate's Degree from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton in Administrative Assistant. Most recently, I earned a Small Business Accounting Certification from MSTC, specializing in Quickbooks and Payroll. Before taking time off to start my family, which includes my husband Chad and my four children, Karl, Helen, Ruth, and Sylvia, I was the Deputy Clerk for the city of Waupaca for 5 years. After moving to Pittsville in 2009, I worked briefly at the Marshfield City Hall in the Finance Department collecting property taxes before taking an Administrative Assistant position in Pittsville with Wisconsin Farm Business for 5 years, which was more local and a better fit for my family. For the past two years, I have been working independently doing payroll and bookkeeping from my home office for a few area businesses. Currently, I serve on the Pittsville City Council as well as work the local city elections. It is so fulfilling to be working in the same school district as I am raising my children. I feel this district has many positive attributes to offer, not only for me as I take on this new roll, but also to the students who attend the Pittsville School District. With my commitments to the city of Pittsville and to the Pittsville School District, I feel I have really laid down some roots in this area and am proud to call Pittsville "Home".



My name is **Jodi Moore**. I earned my teaching degree from UW-LaCrosse in 2004. My minor was early childhood which allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of children birth to age 8. I earned my masters through UW-LaCrosse in 2007. I focused on teaching skills in literacy! I am passionate about teaching children to read and I love every stage in the process of learning to read. Although, I think I love to read children stories just as much as I love to help them with their own reading!

This will be my first year teaching first grade at Pittsville Elementary School and my twelfth year of teaching. I was in McFarland for 3 years, Wisconsin Rapids for 1 year, and Nekoosa for the last 7 years. I have taught nine years of first grade and two of kindergarten. I feel first grade is the BEST because the children show incredible growth. To compare their skills at the beginning and the end of the year is nothing but amazing! They truly learn to read and write stories, yet they are still young enough to take imaginary field trips to make the learning fun! Their confidence as learners grows too. It is such a magical year! My ultimate goal is teach in Pittsville, the community I grew up in. I want to share my experience and knowledge, my professionalism, and my passion with my hometown as a way to show respect, responsibility, honor, and engagement in our community. Again, my name is Jodi Moore and I am excited to finally be a Pittsville Panther!

My name is **Taylor Molitor** and I'm excited to be a part of the 3rd grade team in the Pittsville School District. I was raised in Winona, Minnesota and graduated from UW-Stout with a degree in Early Childhood Education. After graduation, I was fortunate to get a long term substitute position at Downsview Elementary in third grade. So far I have felt more than welcome from students, parents, staff, and community members and can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring!



Hi, my name is **Jacob Pascoe**. I am a new member on the Junior High team as well as working with some younger learners in the Challenge Reading program. I am originally from Escanaba, MI. in the U.P. However, I have spent the last 6 years teaching on the Western Slope in Colorado. I have a wonderful wife named Brenda and a very lively 2 year old named Levi. We feel very blessed to be back in the Midwest and working with such wonderful people here in Pittsville.

My name is **Justin Rayburn**. After spending the past two years teaching Physical Education and coaching football, baseball, and basketball in the Spencer School District, I am happy to be back at my alma mater. In the Pittsville School District, I look forward to teaching Physical Education and Health to grades 7-12. I will also be serving as your Varsity Football Defensive Coordinator, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, and Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach. I spend my summers playing 30-40 baseball games with the Marshfield Chaparrals as well as the new baseball team I have started here in town, the Pittsville River Bandits. I am glad to be home wearing purple and gold.



My name is **Pam Tesch**. I'm very excited to be your new District Bookkeeper. I graduated from MSTC with an Associate Degree in Accounting with an emphasis on micro-computers. I earned my Enrolled Agent status in 2006. For the past 23 years I have been working as a public and tax accountant in Plover. I reside in the Town of Seneca with my husband (Willy) and two of my three children (Grace 20 and Truman 17). My oldest daughter (Wendy 26) lives in Shawano with her husband (Dan). I look forward to working with all of you and thank you for the warm welcome that I have received.

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

Pittsville Juniors Attend Wisconsin Education Fair at MSTC & Tour UWSP - October 2, 2015. Pittsville juniors had the opportunity to visit with college reps from over 90 different colleges and universities across the Mid-West region at the annual Wisconsin Education Fair held at MSTC on September 19, 2014. Juniors were able to obtain information for schools they may be interested in attending. From there, they traveled to UWSP and received a campus tour. This gave them first-hand experience of what a college campus is like. Students will be discussing their experience during their Junior Conference which will be held in November or December.

Teen Leadership Council Continues. TLC mentor students are continuing to meet with their assigned mentee group twice a month, once during lunch and once during RTI/PPT, to do different team building activities as well as discuss school and life topics. Mentee groups are consistent from last year being that 7th grade students are paired with 10th grade mentors, 8th grade students are paired with 11th grade mentors, and 9th grade students are paired with 12th grade mentors. TLC mentor students have met four times already this year with their students over the last month and half of school. We continue to encourage mentee’s to take full advantage of this time with their mentors.

Pittsville 8th grade students attend “Heavy Metal” Tour on October 7, 2015. The 8th grade class had a unique opportunity to participate in the Heavy Metal tour that was put on by the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce on October 7th. All students were able to tour three area businesses - H & S and Paget Welding in Marshfield and Colby Metal in Colby. Students were able to see what manufacturing in Wisconsin looks like up and close. The day ended with a lunch at Mid-State Technical College in Marshfield where students received final instruction on the benefits of working in these types of industries.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR UPPER CLASSMEN

SENIORS

- *Applications to Colleges and Tech Schools should be completed soon; Halloween = Ahead of the Game, Thanksgiving = On Time, and Christmas = Slightly Behind.* Remember, the earlier you are accepted, the sooner you can apply for scholarships as well as indicate housing requests from your university/college.
- Please remember to inform Mrs. Krystowiak after you have applied & been accepted to any college or university.
- Please remember to continually check the scholarship webpage for updated scholarships; HS Home Page, School Counseling Tab, Scholarship Tab, 2015-2016 Scholarships and Contests Tab.
- Transcripts can be requested via the HS Home Page, Transcripts-How to obtain. Parchment is our new provider for online transcripts. There is a \$4 fee for official transcripts and no fee for unofficial. Please make sure the correct one is being requested. Please allow at least one full day for processing.
- Cap & Gown information has been handed out to the senior class. Please stop in the main office if information is needed.
- Senior Conferences should be completed by now. If you have questions about your students’ conference, feel free to call Mrs. Krystowiak or check in with them!

EMPTY BOWLS UPDATE

On October 31, a new group of students will start making ceramic bowls on the pottery wheels for the “Empty Bowls” dinner that will be held on March 10, 2016 with the proceeds going to P.A.N.S. (Pittsville Area Neighbors Shelf). Our goal for the year is 600 bowls! As the students develop their skill, they will start to through many bowls in one evening. If you are interested in coming in on Fridays to trim the students’ bowls please contact Kris Doering at 715-884-2517, ext.137 or email at doerikri@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

To trim a bowl, it is placed upside down and the excess clay from throwing is removed. Volunteers will be taught how to trim the bowls on the pottery wheels. For those of you inquiring about donating soup: According to the Department of Health, soup donations need to be prepared in a license kitchen as well as prepared on the same day of the event so there is no cooling or reheating involved. If you are interested in helping out, monetary donations can be made towards soup preparation since we cannot take soup donations from private dwellings.

On a side note, whenever you hear the term “throwing clay” that means constructing a ceramic piece on the pottery wheel.

We hope to see you on March 10!

JUNIORS

- **Junior Conferences** are scheduled for November/December; please make sure to schedule an appointment with your junior student and yourself. A 45 to 60 minute block between the hours of 7:15 am and 2:45 pm are needed.
- **ACT Preparation:** It is not too early to start practicing for the ACT. Online preparation is available; HS Home Page, School Counseling Tab. You can also check out larger preparations books from the library.
- **ACT DATES:** Register ONLINE at www.actstudent.org
 - December 12, 2015; Register by November 6, 2015
 - February 6, 2016; Register by January 8, 2016
 - April 9, 2016; Register by March 4, 2016
 - June 11, 2016; Register by May 6, 2016
- **Accuplacer:** The Accuplacer is the admission test used by many technical colleges, including MSTC. The Accuplacer can be taken at any time at PHS for only \$10. Your scores are good for 5 years, so taking it early will put you ahead of the game. Please see Mrs. Krystowiak for more information and/or sign up.

SENIOR PICTURE DUE DATE

Pictures need to be completed and turned in to yearbook staff no later than **Dec 1st** **Picture Requirements:**

Wallet Sized

- Vertical head/shoulder shot
- No name stamps, borders or obvious photo alterations
- No weapons (gun, bow, etc)
- One picture per student
- All student attire must conform to school dress code
- jpg files need to be a minimum size of 2.5” X 3.5” at 300 dpi

Please submit photo digitally, if possible, to kastekat@pittsville.k12.wi.us or send photo or CD with student’s full name to PHS, ATTN: Mrs. Kaster. A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of the picture.

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 \$38.00 if you purchase before December 1; after that the cost increases to \$40. Yearbook orders will be online only this year. Go to jostensyearbooks.com to place your order.



PHS News

The end of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2 have come upon us very quickly. We are 25% of the way through the school year already! There is a special climate in the school this year; one I am very delighted to see. Student behavior in the school has been stellar. You see it in the hallways and the classrooms, with students working together, being respectful, and having fun. And, academically, students and staff have set rigorous goals, and are working hard to achieve them.

Homecoming was a wonderful example of the student's maturity and commitment to PHS. The halls were decorated with taste and skill, modeling with perfection the theme of world geography. The lunchtime competitions, assembly, and dance were all well attended by positive, happy students. And winning the football game wasn't bad either!

Part of the staff's work during our pre-school inservice was to use student testing data to set goals for each class. They customized each course that they are teaching based on the strengths and weaknesses of the students that are enrolled. That is a highly effective method to help students achieve at the highest level possible. The staff also set goals for each class based on that data, as follows:

Freshman Aspire test goal: 430

Sophomore Aspire test goal: 434

Junior ACT test goal: 20.5

In addition, students each set individual goals for their grades and the spring Aspire/ACT tests. Ask your child what their goals are; support from home is one of the most important factors in student achievement. We will continue to emphasize goal setting and the hard work it takes to achieve them in our advising program as the school year rolls on.

There is an obvious feeling of pride here at PHS. We have received many compliments on the cleanliness of our schools (visiting teams), the politeness of our students (substitute teachers), and the quality of our facilities ("Splash of Red" tourists from out-of-state). Our Panther Pride is showing through, both in conduct and scholarship, which makes the principal very proud.

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

In English 10, students have been hard at work assembling poetry and practicing spoken word poems. Some activities so far have included observing and analyzing spoken word poets, scouring magazines to create found poetry and blackout poems, and strengthening their skills by authoring different types of poetic forms such as limericks, sonnets and odes.

In Outdoor literature, students have fiercely debated the pros and cons of de-extinction and the environmental impact of reviving extinct species. Coming off that debate, the class has begun to explore the works of Edward Abbey and the impact of eco-terrorism: When does activism turn bad, and how?

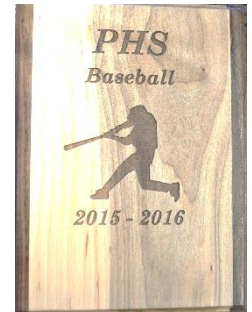
In English 8, students have been moving through *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. The book covers some of the most difficult challenges faced by adolescents: Where do I fit in, and how do I know? Who can I trust? Is doing the wrong thing for the right reasons ever justified? Students grapple with these ideas through the writing of MELCon paragraphs and class discussion.

SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear order forms are due by Nov. 1, so they will be here in time for Christmas. You can order your Spirit Wear on-line or get a paper copy from the office. Just go to the Pittsville Home Page to find the Spirit Wear order form.

SKI/BOARD CLUB

The Pittsville Ski/Board Club will once again sponsor a trip to Bruce Mound over Christmas break. Watch for the ad in the Pittsville Record or a permission slip to go home before Christmas break. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn a new skill that could give them a lifetime of fun. If you or your child is interested in learning how to ski or snowboard at any time, call Pam at the HS 715-884-6412, for a lesson. Ski/Board trips are being planned for this upcoming season. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to do something fun during the long winter months.



PHS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MANUFACTURING NEWS

PHS Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing classes teamed up to market and manufacture products designed and built by PHS students. The classes collaborated to create unique plaques. The program gave students the opportunity to develop a product, and then construct, market, and sell that product. This includes product development, advertising, design, manufacturing, and sales. Students in the Entrepreneurship class learned how to maintain business records needed for a business including inventory, shipping information, orders, and financial records. Students in the Manufacturing class learned how to design, program CNC machines, and create signs. For more information, please contact Mrs. Kaster at 715-884-6412 x423 or email at kastekat@pittsville.k12.wi.us or Mr. Hadfield at 715-884-6412 x310 or email at hadfiste@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

MATH STUDENTS ASSIST MSTC IN SURVEYING CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

Six students from Mid-State Technical College visited Pittsvilles' Algebra classes and cross country course in September. They brought with them GPS surveying equipment and demonstrated the device's use while collecting data on the running course. The devices that the student groups used are some of the newest equipment used in building and designing roads. Many of our students volunteered to try out the equipment (valued at \$25,000) while Mid State had it on school grounds to be used.

Mid-State's instructors, Greg Webster and Mike Johnson, also demonstrated some of the Auto-CAD software that the students are learning, and how this tool will be used to help create a three dimensional map of our cross country course. This map will then be available to coaches and be used to plan running strategies for years to come.

Mid State has a number of engineering programs that are training students in this field. There are no technical programs in the northern portion of our state offering such training and therefore employers from all over the state are creating a demand for trained professionals in these areas.

Thank you to Mid-State for reaching out to high schools and helping students become aware of opportunities that they have right here in central Wisconsin, and for creating a finished map project that will contribute to our sports program in the future.

PHS DRAMA CLUB TO PRESENTS...

The PHS Drama Department will be performing the play "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Colosseum" on Saturday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door: Adults \$5, Students \$3, Preschool free. Directed by Ms. Sarah Freedlund and Mr. Tim Delnay, this comedy is sure to please audiences. Over twenty five students will be involved as actors, extras, and tech.

Play Synopsis: Simplecuss (Jack Zdun), a farmer from the mountains of Gallia Alpina, has a dream to become a stand-up comedian. He travels to Rome where he is mistaken for a famous gladiator (Martin Schwanebeck).

Forced into service by General Sillius (Colton Ortner) and his conspiratorial wife (Brooke Zdun), Simplecuss is fortunate to have his meddling sisters (Jessica Fuller, Jhessica Borgman, Isis Ignatowski) follow him to Rome to 'protect' him. A well-rounded cast of veteran actors, including four freshmen, all wearing togas or gladiator garb makes this play fun to perform.

Newcomers to the PHS Stage include: Kayla Larson, Todd Parker Jr., Aaron Ickler, and Kari Bryant.



The Family and Consumer Sciences Department (FCS) wants to thank the community for the generosity of garden produce that was donated. The Local Foods course utilized everything that was given. The students were able to learn how to can tomatoes, dry peppers/herbs, make refrigerator pickles, prep/freeze various produce and test many recipes focusing on zucchini! It is amazing to see the community support to help our students learn life skills they can use after high school. Thank you!

FFA SPLASH OF RED CRANBERRY TOURS CONTINUE TO EDUCATE THE NATION

The FFA Splash of Red Cranberry Tours continue to educate the nation. Now in its 15th year the tours continue to grow. This past October, the Cranberry Science students had the opportunity to meet the oldest person ever to take the tour. Ninety-seven year old Eleanor Baer of Eureka, Illinois and her nine children decided to take our tour on her birthday. After speaking to her oldest daughter, she said her Mother wanted two things on her 97th birthday. One to take a ride on the Wisconsin Dells Ducks and the other go to a cranberry marsh. Mr. Urban commented how well she was able to get around "we get off and on the bus 3-4 times each tour and Mrs. Baer, kept up quite well and we were very happy to be part of her 97th birthday." The PHS Secretary suggested we get her a cake to help celebrate her birthday and during the meal our Cran Sci students sang Mrs. Baer "Happy Birthday." Mrs. Baer's nine children also attending the tour. They were from Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Kansas.



SPANISH DEPARTMENT

Its official, Mrs. Madden is taking a group of Spanish students to Guatemala during Spring break of 2017. Any students who have taken Spanish 2 or higher, by the end of the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to attend. Some highlights of the trip are hiking around an active volcano, zip lining, swimming in the Pacific Ocean, visiting Mayan ruins, and shopping in a huge market. The trip enrollment deadline is November 20th. Contact Mrs. Madden for an itinerary and to learn about the price and payment plan. We are traveling with Interact Travel. Go to www.interact-travel.com for information about the company. Feel free to stop into room 505 during parent teacher conferences to learn more or contact Mrs. Madden at maddeale@pittsville.k12.wi.us or 884-6412 ext. 505. I hope your student can join us!

From Left: Adrienne Week, Isis Ignatowski, Jhessica Borgman, Brooke Zdun, Aaron Ickler, Deanna Borgman, Marie Simonet, Daniel Piotrowski, Cedric Neve, Hayley Jensen, Kari Bryant.



Elementary News

Autumn Greetings from the Elementary School!

We have had a busy and successful start to the school year. Being a new principal, I am learning each day along with the students. I want to thank all the students, staff, families, and community members for making me feel so welcome. Pittsville Elementary School is such a special place to be, and I am honored to be the leader of the school.

Starting in Kindergarten, and working my way up to 8th grade, I am getting to know the students on a personal level and observing the learning that goes on each day. It is great to see the unique characteristics of each grade level.

Our PBIS team did a fantastic job making sure all the classrooms learn the school-wide routines and expectations. Each month we will continue the tradition of our Golden Awards Assemblies where we recognize appropriate student behavior. This year, each grade level will choose one student to be the Student of the Month. This student earns the title by being an exceptional role model. Congratulations to the following students for holding the title of Student of the Month: Madison Bartlett, 4K; Delayna Zvolena, Kindergarten; Bailey Smazal, 1st grade; Dawson Luther, 2nd grade; Sylvia Durrant, 3rd grade; Lilian Opie, 4th grade; Kelly Behselich, 5th grade; Kristin Zdun, 6th grade; Morgan Geer, 7th grade; Emma McLaughlin, 8th grade. Look for information about each of the students on the bulletin board outside of the office.

We work hard to make school a positive place where students want to come each day to learn! The staff and I want to thank you all for your support in your child's education. Working together, we will provide the best education for each child.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Friday*

PBIS Submitted by: Ms. Raygo

You may have heard your child talk about PBIS or our Panther Traits this school year and may be wondering more about it. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a school wide system we are using so we can be more proactive with our approach in guiding students toward appropriate behavior. This system has a universal base for teaching social skills along with the ability to individualize strategies for those who need more guidance. This will be our fourth year consistently using PBIS and our school has even been recognized as a School of Merit for the past two years!

The four Panther Traits that we follow at Pittsville Elementary are Respectful, Responsible, Honorable, and Engaged. We encourage students to follow these traits at school, on field trips, in our community, and at home. When we see students at school following these traits we recognize them in several ways including giving students a golden ticket, recognizing them as Student of the Month for their grade, giving them a shout out on Friday's announcements, or recognizing an entire class for a Golden Award.

We have more fun and exciting ideas to implement this school year to recognize all our wonderful students so stay tuned!

LOOPING CLASS & 2ND GRADE SCHOOL FOREST TRIP

On October 7th the looping classroom and Miss Sischo's 2nd grade class took a trip to the school forest. We had a beautiful day to learn about the forest habitat.

The students were given an opportunity to take a nature walk, complete a scavenger hunt, make collages, and many other activities focusing on the forest. We would like to thank all of the parent volunteers who joined us on this trip. It was an amazing day!

Submitted by: Mrs. Whitrock



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SCIENCE?

6th grade is learning about the Periodic Table by doing an investigation into a recyclable element. They are working on organizing it in Google Presentation and they are presenting them to their fellow classmates.

7th grade is gaining wisdom on the equation of life—Photosynthesis/Respiration. They could choose between a variety of projects from making a children's book, a travel brochure or writing a story about how both work. Students needed to be creative in their explanation of Photosynthesis and Respiration as they worked with a partner.

8th grade worked on designing and making a dam that would hold back water in a flower box to help understand water forces in a unit on erosion and deposition. This was quite a challenge as they were also to try and make it so that water could be released. This challenge was met head on and in the end while dams held back water some was able to find a weak spot and sneak under.

STEM – Whole group: 8th grade is working on designing wind cars from straws, life savers and paper. Next, students will design cars that can use gravity for energy, they will go down a ramp.



7th grade students made bird houses or bird feeders out of two liter bottles.

PBIS CORNER

Our PBIS Team will be hosting a Fall Family Event on Monday, October 26th. The event will include pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, face painting and a parent information sharing on the PBIS traits of respect and engagement. We expect over 90 students to attend with their families. We look forward to this great fall event. Watch the Pittsville Elementary Facebook page for highlights and pictures.



GOLDEN AWARDS *written by Mrs. Brux 3rd Grade Students*

It was a brand new school year. Our class was excitedly walking to the auditorium for the Golden Awards. It was the first time this year we were having the Golden Awards.

As we were walking into the auditorium, there was some awesome music videos playing. We got to sit down in the very front rows. We all started clapping and singing along with the "Happy Song".

Then Mrs. Friday and Ms. Raygo were talking about Oreo cookies and sugar cookies with sprinkles. Mrs. Friday likes Oreos and Ms. Raygo likes sugar cookies. We are going to have a cookie election and vote on Nov. 3rd for the best cookie. The best part of the debate was the secret footage of different staff people caught eating cookies. It was so funny we all burst out laughing.

Next, we were all cheering as Captain Classroom zoomed into the auditorium. He reminded us of his super power which is "POSITIVE ATTITUDE". He wants us to use our attitudes to follow the four Panther Traits: being respectful, responsible, honorable and engaged.

After that, they presented Golden Awards and Student of the month. Our class got nominated for lots of different awards but we did not win any of the fabulous "Golden" trophies. They also talked about instead of a classroom winning the Panther Diner we will now have one student from each grade be the "Student of the Month" and get to go to the Panther Diner.

Lastly, Mrs. Rademan told us about the Little Caesar's fundraiser. They will be hiding a Little Caesar's doll for us to find and we will be trying to sell pizzas to win different prizes. One of the best prizes is the bouncey house and cotton candy. Other prizes like pie in the face and gift cards will also be awarded.

At the very end, they turned on some Avenger music and we all quietly exited the Auditorium. Our first Golden Awards were great! Now we need to continue with practicing the four traits in preparation for the next Golden Award nominations assembly.

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.

THE GREAT LAKES GREAT APPLE CRUNCH !!!

The Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch took place across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio on October 22. This second annual event builds on the hundreds of schools, school districts, non-profits, state agencies and institutions that participated in the Crunch last year. The staff and students at Pittsville Schools had the opportunity to crunch into a delicious locally grown apple from Galesville, Wisconsin to celebrate National Farm to School Month. At the elementary, Ms. Blaser's and Mrs. Moore's first grade class sang the song "Apple Apple on a Tree" over the PA system. Right after, we counted down and the whole school CRUNCHED into a local apple. The High school also participated in the CRUNCH at the same time.

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



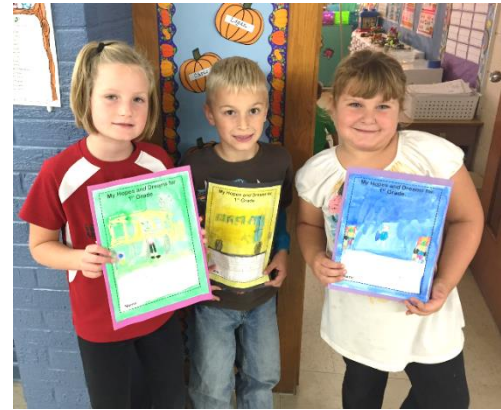
KINDERGARTEN CONNECTION

The Kindergarten classes have been busy learning all about the season of fall! The children have identified different signs of fall and discussed the weather changes that occur during the season of fall. The children have also spent time learning about apples, including what colors they can be, the different stages of an apple tree throughout the seasons, taste testing of apples, learning about Johnny Appleseed, and making applesauce in our classrooms!

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

We look forward to visiting the Fire Station and learning about Fire Prevention. The children will be able to see the equipment that firefighters use to help others. We would like to thank the Pittsville Fire Department for ordering child-sized turn-out gear that our students can wear to be a "Firefighter" for the day. They are really enjoying the opportunity to dress up like a firefighter. Happy Fall!

Submitted by: Mrs. Heinzen, Mrs. Niehaus, and Mrs. Petersen



1ST GRADE NEWS


Submitted by: Ms. Blaser & Mrs. Moore

It has been a wonderful start to the school year! Our classes have been practicing the PBIS traits in our classrooms and have been making lots of new friends. Our first graders have been busy working on writing projects. They wrote about their hopes and dreams for the school year. They have also been writing and illustrating narrative stories and sharing them in class. The children have been enjoying lots of different authors. One of our favorites is, Mo Willems, who writes the Pigeon books, Elephant and Piggie, and Knuffle Bunny. Also, we are super excited to go to School Forest for a field trip. We are going to learn about senses and the forest environment.

LIBRARY NEWS...

"I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of a library." George Luis Borges. This quote seems to be describing what is happening in the Elementary School Library. The library has changed a lot this year with the addition of painted walls, new furniture and a new librarian. I am very excited to move into this new position and have been blessed with help from many wonderful people to make your child's library a welcoming and warm place to be. I have added several new books and new series that seem to be flying off the shelves. I have also started a book club, with the help of Mr. Klein, and hope to add several more to the library program in the future. The library is now open during recess so that students have a place to go to work on homework or visit quietly. This new job and new look to the library is very close to my personal paradise and I am excited to share it with your students.





PITTSVILLE AREA
**Foundation
For The
Arts** presents.....

The Memories Christmas Show

Saturday, December 5, 2015, 7:00 PM
Pittsville School District Auditorium

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.

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.

Please check www.pittsville.k1.wi.us and click on Athletics for the most current sports schedules!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Fall sports are coming to an end and Winter sports will soon be starting, if they haven't already. I would like to congratulate all of our Fall athletes on their hard work and dedication to the Football team, the Volleyball team, the Cross Country team, the Pom Pon squad and/or the Cheerleading squad. I'd also like to thank and congratulate the coaches who put in endless hours working with our student athletes. Your efforts are appreciated. I have a couple of reminders as we approach the Winter sports season. Our athletic registration is done online through the Pittsville website, www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. From that website, if you click on the top menu For Students/Parents, the link to the 2015-16 Athletic Participation Registration is at the very top. If you haven't used the website to register your child for a Fall sport, you will need to click on the Register Now link and fill in all of the info and electronically sign the bottom. If you have already been on the site, you will just need to login in and add your child to the Winter sport that they will be playing. If you have questions or issues, please don't hesitate to call Pam at 715-884-6412. Let's have a great, positive Winter sports season!

CANCELLATIONS, DELAYS, EARLY DISMISSAL

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

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

ENTREPRENEURSHIP - SHARK TANK PROJECT

Students began the Shark Tank project by assuming the role of an entrepreneur tasked with devising a proprietary, practical invention that can be a product or service. They then developed a business plan for their invention while, along the way, learning important business concepts, specifically critical thinking and problem solving.

In developing their inventions, students learned about the importance of legally protecting their company via patents, the costs associated with leasing a space to conduct business operations, determining the costs of goods sold, distribution methods, marketing tactics and total start-up funds. Skills learned in English class were reinforced, in that each Shark Tank assignment was accepted only if it was structurally and grammatically correct.

At the project's completion, students created a prototype and pitched their invention to real business owners, who judged and critiqued the proposals.

Pictured are Ava Forner and Emma Robus pitching their "Spidler" product.



FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA helped students show their Panther Pride by selling temporary tattoos and facial stickers for Homecoming. This fundraiser was successful for FBLA in addition to helping students show their school spirit! FBLA has 68 members this year; up from 51 last year. Members are currently selecting the event that they want to compete in at the February 6 Regional Competition.

Start Dates For Winter Sports

- JH Boys Basketball - Oct 13
- HS Girls Basketball - Nov. 9
- HS Wrestling - Nov. 16
- HS Boys Basketball - Nov. 16
- JH Girls Basketball - TBA

Through the Decades at PHS: Fall Edition

From the pages of Ho-Ang-Ho. Contributors: Cedric Neve, Paul Downs, Luke Denniston, Todd Parker, Trevor Winterhack, Messrs Downs and Piotrowski for The History Club

1975-76. The Pittsville Panthers football team was led by Head Coach Dennis Turnquist. The boys of fall got off to a rough start that year starting out 0-3 but they won out the rest of their games to finish at 6-3 and with many post-season accolades. The team was led by seniors Joe Tomsyck (All- conference Honorable Mention, Channel 7 All-Star), Pete Bushman (All- conference Honorable Mention, Channel 7 All-Star), Doug Mundt, Jerry Schutz, Dale Dickson (All- conference Honorable Mention), Ron Schutz, Mike Baker, Jeff Heeg, (All- conference Honorable Mention, Channel 7 All-Star, Co-Captain), Ted Urban (All- conference Honorable Mention, Channel 7 All-Star) Jeff Masephol (All-conference Honorable Mention, Co-Captain) Tom Fox, Bryan Heuer, and Steve Solatycki. The Volleyball team was coached by Dorothy Berg and featured seniors Tammy Kleifgen, Nancy Baron, Kathleen Hiles, and Denise Baker. The Homecoming Court consisted of Peggy Schara escorted by Bryan Hever, Robin Trachte escorted by Peter Bushman, Becky Phillippi escorted by Joseph Tomsyck, and King Ronald Schutz and Queen Tammy Kleifgen.

1985-86. The Football team roared to an 8-1 record and three way tie for first place in the Marawood. Their only loss was to Stratford who took the Conference title by tie breaker. The team was coached by Mark Gronski and led by seniors Dee John Dupee, Jim Jensen, Kelly Kolar, Scott Leonard, Shawn Lilly, Roger Lyrenmann, Mike Martin, Matt Neve, Dan Sebold, Joe Tritz, Brett Whyte, and Jim Winkels. The Volleyball team was coached by Karen Iwanski and Jackie Broughton and the seniors included Laura Bergstedt, Chani Ewer, Katie Decker, Jana Droste, Jodie Van Wyhe, Gabriela Garcia Pena, and Traci Meyers. Marawood All-Conference honors went to Kim Orgel (1st Team), Linda Weinfurter (2nd Team), and Chanie Ewer (Honorable Mention). Members of the Homecoming Court included Linda Ortner escorted by Joe Tritz, Chani Ewer escorted by Shawn Lilly, Lisa Gilbert escorted by Dee John Dupee, Carmen Gronski escorted by Brett Whyte, Cheryl Merritt escorted by Jim Winkels, Joy Solatycki escorted by Dan Sebold and King Kelly Kolar and Queen Dena Creola.

1995-96. The Football team was coached by Rick Marten and the boys ended with a 3-6 record. Seniors on the team included Mark Malsin (Captain), Robbie Unruh, Jeff Kremer (Captain), Mark Nanstad (Captain), Jon Minor (Captain), Scott Korslin and Sean Berkowitch. Mark Malsin (guard) and Jon Minor (defensive tackle) were named to the Marawood All-conference team and Honorable Mention All-conference went to Brad Marten and Sean Berkowitch. The 1995-96 Volleyball team was one of the best in the illustrious career of Head Coach Karen Brownell. The team went undefeated in the regular season to capture the Marawood crown and they also earned Regional and Sectional championships and finished second in the State Tournament at Neenah. The team featured a great group of seniors including Doddie Luther, Beth Pulvermacher, Heidi Thoreson, Kim Wolff (Captain), Julie Grossman (Captain) and Karen Krohn (Captain). Marawood All-conference team honors went to Karen Krohn and Jackie Masephol while Kris Sutton and Kim Wolff received Honorable Mentions. Great memories ladies! The 1995 Cross Country team, led by Coach Stephanie Hoge, had a complete boys' team for every meet. Considering the team was in its first few years of competition, it was a step forward. The girls only had two runners, Sabrina Patterson and Senior Jenny Mundt. Seniors for the Panther runners were Nate Bowden, Jake Groshek, John Kirk, Jenny Mundt, and Charlie Dibble. Earning recognition for MVP were: John Kirk, Charles Dibble, and Sabrina Patterson. Kirk and Dibble were also team captains. The 1995 Homecoming Court was comprised of Kim Wolff escorted by Mark Malsin, Karen Krohn escorted by Mark Nanstad, Julie Grossman escorted by Jeff Kremer, Miss Leigh escorted by Scott Korslin, Tracy Tritz escorted by Sean Berkowitch, Nicole Giles escorted by Rob Unruh. Jon Minor was named King and Aimee Nelson Queen.

2005-06. The 2005 edition of the Panther football was led by Head Coach Dan Hahn Seniors were Casey Krohn, Jeff Zawislan, Tyler Copeland, Zac Seebuck, Joey Becker, Scott Normington, Sam Schwanebeck, and Ben Rosandick. The Panthers fought their way to a 7-2 record and made it to Round 3 in Playoffs. Earning All Marawood Conference Honors First Team were Tyler Copeland, Jeffrey Zawislan, Jeremiah Adrian, and 2nd Team: Samuel Schwanebeck, Jeremiah Adrian, Benjamin Rosandick. Also earning Honorable Mention were Joey Becker, Scott Normington, and Zachary Seebuck. Coach Karen Brownell along with assistants Liana Oleson and Jen Dupee guided the 2005 Volleyball team to an 8-2 conference record and to the 3rd Round in Regionals. Captains for the team were Sam Heuer, Kelly Hahn, Devon Jones, Tabi Steele and Jackie Kumm. Earning Conference Recognition were 1st teamer Devon Jones, 2nd team Sam Heuer, and Honorable Mention Jackie Kumm and Kelly Hahn. Overall, another successful season for the Panthers. Coach Casey John's 2005 Cross Country Panther team were led by seniors Cody Beckman, Amy Franson, Ben Abshire, Hollie Lippert, Erin Revels, and Amanda Kirk. Team-wise it was a successful year as the boys finished 5th in Marawood Conference meet and 5th in Sectional at Arcadia. The girls earned 4th at conference and 5th at sectionals. Individual accomplishments were led by Cody Beckman placed 18th at Conference and 16th at Sectionals. Laura Palmer placed 2nd at conference and was Sectional champion for the 3rd straight year. Amy Franson finished 2nd team all Marawood Conference with a 16th place finish. The 2005 Homecoming court was comprised of King: Tyler Copeland escorting Queen Kelly Hahn. Members of the court were Devon Jones escorted by Jeremiah Adrian, Heather Voight escorted by Cody Beckman, Erin Revels escorted by Casey Krohn, Tabitha Vogel escorted by Joey Becker, Hollie Lippert escorted by Scott Normington, Amy Franson escorted by Samuel Schwanebeck.

PTO Corner

PTO has had a busy start to the school year. We just finished the Little Caesars pizza/no pizza fundraiser, Scholastic Book Fair and meals for the teachers at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Remember this book fair is held so we can have the BOGO book fair in the spring! Thank you to anyone who donated colored paper, we greatly appreciate it!!

Don't forget to continue saving: Labels for Education, Coke Points, milk caps, Box Tops for Education, juice pouches, GoGo Squeeze type pouches, and Scotch tape dispenser and cores-any brand. There are collection bins in the elementary school lobby.

We have two new programs that support the PTO without costing you any extra money. Each program is listed below.

NEED A GIFT CARD?: We are now selling scrip which is an ongoing program that allows non-profit organizations like the PTO to buy gift cards at a discounted rate and sell them for full face value. For more information please:

- pick up a hard copy in the Elementary School office
- go to the PTO website by going to www.pittsville.k12.wi.us and clicking on the PTO link on the left hand side
- go to <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>, there is a link at the bottom of their website called *Retailer List*, for the full list of retailers
- call Jana at 715-323-0263

SCHWAN'S CARES: When you order from Sept 28 - Nov 10, 20% of product and 40% of eGift Card sales will go back to Pittsville Elementary. There are two ways to support us!

#1 Order Online:

1. Visit Schwans-Cares.com
2. Enter Campaign ID: 23231 into the search box located in the upper right hand corner then click to open campaign.
3. Click "Shop to Give" and then select either the "Buy Now" or "Shop Now" option.
4. Select team member, if applicable
5. Start shopping!

#2 Order by Phone:

Call 1-855-870-7208 and provide Campaign ID: 23231

*Thank you again for your continued support of the PTO!
We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!*

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