

Pittsville School District

Newsletter

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EXPECTING EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRITY FROM ALL, DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE STUDENTS, STRENGTHENED THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY.

From the Desk of Superintendent Figueroa

The School District of Pittsville is updating our community based core values, shared vision, and common goals. The core values will guide future decision making practices and be representative of our student and community needs, wants, and values. The district will facilitate the discussions and record the information. After the conclusion of all the listening sessions, we will match up the recorded information from each group session to determine our community's core values. We have completed the student sessions and the teacher session will be in process when you receive this newsletter. The discussion prompts are as follows:



1. What does it mean to be a parent/resident/business operator in the Pittsville school district?
2. What is one thing you would never change about the district and why?
3. What do you think would improve our learning environment?
4. What would you like to see offered in the district within the next 5 years? 10 years?
5. How do you currently get information about what is going on or coming up in the district?

Please think about how you might address the previous questions. We will be announcing times and locations for the listening sessions in the coming months. This process will be the most beneficial if we have participation from all areas of our district.

There is no shortage of activities in our schools during the winter months. Our music students are preparing for Solo and Ensemble competition; Art/Pottery Club has been creating bowls, platters, and vases for the Art Show and Empty Bowls night; Girls and Boys Basketball have been playing an average of two games per week; Wrestling is doing the final tune up before tournament season begins in early February; and our student clubs and organizations have been active preparing for late winter and spring competition. To view scheduled events, please visit our district web page and click a date on the calendar along the right hand side.

The end of January was Wisconsin Adult Crossing Guard Recognition Week. We are very grateful for Duane Tritz and George Duerr for assisting our students crossing Highway 80 every school day. Please thank them for taking such good care of our kids. This is one of those often overlooked, important jobs, which community members step up to do for everyone.

"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."

~Father James Keller

Our best for their best.
Rodney Figueroa

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SCHOOL CLOSINGS, 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

Healthy Smiles for Wood County is a program that addresses prevention through outreach, education, fluoride varnish placement, sealant placement, and systems change. The program is a school-based, school-linked dental sealant and fluoride varnish program in which portable dental equipment is taken to area schools and early childhood centers. Healthy Smiles recently provided services to 111 of our students from Grades 2 – 7.



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

School Messenger allows the district to quickly send mass notifications to parents and students. The system is used to notify families of emergency situations, weather related delays, cancellations, attendance, lunch balances, changes to athletic and other events, and general information about up-coming events. Through Family Access, a parent/guardian can set up the capability to receive these messages, including what types they would like to receive, and what phone numbers or e-mail addresses to use. To check and update your Skylert contact information, log into your Family Access Account in Skyward. 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. 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 visit the official Pittsville School's Facebook page links:

- District: www.facebook.com/pittsvilleschooldistrictPittsville/
- Elementary: www.facebook.com/Pittsville-Elementary-School-Pittsville-WI-1414323675472548/
- High School: www.facebook.com/pittsvillehighschool/



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COMMUNITY WALKERS

Pittsville Elementary School is open for walking every Monday-Friday from 5:00-7:00 PM. Please use Entrance A.

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.



Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PantherCommunityFitnessCenter to see what's new and exciting in the Panther Community Fitness Center.

HOURS

Sunday:		4:00-7:00 PM
Monday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-9:00 PM
Tuesday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-8:00 PM
Thursday:	5:30-7:00 AM	5:00-9:00 PM
Friday:	5:30-7:00 AM	
Saturday:	8:00-11:00 AM	

Counselor's Corner: Second Quarter

Mrs. Krystowiak, 8-12 School Counselor

SENIORS:

Please continue to work on **scholarships** and stay tuned for the local scholarships which will be posted by the end of January. Most local scholarships are due Wednesday, April 4th, but some are due **sooner**. For more information, check out the Scholarship Tab under High School Counseling on the PHS Home page. Also, please remember to complete your **FAFSA** before the priority date for your college. Applications have been available online since October 1, 2017 at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (There is also a link off the HS Counseling website.)

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

JUNIORS:

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

- Test Date: February 10, 2018—Registration Deadline January 12, 2018
- Test Date: April 14, 2018—Registration Deadline: March 9, 2018
- Test Date: June 9, 2018—Registration Deadline: May 4, 2018
- NEW: Test Date: July 12, 2018-Registration Deadline: June 15, 2018

On January 22, all juniors will be taking a practice ACT at school in the morning. This is just one way the juniors are being introduced to the upcoming state required ACT, which will be offered at school on February 27, 2018. Please make every effort to be at school on this day so as to avoid unnecessary stress on yourself. This test can be used for college & technical school entrance. Students will indicate their four post-secondary choices prior to the day of the test. On February 28, students will take the required ACT Work Keys, which is an employability skills test. If students miss one or both of the required test dates, make up is mandatory the mornings of March 20 & 21, 2018.

SOPHOMORE, FRESHMEN, and 8TH GRADE:

As we head into the registration for next year, please make sure you are taking time to plan out your courses based on what is best for your future. To assist in this process, sophomores & 8th graders should attend "Your Future is Now Night" on **January 31st at 6:00 pm** at the high school. This evening is designed for students to look ahead to their beginning and final years of high school and taking the proper classes that will help them achieve success. The students of those parents that attend the event will be allowed to register first in their upcoming registration day later that month. In addition to this, during 3rd and 4th term, freshmen and sophomore **individual planning conferences** will be held to discuss current high school goals and future plans. During these meetings, students are also encouraged to look for ways to **volunteer** in their free time and over the summer to begin building a strong scholarship résumé. Students are reminded to continue their career and post-secondary exploration and planning by using their **Career Cruising** accounts.

Please feel free to contact Emily Krystowiak, 8-12 Counselor, if you have questions about any of the information provided at 715-884-5223 or krystemi@pittsville.k12.wi.us

Academic & Career Planning

Miss Raygo, Elementary School Counselor

Do you and your junior high student have conversations about life beyond high school? If the answer is not, then now might be the time to start! During our first Academic and Career Planning (ACP) lesson in September, we asked all of the junior high students what they would like to know about college and careers before they get to high school. These are great topics to discuss with your child to help them better understand the college and career process and to also learn about the path you took to get to your career. Here are some of the topics junior high students requested to know more about:

6TH GRADE

- Which college is the best for the occupation I am looking at?
- How much does college cost?
- How difficult is college?
- How does college work?
- How many hours a week do you work at a job?
- Do you have to pass tests to get your degree or certification?
- How expensive would it be to begin a business?
- How long would I have to go to college?

7TH GRADE

- How do I set up a bank account and balance a checkbook?
- How much money can I really expect to make at the job I want?
- What are some good jobs I can get right out of high school?
- How much does housing cost while I attend college?
- Should I go for an Associates or Bachelor's degree?
- What classes are related to the career I want?
- How quickly do you go through lessons in college?
- What are the advantages of small schools?

8TH GRADE

- What are skills, other than academic, that would help me get the job?
- Can I take a virtual tour of colleges/technical colleges?
- Where do I go and how do I go about finding the job I know I want?
- How do I budget, pay medical bills, get housing, get a vehicle, use insurance, etc.?

Where there is an open mind, there will always be a frontier.

~Charles F. Ketting

PHS News



As always, Term 3 is a very busy time at PHS: Final Exams for Term 2 are coming soon, we have begun the process of getting students registered for next year's classes, and we are putting extra effort into preparing for state testing.

Term 2 Final Exams will be January 18th, so I thought I would share a few tips to help prepare for them. From an academic standpoint, students would do well to spend a little time each day reviewing some of the material that they worked on for the previous nine weeks. It makes things much easier to remember come test-time! From a physical standpoint, rest and healthy eating are essential to doing one's best on any exams.


For parents of eighth and tenth grade students, there is an important date to put on your calendars. Our "Your Future is Now Night" will be January 31st. Eighth grade students will get an introduction to life at the high school, meet their advisors, and get more information about classes and scheduling (see the next paragraph) for next year. Tenth grade students will hear presentations and be able to meet with representatives of the UW system, the Technical Colleges, and the Military. This is an evening that is filled with a wealth of important information for PHS families, so I highly recommend your attendance. As an incentive, students whose parents attend will be in the first group to register for classes!

Eighth through eleventh grade students will be registering for classes for the 2018-2019 school year during the week of February 12th. They will begin meeting with their advisors on January 5th to start putting together schedules for their remaining years at the high school, and specifically for next year. Parents will see registration materials coming home soon. Please take the time to look through them, as well as the high school course handbook and the master schedules (on the PHS website) when helping your students plan which classes to take. Your advice will be very helpful in setting them up for success after they leave here. It is never too soon start planning for life after high school!

Finally, the ACT exams will be held on February 28th for all Juniors. Make-up for this mandatory state test will be later in March, so it is essential that your child be here for this important assessment. The ACT will determine which technical college programs they are eligible to enroll in, and which universities will accept them. We will be preparing the students for the exam through many activities during January and February, including a pre-ACT test on January 23rd. Your support of these activities will go a long way toward helping your child achieve at their highest level on the ACT.

Again, this is a very busy and important time for the students at PHS. Please talk to your children about these important events. They will welcome your wise input (and you might be amazed at their insights into their own futures)!

Mr. Weddig, High School Principal



PITTSVILLE

CTE

Career & Technical Education
Building the future,
with learning that works.

SAVE THE DATE!

- Fun for all ages
- Meet CTE Staff
- Free Giveaways
- Hands on Activities

On February 13th, the Pittsville Career & Technical Education (CTE) Departments will be hosting the second annual CTE night from 5pm-8pm in the Pittsville School District lobby. The Agriculture, Family Consumer Sciences, Business, and Technology Education Teachers as well as the High School Counselor will have booths showcasing their perspective departments. Please come with questions and learn more about Career & Technical Education at Pittsville School District. Local Technical College representatives will also be available for questions on technical college, programs, and enrollment procedures.

PHS Competes at Math League

On November 8, thirteen Pittsville high school students traveled to the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to participate in the first meet for the High School Math League Competition. The competition has three categories: Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Math. Fifty different schools brought their top math students to compete in the competition. Pittsville beat nineteen schools, four from School Size 2.

The four students who represented Pittsville School District in the Geometry category were Evan Dammann, Greg Hoffman, Ethan Hanutke, and Morgan Geer. Trayson Ortner, Hunter Wilke, Drew Bratlie, and Ryan Zickert took the challenging Algebra 2 test. The four students competing in the Advanced Math category were Trevor Winterhack, Luke Denniston, Tyler Carlson, and Lydia Sancken. All students worked hard and scored points for their team. In school size three, there were 52 students taking each test. The Geometry students fared well with three students placing in the top half. Emily Carlson competed as an alternate in Geometry and scored the highest on the test. However, alternates cannot place so she will have to wait until the second test to earn a top spot. Evan placed 18th, Cody placed 24th, and Ethan placed 26th out of 52. In the Algebra category, Trayson placed 13th and he was the only Pittsville student to place in the top half. The Advanced category was a challenging test for Pittsville with Trevor Winterhack in 15th place followed by Luke Denniston in 26th place. The next competition is January 24th and the final competition is March 21st.

Congratulations to all participants! Good luck on January 24th.

Physical Science students recently used slinkies to study particle motion in transverse and longitudinal waves. Students also were able to observe wave interactions, such as constructive and destructive interference, using the slinkies.

PHS Phy Ed Department

Just before Christmas break, Mr. Rayburn's Physical Education classes completed their Beach Games unit. The students played Kan Jam and a modified, smaller version of beach volleyball, while listening to tropical music. To round out the semester, the classes are moving into their Dodgeball and Kickball units.



Global Foods Course

The Global Foods course is where students get into pairs and choose a country to become experts on. The students then teach the class about their country: people of the country, traditions, climate, geography, culture → and how this all relates to the country's cuisine. The students present on the information they have researched, create a class activity, and choose two food labs to cook during the week. This term, the students have done an awesome job of becoming experts on their country. Some of the labs have included:

GREECE: Activity - Line Dancing, Labs - Gyros & Greek Honey Cake

GERMANY: Activity - Easter Egg Hunt & Dying Eggs, Labs - German Dumplings (Maultaschen)

SPAIN: Activity - Soccer, Labs - Chorizo Pizza and Churro Cookies



English Department News

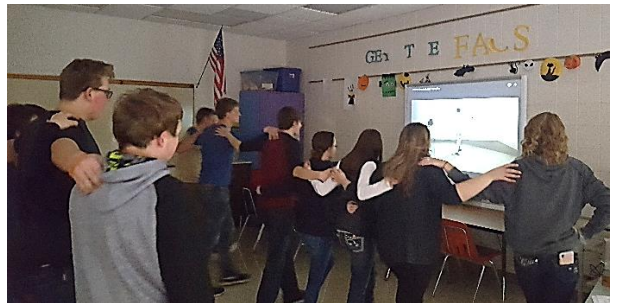
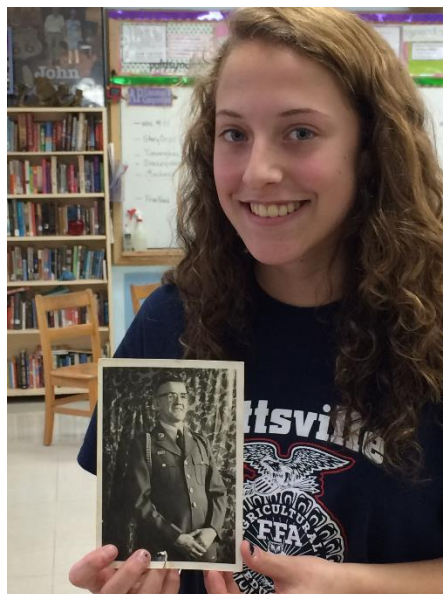
Students in Ms. Freedlund's classes used Thanksgiving Break to interview family members and friends to for a national program called "The Great Thanksgiving Listen." This is a StoryCorps project founded in 2003 as a way to record oral history via one-on-one interviews.



This year student interviews touched on the following subjects: **Work Stories:** Canadian Border guard; female truck drive; Great Lakes steward; the Dahlberg Power Company; training soldiers to use an M-16 rifle; being a hired hand for the summer.

Advice and Insight: Vietnamese were proud people; living The Golden Rule; recollection of JFK assassination and how the tragedy united the country briefly. **Regrets:** dreams of being

a writer; starting the barn on fire; bringing a dead bird into the house; fighting at the grocery store and tipping over the cart; shooting bb-gun at the helmets of Aquinas football players; playing catch with a cat. **School Memories:** playing volleyball in Madison; milking cows before school; training a pet squirrel to get peanuts out of his pocket; memory of speaking German until he learned English in kindergarten. **Accidents and Close Calls:** putting a needle through her finger; close encounters with a bear; making a boat out of a car hood; riding icebergs down the river; living above a tavern and being able to eat hamburgers whenever. **Love and Friendship:** falling in love with her boyfriend's best friend-they later marry; meeting her future husband when she helped him register to vote.



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





Elementary News

Happy New Year!

The students and staff at Pittsville Elementary School hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! December was a busy, festive month for us! To help add to the excitement of the holidays, the students and staff participated in a countdown to the holidays that included dress-up days and special events. On December 19th, frosting and sprinkling fun was had by all! Students each frosted and decorated their own holiday cookie at lunch.

Our staff, students, and families showed holiday spirit by hosting our 3rd Annual Christmas Shop. The most wonderful part of the Christmas Shop is the money raised from the sales goes directly back to the community. This year, we are proud to announce that we raised \$950 to donate to PANS, our local food pantry. Students bring money and shop for their family members. All items purchased are gift wrapped and sent home with the students so family members can be pleasantly surprised on Christmas Day! All items for sale are donated by community members, school families, and staff members. It was surely another successful year! On behalf of our staff and students, we would like to thank Mr. Klein, the organizer of the Christmas Shop, all the staff members who donated their time organizing the items and wrapping gifts, and all the community members who donated their items and time to the Christmas Shop.

December is also a musical month for all grades! New this year, our 4K students participate in weekly music classes with Ms. Rueth. They eagerly shared their holiday tunes with their families during the December Family Activity Day. Grades K-4 hosted their holiday concert in the varsity gym to accommodate all the friends and family who come to support them. All the grades were on the bleachers the entire performance and along with singing their own grade level songs, they sang songs together for everyone to enjoy. Grades 5-8 focus on sharing their new skills in band and choir. A special thank you goes out to Ms. Batterman and Ms. Rueth for the wonderful concerts this year! Your dedication to the students and our music department is appreciated by all!

The New Year always brings the opportunity to create new goals! Our students get that opportunity as they participate in our winter assessments. By administering assessments mid-year, it gives students and teachers the opportunity to see all the growth made since the beginning of the year. Students in kindergarten, first, and second grade will participate in PALS testing (literacy assessment). Students in Grades 1-8 will take the STAR math and reading tests.

Whether we realize it or not, spring is right around the corner and the window for our state-wide test, the Forward Exam, will open (March 19 to May 4, 2018). Students in Grades 3-8 participate in this exam, which is administered on Chromebooks/Computers.

Sincerely, Mrs. Friday



PES Daily Announcements are now available on our website. To watch, log in to www.pittsville.k12.wi.us and click the Elementary School tab.

Some of our "Platinum Ticket winners from First Quarter.



PBIS Rewards (Part 2 of 4 in the Series)

Offering rewards to our students is an important component of PBIS. Our school strives to go beyond just teaching expected behaviors, but also finding ways to recognize and reward students for engaging in appropriate behavior. Research shows that recognizing students for showing appropriate behavior is even more important than catching students making bad choices. A goal of our PBIS system is to increase the number of positive interactions that all school staff have with students. All staff members are asked to give out "Golden Tickets" when they observe students exhibiting our Panther Traits and going above and beyond expectations. Teachers have a menu of rewards posted in their classrooms that students can choose from when deciding to redeem their earned tickets. The office also has rewards available where students can spend their tickets. The rewards vary greatly and include material things like small candy treats or toys, extra privileges such as being the line leader or the assistant principal, or group rewards like a dance party or game time. Students are also given a "Platinum Ticket," equal to five "Golden Tickets," for every quarter that they do not receive a behavior documentation form. The reward component of PBIS helps ensure students are acknowledged for making great choices and the number of positive interactions at school increases.

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4K REGISTRATION

for the 2018-19 school year begins Feb 1st

To register your child for four-year-old kindergarten, please go to the website: www.pittsville.k12.wi.us. Click on the district or elementary tab and it will give you explicit directions for registering. Then, plan on attending 4K Open House on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the 4K Classroom at Pittsville Elementary School. Any questions, please contact: Mrs. Garrels at 715-884-2517 or Mrs. Kuehn at 715-884-2517 ext. 125.

Child Development Day Screening

Feb 8, 2018 from 9:00 am-6:30 pm

The screening will take place at the Lions Club House, 5554 4th Avenue, Pittsville. The screening is for any child who will be turning 3 years old on or before June 1, 2018 through age 5 and reside in the Pittsville School District. Children who currently attend the Early Childhood or 4K programs do not need to be screened.

During the screening, parents will complete a survey while children play with others and interact with school staff. The screening will provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about their child's growth and development.

Please call the Pittsville Elementary office at 715-884-2517 to register your child for Child Development Days Screening. Registration for 4K will be online. Follow the link on the Elementary website which will be open beginning February 1, 2018. Please call the Pittsville Elementary office at 715-884-2517 to register and schedule an appointment for Child Development Day.

The Enchanted Bookshop Comes Alive

Characters like Sherlock Holmes, Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, and Oliver Twist jumped right out of the pages of their books and performed on the Pittsville School stage during the first week of December. The Enchanted Bookshop told the story of a down and out bookshop owned by a good hearted owner named Margie and her cat with lots of attitude. Through a series of unfortunate events, the bookshop became the site of a jewel heist. With a little bit of magic and strategy, Margie's beloved book characters were able to catch the inept thieves and save the bookshop. The actors and actresses showed their audiences the value of helping a friend in need. They also reminded us all that reading or watching a good story is a great way to spend an afternoon or evening.

Twenty-four students in grades 3-8 memorized their lines and attended rehearsals for two months to be able to perform the *The Enchanted Bookshop* on Friday, December 1st for the school audience and on Saturday, December 2nd for the Pittsville community. The students received very positive reviews from all whom attended. The cast and crew would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's production a success. The *Enchanted Bookshop* was written by Todd Wallinger and published by Pioneer Press. The Enchanted Book shop cast included: Angel Millard, Faith Buettner, Bridgette Leichey, Brad Neve, Ezra Fiala, Will Tolzmann, Vanessa Pelot, Emma Tolzmann, Kellen Getsinger, Ava Jones, Myles Gray, Sara Giles, Haley Delaney, Nora Kremer, Addison Elsasser, Grace Hensel, Olivia Moore, Brilee Luepke, Maddie Kumm, Bailey Smazal, Sophie Faber, Emma Bartlett, Kennedy Parkison, and Chase Baker. Stage Crew included Olivia Dupee.



Kindergarten Connection

As we near the end of our second quarter, it is so rewarding to see the growth the Kindergarten students have made in the areas of literacy and math. In January, the children will be assessed with the PALS screening test to show the gains they have made since fall.

Currently, the children are learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. and are listening to stories about his life. Along with that, the kindergartners are showing others how they can be a good friend. We have also been reviewing our PBIS Panther traits to be reminded of how we can be engaged, honorable, respectful, and responsible at school.

Coming up in February, the kindergarten classes will be celebrating our 100th day of school. Both of our classrooms are hoping that we will receive 100 pieces of mail as a class project that we have planned. If you would like to join in the fun, we would love to hear from you.

Please send a note to the Pittsville Kindergarten Class at 5459 Elementary Avenue. Pittsville, WI 54466

Mrs. Heinzen and Mrs. Petersen, Kindergarten Teachers

Kindergarten students create the PEACE sign.



Writing is Wonderful

One of the skill areas the second graders in Mrs. Denniston's class have been working on is paragraph writing. They've been focusing on including all the necessary components, along with trying to use more detailed or clearer language to improve their writing pieces. Most recently, they finished a descriptive paragraph combined with a craft project telling what would make the Grinch grin, and an informational paragraph on grassland animals where they tied in technology skills like word processing and cutting and pasting images. The second graders' writing skills are steadily improving!

Currently in the **Fourth Grade Writing Class**, students are honing their skills in debate writing and are getting a preview of creating personal narratives. They are starting with a story about an experience they had over Christmas Break.

In the **Fifth Grade Writing Class**, students are honing their skills in opinion writing and continuing their personal narrative writing. They too will be starting the New Year by writing about experiences they had over Christmas Break.



Third Graders have been busy working on writing research papers as part of the Lucy Caulkins Reading and Writing Workshop curriculum. The students worked in research groups to learn more about animals and develop subtopics about their animals' habitats, body, predators, etc. The groups of animals that the students learned about were: giraffes, bears, cheetahs, dolphins, and whales. The students learned about important text features in an informational text including: table of contents, captions, glossary, the idea of comparing and contrasting, and fact/opinion. Students learned how to research using different informational texts and searching the internet on www.nationalgeographickids.com, www.kidrex.org and www.pebblego.com for information to use in their research papers. They have worked hard on synthesizing their information from different resources together to develop their papers. Students worked on creating chapters for their papers based on what they thought a reader needed to know about their animals. They have worked very hard on researching and becoming informational writers. Great job third graders!



1st Grade News - Nonfiction Focus in First Grade ~ from Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Stone

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



Sweet sounds of holiday singing filled the air as the Pittsville Elementary 4K students sang for their families on December 15 during a family activity morning.



The 4K students were busy throughout the month of December preparing for their holiday program. They baked cookies with Mrs. Anderson's high school students enrolled in her Global Foods Class. They frosted and decorated the cookies with the help of Mrs. Abel's 7th Grade Project Service Learning Class. The 4K students practiced their songs in music with Ms. Rueth and made and wrapped parent gifts with their teachers, Mrs. Scholzen and Mrs. Kuehn. Excitement filled the air as moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles along with other family members filed into the elementary school cafeteria to hear their special child sing. Following the program, everyone enjoyed decorated sugar cookies and hot chocolate. It was a merry event. Thank you to all the families who came to share in the joy of the holiday season!

Christmas Shopping Trip

On December 15th, students in Mrs. Niedfeldt and Mrs. Kremer's classes participated in a Christmas shopping trip. The students made lists with their families of possible gift ideas. Then the students were able to shop, using money they brought from home, for items at the Dollar Tree and Wal-Mart in Wisconsin Rapids. The students were able to apply skills such as staying within a budget, figuring out tax, using a shopping list, and counting change in a real world setting. The students also had the opportunity to eat lunch at Pizza Hut. The students were complimented many times by employees about their respectful behavior. The students had a lot of fun shopping for gifts for their families. After returning to school, the students wrapped all of the gifts so that they could take them home as a surprise for their families. This annual shopping trip is a fun and educational experience that the students look forward to each year.



The Desk Masters. This year, the eighth grade entrepreneurship/manufacturing class created a company called "The Desk Masters". They sold customizable pens, pencils, and desk organizers. In just nine short weeks, the business was able to make over \$900.00 in profits. The students were placed into five different departments (manufacturing, design, marketing, accounting, & packaging) which all worked together to run "The Desk Masters" successfully. At the end of the term, the students will use the profits to participate in a live auction. The students earned fake money for the hours they logged, which they can use to bid on and buy real prizes.





Music Department News

Second Quarter is a busy time in the music department filled with rehearsals and performances for all of the students. Students performed at Veteran's Day, Christmas in the Center, UWEC Honors Band, the Elementary Winter Concert, the 5-8th Grade Winter Concert, the High School Winter Concert, as well as the Dorian Choir Festival. A crucial part in music and performance is sharing it with your audience, and we want to thank all who attended these events and supported our student performers.

Thank you to all who participated in our coffee and tumbler fundraiser. We still have 22 more Pittsville Panther Tumblers available for \$20 each. If interested, please contact Ms. Batterman, Ms. Rueth, or any current high school band or choir student. Interested in a Pittsville tumbler and are coming to a home basketball game? Feel free to come and purchase one after the Pep Band plays!

There are many exciting events happening next quarter including All Star Honors Band and Choir and Solo Ensemble. On Saturday, January 20th we will be taking the 11 students nominated to Shiocton to participate in the CWC's annual All Star Honors Band and Choir. These students will be spending the day rehearsing with other top performers from around the CWC under guest clinicians; followed by a concert at 4:00pm. The concert is open to the public and free to attend.

Solo Ensemble will be hosted at Almond-Bancroft on Saturday, February 24th. This year, we have 45 students, grades 7-12, participating in over 35 events ranging from solos to Show Choir. Performances at Solo Ensemble are free and open to the public; please consider attending and supporting our young musicians.

For more information and updates like us on Facebook: [Pittsville Performing Arts](#) OR check out Ms. Batterman's website: <https://sites.google.com/pittsville.k12.wi.us/music-batterman>



FFA District Speaking Contest

The Pittsville FFA is hosting the District 19 Speaking Contest on February 7th, 2018 at PHS. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this event. The contest will start at 3:30 p.m. and should wrap up by 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please email Ms. Meissner at meisslin@pittsville.k12.wi.us to sign up to help. Areas needing help include: food planning, judging, and time keeping. Thank you in advance!

State FFA Chapter Visit

On December 18th, State FFA Parliamentarian Kathryn Lampi made her visit to the Pittsville FFA and Agricultural Education students. The students were able to learn about personal development, professional growth, and career success while participating in hands on learning experiences.



Agricultural Education Small Animal Visits

The Agricultural Education Small Animal Science class had the privilege of touring and visiting Maxhaven Kennels. Students left with a strong knowledge base of owning and operating a dog breeding facility as well as learning about the uniqueness of the Siberian Husky breed. Thank you Maxhaven!



National FFA Convention

Pittsville FFA members joined Marshfield, Merrill, and Wausau FFA members to travel down to Indianapolis October 24-27 for the 90th National FFA Convention. Students had the opportunities to tour a fish hatchery, large scale swine operations, Indianapolis Zoo, and Shedd Aquarium. They also joined over 65,000 other members and listen to amazing speakers, concerts, attended workshops, and participated in the Career and Technical Education's largest career show.

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.

"DOUBLE UP"

We will be 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.

FREE/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.

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.**"

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The **High School** will serve breakfast during PPT time and the students will take the food items to their next class. The **Elementary School** will be serving breakfast at 8:00 am. Students that would like breakfast will first report to their classrooms, and then come down to the cafeteria for breakfast. Grades 4Kgn-3rd will be issued a breakfast card in the classroom to be turned in at the breakfast line. Grades 4th-8th will punch in their lunch numbers before going through the lines. School breakfast is an ideal solution on busy mornings when students are running late or parents have to be at work early. The cost is only \$1.00. Students that qualify for free or reduced lunch receive free breakfast.

Breakfast & Lunch menus are available on line at www.pittsville.k12.wi.us

2017-2018 MEAL PRICES

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



Food Service News

PTO NEWS...

As another quarter of the year comes to an end, I would like to tell all of our amazing volunteers, Thank You. We can't do what we do without you. So, what have we done this last quarter? As I sit down to think about it, it amazes me what our volunteers are capable of.

We have been doing our Seroogy Candy Bar/No Candy Bar sales since the beginning of the year. This will be coming to an end on February 1st. Incentives include a dance party, root beers floats, and a photo booth. The sales breakdown per student are as follows:

1 child:	\$15 or 1 box
2 children:	\$30 or 1 box
3 children:	\$40 or 2 boxes
4 or more:	\$50 or 2 boxes

There is still time to participate. If you want a box of candy bars to sell, stop in the elementary office and get a box before they run out. If you want to do the no candy bar sale, just send it in with your child in an envelope marked for PTO.

We also just ended our SCRIP competition. It was a successful sale and got several new families started in the wonderful world of SCRIP fundraising for our school. It's simple: you buy a gift card and get a gift card for the value you paid for it. The company in turn gives a percentage of your purchase back to the school. Still skeptical? We have a family in our school that uses SCRIP for there every day needs and then some. Over the past two years, that family has gotten over \$800.00 donated back to our school. Now if we could get more families to do this, we wouldn't need to do any other form of fundraising. Check out our PTO page on the school website to learn more about SCRIP today!

Wondering what is coming in the future? We will be holding our collection competition in the near future. This year, we will be collecting Coke Points, Milk Moola, and Box Tops for Education. More information will be coming home with students soon. We are also looking into the possibility of bringing professional plays into the school. Let us know if you want to help get this started for our students! We will be hosting Culvers or McTeacher night soon. Come join lots of friends for dinner and give a little back to the school at the same time!

Volunteering, from helping run one of our events, donating an item we need, volunteering during lunch hour, participating in a fundraiser, or coming in to work a shift at an event...it's what we need to make the PTO a success for our students. Thank you volunteers, we succeed because you help us too!

PAFA Presents... 11

A Tribute to the Blues

Featuring the Blues Summit Band on stage with Cadillac Pete and Bill Jordan. There will be appearance by PHS alumni and students.

Saturday, January 27

7:00 PM, Pittsville Auditorium

Showcasing classics by: Allman Brothers, B.B. King, Blues Brothers, Buddy Guy, Joe Cocker, Jimmy Thackery, Los Lobos, Muddy Waters, Robert Cray, Stevie Ray Vaughn, and more!

Sponsors: Haycreek Pallet, Heuer Brothers Construction, Pinecrest Supper Club, Pittsville Family Dental, Pittsville Therapy Services.

Adults - \$10.00

Seniors - \$8.00

Students - FREE



Through the Decades at PHS: Winter Sports Edition

From the pages of Ho-Ang-Ho. Contributors: Dylan Kumm, Bekah Downs, Peyton Meyer, Lexi Redmond, Lily Ratsch and Messrs Piotrowski and Downs for The History Club

1977-78: Boys Basketball - The boys' basketball squad finished with a 13-10 record. The boys, coached by Noel Denniston and ably assisted by Charles Soper, were led by seniors Dean Barten, Paul Yetter, Ed Hendrickson, Pete Yetter, Dan Zeman and standout underclassman Dave Elwood. The highlight of the season is when the team won a Regional Championship. **Girls Basketball** - The girls' basketball team was coached by Vicky Dankemeyer and led by seniors Cheryl Roder and Peg Krueger. **Wrestling** - Coach Jerry Hahn led a talented squad for the '78 campaign. Seniors Mike Nordman, Ed Bowden, Dan Dexter, Rick Schwanebeck and Dan Hahn provided leadership for the team. Dan Hahn and Ed Bowden were Marawood Conference champions. Four members of the team qualified for sectionals including John Nordman, Joe Buelt, Dexter and Hahn. Dan Hahn then went on to win sectionals and became the third person from Pittsville to qualify for the State tournament.

1987-88: Boys Basketball - Head Coach Noel Denniston's young '88 squad was led by seniors Paul Baker and Alan Frost who led the team to a 14-6 overall record. **Girls Basketball** - The 1988, team was one of the finest teams fielded by Head Coach Don Neve. The seniors included Debbie Neve, Beth Martin, Liane Brown, Chris Fossen, Julie Schultz, Donna Drechsler and Kari LaSee. The girls had a great season and went on the win a Class C Regional Championship and qualify for Sectionals. **Wrestling** - Coached by Gerry Hahn and Mike Brogan. Seniors leaders included Keith Amundson, Tony Dedecker, Fred Grubofski, Tom Hanutke, Chris Jensen, Ron Merritt, and Mike Nanstad. Nanstad made it to State, as did Matt Hanutke, a sophomore who won his second consecutive State Wrestling title.

1997-98 Boys Basketball - The head coach was Jeff Schlender. Seniors were Bryan Masephol and Josh Salo. The team captains were Bryan Masephol, Josh Salo and Eric Scheunemann. They won 5th in a very competitive Marawood Conference. The team had an overall record of 12-10 and also finished with a Conference record of 10-8. Three juniors were recognized by the Marawood Conference, Ryan DeCaluwe earned second team honors, while Eric Scheunemann and Joe Bowling were both honorable mention.

Girls Basketball - Coached by Don Neve. Seniors leaders were Nikki Mrozek, Jolene Sojka, and Kim Soper. Team MVP went to Jolene Sojka for her efforts that season. The girls finished with a 5-16 record. **Wrestling** - Coach Brogan lead a successful season highlighted by 171-lb Brad Marten becoming a three time state champion. Making Brad Martin's career record 148 wins and 5 losses. Seniors Dan Grossman, Dustin Grutzik and Brad Marten provided leadership for the team. Conference champs that season were 103-Rob Schooley, 145- Dustin Grutzik and 171- Brad Marten (four time conference champ). Sectional qualifiers: 103- Rob Schooley, 125- Paul Grossman, 135- Jeremy Klevene, 145- Brad Marten. 2nd place sectional qualifiers were 119- Jeremiah Quimby, 152- Brandon Dammann, HWT- Jeremy Duerr. State qualifiers were 135- Jeremy Klevene, 171- Brad Marten.

2007-08 Boys Basketball - On the boy's side, the team was led by head coach Dan Hoffa and assisted by Shane Lilly. Seniors on the team were Zach Copeland, Josh Sherwood, Chase O'Keefe, and Jesse Sojka, All Conference Honorable Mention were Sherwood and Copeland. Captains for the team were team MVP Sherwood, "Most Improved" Copeland, and "Best All-Around Player" O'Keefe. **Girls Basketball** - The Panther girls' team, coached by Mark Denniston, had an overall record of 15-7. The season ended with a regional semi-final loss to Markesan. The team was led by team MVP and first team All-Conference selection Carrie Lippert. Team captains were Mackenzie Hautala and Rachel John, who also earned Honorable All-Conference as well. Assisting with coaching were Wanda Neve, Bruce Zieher, and Don Neve. Seniors on the squad were Hautala, John, Ana Urban, and Stacey Halama. **Wrestling** - The goal of achieving a Conference title by getting past Edgar was achieved this season. A 22-7 season record was excellent, but the team just missed a trip to the team tournament losing in the Regionals to Edgar by 3 team points. Seniors on the squad were Scott Federwitz (Conf/Regional, State Qualifier), Jordan Wilke(Conf/2nd Regionals), Jordan Wieler (Conf/Regional Champ/ 4th @ State), Sam Winters (Conf/Regional/ 3rd @ State) Michael Federwitz (2nd Conf/Regionals), Tom Hiles, Zach Heuer (3rd Conf/ 2nd Regionals), Josh Adrian (2nd Regionals), Josh Carr, Jared Hahn (3rd Conference), and Carl Lippert. Head Coach Dan Hahn's comment of "surround yourself with positive, hardworking people and good things happen" certainly rang true for this team. Assisting Hahn for the Panthers were Todd Sanken, Jake Hahn, Rick Winters, Rick Marten, and Dan Schooley. The Panthers extended their streak of 3 wrestlers heading to the state tournament for the 7th straight year.

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