



Pittsville School District Newsletter

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



From the Desk of Superintendent Figueroa

FIRST QUARTER, 2016-2017

I have had many rewarding interactions with students, parents, and staff over the last 10 weeks. In my career, I can say without hesitation, Pittsville provides the most personal learning experience I have been part of. There is an almost immediate sense of belonging and acceptance from the kids and adults. Parents, alumni, and greater community members are involved in the district at all levels which makes us a real genuine community school. There is the sense of being part of something bigger than any one person or single group.

Early this year, I spoke with Dan Hahn, our bus company owner/operator, about the first day of school this fall. Our conversation centered on the “first school contact” being his bus drivers and how important that short moment is for many kids. He was confident in his drivers’ ability to make our kids feel welcome and safe everyday they ride the bus to school. Truth is, he didn’t need me to remind him because his drivers have made all of their riders feel this way from the beginning; it is just the way it is here. The drivers know, and have personal connections with many of the kids and their parents. Wow!

The schools have reflected on past goals and set new and continuing learning goals for this year and beyond. We are asking more of our staff and students than any time prior and each group is working harder to meet higher expectations. Schedule and resource allocation changes have been made to address areas we have identified as areas of need. There have been some bumps in the road as we address needs, but the end goal of doing the greatest good while focusing on what is best for kids has remained our mission.

Our commitment to the growth of kids is an asset for our students and will be a continuous advantage in their future as they grow and mature into adults and members of society. Simply put, our staff loves and cares for your children today, and in the future. I cannot think of higher complement than to say I would want my children to attend our school and experience what we have in our classrooms and greater school community.

Our best, for their best!

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSVILLE NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

APRIL 4, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Pittsville on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 the following office is to be elected to succeed the present incumbent listed. Term of office for a school board member is three years, unless otherwise indicated, beginning April 24, 2017.

Office	Incumbent
Member	Mandy Hoogesteger
Member	Connie Potter
Member	Melissa Marti (for residue of term which expires April 23, 2018)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Finance Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, in the Office of the School Administrator.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

Forms for filing can be obtained from the School District’s Administration Office beginning December 1.

Superintendent

Mr. Figueroa 715-884-6694

Senior High Principal

Mr. Weddig 715-884-6412

Elementary Principal

Mrs. Friday 715-884-2517

Board of Education

Amanda Hoogesteger President

Robert Wolff Vice President

Jane Wesely Clerk

Melissa Marti Treasurer

Connie Potter Member-At-Large

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The Wisconsin Administrative Code (PI 9.06), requires that every school district evaluate and prepare a written report on the status of nondiscrimination and equality of educational opportunity in the school district. Pittsville School District must continue the Self-Evaluation of the Status of Pupil Nondiscrimination and Equality of Educational Opportunities during the 2016-2017 school year. During this school year, the district will create an evaluation report and assure the Department of Public Instruction of their findings. With this report, both student and parent participation is welcomed. For more information, please review the following website <http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/pupil-nondiscrimination> or contact Emily Krystowiak or Ashley Raygo.

SKYWARD

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.

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.

Meet The New Staff

My name is **Michelle Abel** and I am a new special education assistant. I am a graduate of Pittsville High School and hold a Bachelor of Arts degree from UW-Stevens Point. I'm very excited about being back in our school! Before joining the PES staff I enjoyed running a home daycare and being a secretary for a local church.



I also help with the Christmas in the Center, an event I helped start, and enjoy helping with the BeHiP dance program. I have been married to my husband Josh for 7½ years and we have three children. Harper is in kindergarten, Hayden is 3½, and Jonah is seven months. I enjoy spending time with family, walking, camping, and gardening.



My name is **Michelle Barribeau** and I am the new choir and general music teacher. I have been in Janesville for the last 14 years, but because family is so important to me, this year I moved to Tomah to be near my parents. I have taught show choir, choir, and music appreciation for many years. My son's family recently moved to Kentucky and my daughter lives in Virginia. When I'm not at school, I enjoys biking, camping, fishing, canoeing, and crocheting.



I'm **Joan Frericks** and I am the new math interventionist. I will be working with our 4th and 5th grade students in the morning. In the afternoon, I will be assisting in other 2nd, 3rd and 5th grade classes. My husband Steve and I have two children. Beth is 19 and attends UW Stevens Point. She wants to be an English teacher. Ben, who is 18, loves cross country and attends Columbus High School in Marshfield. My husband does not act his age when running and is still quite competitive in it. I have worked in the Marshfield School District for the past 10 years. I love to sing, play tennis, and play volleyball. I am enjoying getting to know and work with the Pittsville students and staff.



Hi. My name is **Kitty Marti** and I am the new Instructional Aide for the Elementary School. I have a practical nursing degree from MSTC and I have experience working in the pediatric and geriatric field. Most recently, I have been a substitute aide at the elementary and high school for the last 4 years. My husband Mick and I have lived in the Pittsville School District our whole lives. I graduated here, our 3 children graduated here, and currently our 3 school age grandchildren attend PES. In my spare time, I enjoy outdoor activities, traveling, and cooking. I am excited to be assisting students to acquire a great education and hope to make a difference in these young people's lives.



I'm **MaryLou Masanz** and I am the new Health Coordinator. My husband Scott and I have 3 children. Janessa is a sophomore at UW LaCrosse and is studying to be a teacher. Kyle is a junior at the high school and plays football. Morgan is a sophomore at the high school and she is on the dance team. I enjoy helping with Empty Bowls and am a 4H Leader!



My name is **Ty Natkze** and I am the new 7th grade ELA teacher and will also be teaching other classes. I have recently finished college for the second time and am now a teacher. I have background in journalism and have spent a lot of time participating and leading camp games for kids of all ages. I am so excited to share my love of board games with you!



Hi, my name is **Jordan Rayburn** and I am thrilled to be the new Marketing and Business Education teacher at Pittsville High School. I graduated from UW-Stout with a Bachelor of Science in May and this is my first year as a teacher. I grew up in this town and graduated from this very building just five years ago. In addition to teaching I will be the new yearbook director, Future Business Leaders of America advisor, and social media coordinator for the high school. In my free time I like to watch sports and travel the country. I am happy to be back and look forward to the school year at Pittsville High.



Hi! My name is **Brittnee Stone** and I am excited to be teaching 1st grade in the Pittsville School District this year! Pittsville is where I grew up and went to school, so I am happy to be back! This will be my fifth year of teaching. Not only do I love teaching, but I also love to scrapbook and spend time outdoors. I have a 9 month old son, who also keeps me busy at home! I love to watch him grow and learn new things every day.

Food Service News

GREAT LAKES APPLE CRUNCH!! On October 13th, the Pittsville School District participated in the Great lakes Great Apple Crunch. At approximately 9:30 AM, students and faculty took a “crunch” out of a Gala Apple from Galesburg, WI. In all, we passed out over 600 apples.

FARM TO SCHOOL. We have also been sampling local fruits and vegetables at the elementary school through our Farm to School program. So far, we have sampled peppers, kohlrabi, baked potatoes, and the Gala apples. We hope to sample local items two to three times each month.

BREAKFAST. The **High School** is serving breakfast during PPT time and the students will take the food items to their next class. The **Elementary School** is serving breakfast at 8:00 am. Students that would like breakfast will first report to their classrooms, and then come down to the cafeteria. 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. We are offering a second entrée “DOUBLE UP” again this year for grades 6-12. For an additional 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.

You can monitor 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.

2016-2017 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



PHS News

With the leaves falling and the hint of a frost in the near future, I suddenly realized our first term has ended and we are headed to the second quarter of the school year. It seems we just got started, but great things are happening now and in the near future!

We have our band and choir participating in the Marawood All Star event which culminates in a concert that is simply amazing to see and hear, and our drama club production of "Beautiful, Crazy" highlights some of the tremendous talent of our students outside of the classroom.

Speaking of the classroom, part of the staff's work during our pre-school inservice was to use student testing data to set goals for each class. Later, with their advisors, students set individual goals for themselves as well. What follows are the specific goals set for the classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020:

Freshman Aspire test goal: 422

Sophomore Aspire test goal: 434

Junior ACT test goal: 21.6

The Aspire exams, which will be taken by sophomores and freshmen at the end of April or Early May, and the ACT, which will be taken by Juniors on February 28th, are vital indicators of Career and College Readiness. They are a student's ticket to increased opportunities at both technical colleges and universities. If you would like to "practice" the ACT/Aspire with your child, or get tips on student success, the website www.crackact.com has a large amount of helpful information and practice questions.

We are also excited to switch from the fall sports to those that we run in winter; girls and boys basketball and wrestling. And of course our dance team is continuing to work hard during both seasons! Please come out and support our young athletes by attending a game and cheering positively for their hard work and dedication, whether we are the victors or come up a little bit short on the scoreboard. Win or lose, great lessons are being learned by our athletes, through the wisdom of our coaches and the support of our parents.

I hope to see you on campus soon!

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal

Mrs. Petersen & Mrs. Zickert's classes will be collecting pop tabs for donation to the Ronald McDonald House. You may bring them to either the High School or Elementary School. Thank You!!



ENGLISH 10 students are diving into Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, and preparing to perform a scene from the play for their classmates. Roman politics meets American political rhetoric in class discussions, and students are grappling with some of the issues faced by our characters: Is it better to look out for yourself or for others? Do the ends always justify the means? And, of course, do actions speak louder than words?

OUTDOOR LITERATURE is wrapping up a unit on sustainable living, which discusses hunting, urban agriculture and modern homesteading, and different ways of living symbiotically with our environment by looking at worldwide cultures, tribes, and societies that place emphasis on rural or nomadic lifestyles.

Miss Brown, English Teacher

SPANISH CLASS NEWS....

Spanish students have the opportunity to see a Ballet Folklórico this November. All current Spanish classes will have the option of attending this fantastic event. We will be watching a performance of traditional Mexican dances. The performance is taking place at Adams-Friendship High School. It will be an awesome opportunity to experience a piece of the Mexican culture, without leaving Central Wisconsin!

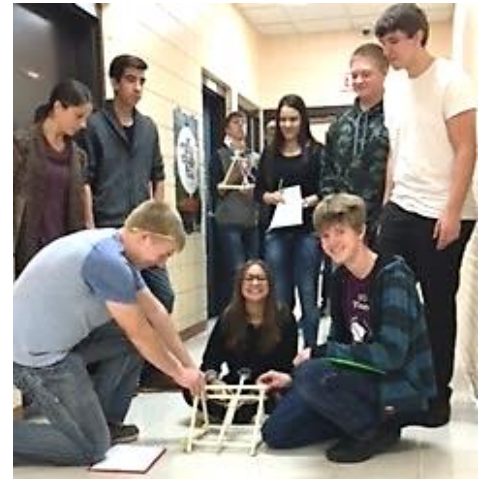
Mrs. Madden, Spanish Teacher

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

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Physics students recently built catapults as part of their study of projectile motion. They collected data on launch angle and projectile distance, plotted the data, and used their plots to calibrate their catapults. The two teams then engaged in a friendly competition in which their marksmanship skills were put to the test, with the winners being crowned Catapult Kings and Queens.

Mr. Denniston, Science Teacher



CAREER OPTIONS FOR OUR STUDENTS

The fall Algebra 2 class welcomed three instructors from Mid-State Technical College into the classroom this October. The purpose was to introduce students to some of the options available to them as they consider their future careers.

Mid-State offers a pathway for students to receive technical/associate degrees and begin working in their field of interest. It then becomes their choice to further their education by transferring their credits and experiences into a four year program at another institution or pursuing a career with the degree they have received in two years at Mid-State. Greg Webster and Michael Johnson are both civil engineering instructors at Mid-State and spent part of their time here showing students some of the GPS equipment that their students learn to work with collecting data and then use to create computer generated models of landscapes and designs for future projects in our area.



They brought with them the finished project from last year where Mid-State students created a three dimensional map of Pittsville's cross country routes. This will be used in the future at the cross country meets here. Joe Sroda from the electrical power engineering program also spoke with students about options within that industry. Mr. Sroda brought along a bike wired so our students could generate power to light headlights. He explained power generation and transmission to the students.

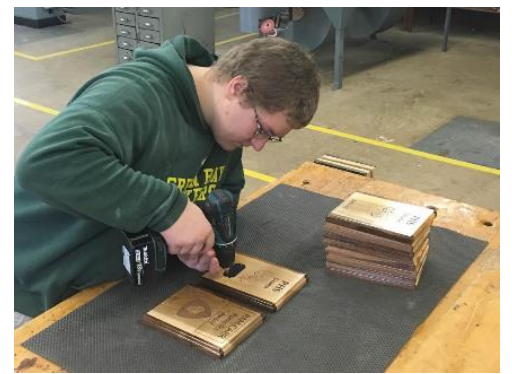
Both of these programs, as well as the instrumental engineering program, are great options for students to consider for their futures. Mid-State has more requests for trained students from employers than they have students enrolled in their programs.

What a great place for our students to find themselves, in an occupation of demand and with job opportunities right here in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Downs, Mathematics Teacher

BUSINESS ED DEPARTMENT

The PHS Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing students are coming together to work and build plaques for schools, communities, and local businesses. Students began this business about three years ago, and it has grown rapidly ever since. These plaques can be used to capture important events or milestones. You can put any design or creation you would like on them, and a proof will be sent to you before delivery.



You can order these plaques by going to the Pittsville High School office and picking up an order from, or by sending an e-mail to panthercreations@pittsville.k12.wi.us.

Mr. Jordan Rayburn, Business Education Teacher



Elementary News

Dear Families,

Happy Fall Everyone! Autumn is a time we embrace the changes of nature. The temperatures slowly drop, the days get shorter, and the leaves change colors. Many of us enjoy driving around our state simply to see how beautiful autumn really is.

To fully implement Response to Intervention (RTI) this year, the elementary school schedule has experienced some change in order for us to utilize our resources the best we can to reach every learner every day.

To help students understand the meaning of RTI, we refer to this time in our schedule as WIN time. WIN stands for "What I Need" and every student from Kindergarten through 8th grade participates in this targeted instructional time. To meet the needs of each learner during WIN time, teachers and interventionists collaborate on a regular basis and create groups based on student need. Students who need more support for academic success are getting the attention they need and students who have met academic benchmarks are being challenged. The schedule in place allows for students to receive targeted instruction without missing core instructional time and every student participates in activities so every student is receiving what they need!

In order to implement WIN time, teachers need student data to make decisions on what students need. Teachers have been busy collecting data from various assessments. Grades 4K-2 students participate in the PALS assessment. This is a literacy assessment that helps teachers identify students who need extra literacy support at an early age. Students in grades 2-8 take the STAR Reading test and students in grades 1-8 take the STAR Math test.

Our school-wide PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) program is off and running again this year! The purpose of implementing this school-wide approach is so students know the expectations everywhere in the building and from all staff members. PBIS focuses on the positive behavior of students. Students earn Golden Tickets for displaying appropriate behavior.

It is important for students to learn that their actions have consequences. The other side of our PBIS system is implementing logical and respectful consequences for actions that are not appropriate. Teachers follow through with a conversation/teaching time when students aren't making the best choices. When the behavior is more serious or a repeated behavior, then I help guide students to do what is best.

We have a lot of great things going on in our school!

Sincerely, Mrs. Friday

PTO Corner

Pittsville PTO would like to extend a sincere thank you to our parent volunteers and would like to thank you for turning in your volunteer forms. We would also like to thank the parents who volunteered for our teacher meal, book fair. You help make our school a great place.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Little Caesar's Pizza Sale/No Pizza Sale. This money will be used to provide students of the Pittsville School District with funds that will enhance their educational program. Funds will be used for field trips and an all-school assembly. We sincerely appreciate everyone's support.

The Book fair was a great success again this year. We greatly appreciate all the volunteers willing to donate their time to make it happen. With their help and the families that bought some amazing books, we had our highest grossing book year yet! We were able to donate over \$2,000 worth of books to the teachers for their classrooms and to the library.

With the holiday's right around the corner, please do not forget about our Scrip program. If you aren't sure what Scrip is, here you go. You buy a gift card from our program from a specific store. Let's say Subway for \$20. You pay us \$20 and we give you a \$20 gift card. Subway in turns give the school a percentage of that gift card back. Stock up now they are great for everyday use as well as great gift ideas!

If you have any questions please feel free to email the PTO at pto@pittsville.k12.wi.us .

KINDERGARTEN CONNECTION, Mrs. Heinzen, Mrs. Niehaus, and Mrs. Petersen

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. This past summer, the Kindergarten teachers attended a Literacy conference to implement a Reader's Workshop called "KinderLiteracy." The children have been engaged in phonemic awareness activities, shared poetry reading, close reading of fiction and non-fiction stories, as well as working on vocabulary from the text and comprehension questions. We completed units on the theme of Sharing and Apples. The children enjoyed our Great Apple Crunch Day on October 13th, where they were able to enjoy a healthy treat from Sachia's Orchard in Galesville.

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 were shared with parents during Fall parent/teacher conferences, as well as to help drive instructional decisions 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 taking the time to have us visit the station and learn about their job. Happy Fall!

CLASSES ENJOYING GALA APPLES DURING APPLE CRUNCH DAY!



Mrs. Petersen's Class



Mrs. Niehaus' Class



Mrs. Heinzen's Class

LEARNING IN 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

The students in Mrs. Kuehn's 4K classroom have been working hard at learning about the alphabet and their letter sounds. During the month of October they studied about the letter Ff and had a visit from our local fire fighters, Jerry Minor and Linda Schwanebeck. When asked what they learned about fire safety, students' responses included: "If your house is on fire get out and stay out." "Don't play with matches or lighters." Stay safe everyone from the future fire fighters in 4K!

Mrs. Kuehn, 4K Teacher



1ST GRADE NEWS

Our 1st grade classes took a trip to the School Forest to learn about our five senses. We had different stations which explored the five senses. In one of the stations, the students went on a scavenger hunt using their sense of sight to look for signs of fall and objects in the woods. Another station was smelling different scents and trying to guess what they were. They also tasted different candies and named what flavor they were. There was also a station that explored touch and hearing. The students felt different objects from nature that were in bags describing how they felt and guessing what they were. Also, the students matched sounds from shakers. The last station was an art project where they collected leaves and completed leaf rubbings. We had a fun time exploring at the school forest and learning about our five senses!



BULLY PREVENTION NIGHT

On Monday, October 10th, Pittsville Elementary School, along with the Clark County Coalition Group, hosted "Bully Prevention Night". There were breakout sessions for grades 4K through High School.

The 4K-5th grade students created crafts and participated in fun activities that focused on how to help stop bullying before it starts. Students participated in hands-on activities and all of the students got prizes for participating. The 6th-8th grade students watched a younger version of the "Bully Movie" and then discussed ways to prevent bullying. The middle school students wrote positive and inspiring messages on post-it notes and put them on lockers and doors all around the school.'

Parents and high school students were invited to watch the full-version of the "Bully Movie" in the Auditorium. It is a powerful documentary depicting the real life struggles that victims of bullying face. There was a whole-group discussion that focused on what parents and students can do to prevent or stop acts of bullying.

Free resources were also given to parents and students that participated in the event. It was a fun and engaging night for all. The students and staff even made Channel 7 News and the Marshfield News Herald! Thank you to all the staff, students, and families who attended the event!



MR. PASCOE'S 4TH & 5TH GRADE WRITING CLASSES: STARTING THE YEAR OFF "WRITE"

We have reached an exciting time in the year for writing classes. We are ready to bring some of our practice stories and ideas to the publishing stage. Students in fourth and fifth grade are currently working on personal narratives. Which anyone that has met a student of this age knows, they are great at telling stories about themselves and more than eager to share family and friend memories.

We are also working on informational writing. It's great to see students get passionate about topics they want to research. It's also very rewarding to see them have success in organizing their ideas through MELCON paragraphs. We are working on these one piece at a time and having a blast sharing our findings with each other.

Please ask a fourth or fifth grade student to share one of their stories or their research findings with you.

7TH GRADE SPOTLIGHT SHORT STORIES AND SNACKS

On October 13, the seventh grade English Language Arts class in Mr. Natzke's and Mrs. Niedfeldt's classroom hosted "Short Stories and Snacks" to celebrate their published realistic fiction stories. Parents and family members were invited to attend the celebration to honor all of the hard work the students put into their narratives. The attendees had the opportunity to read the stories, chat with the authors, and listen to portions of the writing. The students were glad to be able to host their family members for this event. The snacks were delicious and enjoyed by all including Mrs. Friday and Mr. Figueroa who attended as special guests. They were impressed by the stories that the students shared. It was an excellent opportunity to highlight the seventh graders' hard work while involving parents and family members in the classroom.

Ms. Niedfeldt and Mr. Natzke



Counselor's Corner: 1st Quarter ~ Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

Pittsville Juniors Attend Wisconsin Education Fair at MSTC & Tour UWSP. 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 October 5th. 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 a 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. 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 5th. All students were able to tour two area businesses, H & S Manufacturing and Paget Welding in Marshfield, WI. Students were able to see what manufacturing in Wisconsin looks like up 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.

Time of Transition. Fall is a time of transition. As we look around, we can see it in nature and perhaps our own lives. We can see the colors changing on the leaves and in the necessary events in our homes, winterizing the lawn mower, harvesting the garden, and beginning to think about the holidays. Your student is also transitioning back into school. With almost the first quarter complete, students are transitioning back into new teachers, expectations, friendships, and life outside of school plans. During this time, be there for them to get back on track and into a good routine. Just as we adults make yearly preparations for our own lives, we too can help our teens get there too. When routines are in place, it helps students focus and feel more accomplished, just like when something gets crossed off the 'to do' list in our own lives. As the second quarter is beginning, help them pick up the pieces from Quarter 1 and talk with them about how to make Quarter 2 better. Perhaps that may be making their own to do list, exploring options, meeting with teachers, or taking time to invest in new friendships. Patience can wear thin for students and parents as this happens. When 'new' comes into our lives, it takes time to adjust and re-focus. As always, if this is something that students or parents need to discuss, please contact the counseling office at 715-884-5223.

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 and 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, 2016-2017 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 \$5 fee for official transcripts. Students can request one unofficial transcript for free, but then will be charged for them afterward. Please allow at least one full day for processing.
- Cap and 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!

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 books from the library.
- **ACT DATES:** Register ONLINE at www.actstudent.org
 - December 10th, 2016; Register by November 4th, 2016
 - February 11th, 2017; Register by January 13th, 2017
 - April 8th, 2017; Register by March 3rd, 2017
 - June 10th, 2017; Register by May 5th, 2017

All juniors are required to take the state offered ACT on February 28th and the ACT Work Keys on March 1st. If students miss this offering, make up tests are during SPRING BREAK (3/21 & 3/22) so do not plan to miss.

- **Accuplacer:** The Accuplacer is the admission test used by many technical colleges, including MSTC. The Accuplacer can no longer be taken at PHS. It must be administered at the college itself.



HS PHY ED DEPARTMENT

The high school Physical Education classes have been very busy. After finishing up with our intense badminton tournament, we have now had the chance to break in our brand new rock climbing wall. The students are learning how to belay (keep the climber safe) during our first week of climbing. They are also learning the teamwork and responsibilities that go into adventure education. Coming up this spring, we will have the opportunity to expand our Physical Education experience even more by introducing our new kayaking unit. The students are very excited and have really taken our new units by the horns. I encourage you to check out our Pittsville High School Facebook page for updates on the great things going on in Physical Education, as well as our other departments.

Mr. Justin Rayburn, HS Physical Education



Students belaying as Matthew Grossman reaches the top of one of the toughest parts of our rock wall.

IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Students from the music department will be participating in the Marawood All-Conference Band and Choir Festival at Stratford High School on November 1. The best musicians from sixteen different schools will be performing at 7:00 pm in the Stratford High School Gymnasium. This concert is free and open to the public. Please help us congratulate the following Pittsville representatives: Rebecca Holford, Amber Guden, Michiel Mundt, Brandon Steele, Renee Kremer, Martin Schwanebeck, Deanna Borgman, and Adrienne Week. We hope to see many familiar faces supporting our musicians.

For various reasons, the Music Department is moving the Pops Concert to March 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pittsville Auditorium. There will be no concert on November 3. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion caused by this change.

As basketball season approaches, the Pittsville Pep Band invites all students, alumni, and community members to participate in pre-game performances. For more information, complete 1st semester schedule, and music, contact Ms. Batterman.

Upcoming Performances. . . .

- Friday, November 11 **ES Veteran's Day Program** at 9:30 am
HS Veteran's Day Program at 11:00 am
- Thursday, December 8 **K-4 Winter Concert** -- additional information coming home soon! Afternoon performance at 1:00 pm, Evening performance at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, December 18 **JH Music Concert** (7th & 8th Grade) at 4:00 pm.
- Sunday, December 18 **HS Music Concert** at 6:00 pm. (Show Choir will be performing as well as the Concert Choir.)
- Monday, December 19 **MS Music Concert** (5th and 6th Grade) at 6:00 pm

SKI / SNOWBOARD CLUB NEWS

This year the Pittsville Ski/Board Club would like to help you enjoy the winter. If you would like to see your child enjoy an outside activity during the winter months, sign them up for the Ski/Board Club. If your child is in the 5th thru 8th grade, they can sign up for the club with Mrs. Doering in the elementary art room, and 9th thru 12th grade can sign up with Pam Kumm at the HS Office. We will start going on some trips December 3 and 17 to Granite Peak. On January 14, the Ski/Board Club would like to invite the 1st thru 12th grade students to participate in a learn how to ski/snowboard day at Bruce Mound, tubing will also be available. Call Pam Kumm at 715-884-6412 for more information.

Check out Pittsville High School and Pittsville Elementary School on Social Media!!!



Show Time: 7:00 PM
Pittsville Auditorium

Saturday, December 3rd

The Memories Christmas Show

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.

Through the Decades at PHS: Fall Edition

From the pages of *Ho-Ang-Ho*. Contributors: Ryan Zickert, Rebecca Sturgis, Jenna Rasmussen, Jessie Rasmussen, Morgan Masanz, Greg Hoffman and Messrs Downs and Piotrowski for *The History Club*

1976-77. The 76-77 edition of the football team was coached by Rich Wheeler and ended with a record of 2-6. Senior players included Glenn Dickson, Lloyd Dickson, Mark Florence, Bill Hiles, John Hoffman, Dave Olds, and Tom Zdun. The Volleyball team was coached by Dorothy Berg and led by seniors Nancy Quinlan, Belva Bowden, CeCe Bonacci, Cyndi Tritz, Dawn Orgel and team manager Aneva Fochs. The 1976 Homecoming Court included Vicky Schiller escorted by John Hoffman, Mary Cournoyer escorted by Bill Hiles, Cheryl Parker escorted by Mark Florence, Deb Schwanebeck escorted by Tom Zdun, Betty Hahn escorted by Glenn Dickson, and Queen Karen Janzen escorted by King Dave Olds.

1986-87. The 86-87 football season ended with a record of 5-4 and was by coached by Mark Gronski. The seniors for the Panthers included Rob Wolff, Jack Wilke, Richard Frost, Todd Huff, Dan Skon, Barry Fisher, Dan Darr, Jim Sojka, Scott Hagen, and Dennis Reshel. The 1986-87 volleyball team set a precedent for team sports at Pittsville as they were the first team to attend a state tournament level game. The 9-0 conference champs earned a 2nd place finish at the state tourney. Seniors on the team were Kelly Orgel, Liana Weinfurter, Amy Schooley, Andi Wolf, Susy Pelot, Diny Jensen, Penny Perl, and Sheila Zdun. Coach Karen Iwanski along with her assistant Jackie Broughton helped lead the way to that state appearance. The 1986 homecoming court consisted of Kelly Orgel escorted by Todd Huff, Liana Weinfurter escorted by Scott Hagen, Joelle Giarrusso escorted by Rob Wolff, Dawn Huber escorted by Jack Wilke, Lisa Larsen escorted by Sean Gorich, Keri Kreuger escorted by Dan Skon, and King Barry Fisher and Queen Denise Rogers,.

1996-97. The 96-97 football team was coached by Rick Marten. The seniors included D.Houston, J. Schiller, T. Garvin, A. Taylor, T. Blomberg, J. Krueger. Coaching the small cross-country team was Robert Piotrowski. A 6th place Conference finish for the boys team was made up of Josh Salo, Nick Redmond, Troy Kroening, Joe Bowling, and Jeremy Redmond. The only gal on the squad was Amy Greene. All would return to compete the next year. The Panther volleyball team was still going strong as they finished 2nd in conference with a 9-1 overall record. They also won the Spring Green tourney and finished 5th at the Stout tourney as well. In regionals they were upended by Auburndale. Panther seniors for Coach Karen Brownell's team were Tabitha Phillips, Jenny Heuer, Jackie Masepohl, Nicole Haralson, Kris Sutton, and Angie Claeys. First team all-conference were Heuer and Masepohl with Sutton and Phillips honorable mention. Jackie was also 3rd team All-State. The 1996 Homecoming Court included Pam Coulthard escorted by Aaron Taylor, Casandra Schirmer escorted by Jeremy Knapp, Mary Malyuk escorted by Toby Blomberg, Bobby Jo Giles escorted by David Houston, Patty Rademan escorted by Tandy Garvin, Kristine Sutton escorted by Jesse Schiller, and King Jesse Krueger and Queen Jennifer Heuer.

2006-07. In 2006-07 the football team was led by Coach Dan Hahn. The team compiled a 8-4 record. Senior players included Brandon Haumschild, Frankie Barber, Travis Wegner, Evan Hoffarth, Jake Wright, Chris Wesely, Gary Accola, Ben Wright, Justin Rayburn, Ryan Quinnell, Bryan Haumschild, Pete Peterson, and Alex Rosandick. They made it to the playoffs and won Level 1 against Whitehall 39-13.

They defeated Southwestern at Level 2 by a score of 36-6. The season ended in a loss to Fennimore. The 2006 Panther volleyball team coached by Karen Brownell wound up with a dual record of 4-6 record. Seniors on the squad were Jackie Steele, Megan Polivka, Britt Robus, Lynne Petersen, and Brittany Zieher. The 2006 Panther cross country team completed one of the most successful seasons in school history. The boy's team had their highest finish ever in the conference meet earning 4th place. The gals team earned a 2nd place finish at conference and ran a near perfect race at sectionals to finish 2nd out of 17 teams to earn a trip to the state meet, the 2nd girls team to do so in Panther history. Senior Laura Palmer placed 11th at state leading the gals to a 13th place finish. Seniors for Casey and Renee John's Panthers were Laura Palmer, Tiffany Hahn, who along with freshmen Heather Adrian earned all-conference honors. The *lovely ladies* of the Homecoming Court court included Lynne Petersen, Patty Tlusty, Laura Palmer, Tiffany Hahn, Jackie Steele, Megan Polivka, Brittany Zieher, and Brittnee Robus and the *handsome men* of the court were Jake Wright, Justin Rayburn, Chris Wesely, Ryan Quinnell, Alex Rosandick, Brandon Haumschild, Bryan Haumschild, and Frankie Barber. Homecoming king and queen were Pete Petersen and Mickenzie Brogan.

Panther Spirit Wear For Sale

Spirit Wear is being sold on-line at

www.companycasuals.com/pittsvillespiritwear/start.jsp

This website is also located on the Pittsville School District Web Page in the upper right corner. This website will close on November 1st. All items will be delivered to your child the week of December 12th. It is possible to pay by check or cash, make sure your print your receipt and send both receipt & check/cash to Pam Kumm at the HS. Make checks out to Victory Promotional. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the Pep Club. For customer service questions, please contact Jim at 715-387-6631 or via e-mail at jim@victorypromotional.com OR call Pam Kumm at 715-884-6412.





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COMMUNITY WALKERS

Pittsville Elementary School will be open for walking every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM starting Nov. 8th. Please use Entrance A.

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 School Messenger alert system. Parents should have an emergency plan for dealing with these situations for the safety and health of their children. Do not drop children off at school on mornings when school is to be delayed, as there is not supervision available on those days.

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