



# PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

## APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER



### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

April is an exciting month at Paulding Exempted Village Schools. Many of our students are preparing for state academic competitions; the result of outstanding performances at regional competitions. Our Science Olympiad Teams will be competing at the state meet for the 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year. Four middle school students and four high school students have earned a spot in the State Science Fair competition with Superior ratings at our regional competition. Our high school choir is also preparing for the Ohio Music Educators State Adjudicated Event which will be held in early May. We are very proud of the academic and fine arts achievements of our students, and the many outstanding staff members who work with these students on a daily basis.

Our Honeywell® Instant Alert System has been tested and is ready to be used for school delays, cancellations, absence alerts and general announcements. Each family should have received information on account setup and also have received a test message. Please contact me if you have any questions or problems with the system.

The poor economy and high unemployment rate is having a direct effect on many of our families. Please be aware that students may apply for Free or Reduced Lunches at any time during the school year. I encourage families who have a change in their income to apply or re-apply for these benefits by picking up an application in any of our building offices, or calling the building secretary to have an application mailed to your home.

I appreciate the cooperation of our students, parents and community as we continue to work together to improve the education our students receive at Paulding Exempted Village Schools.

Yours in Education,  
Pat Ross

### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

#### Paulding Elementary-Kevin Dangler

April brings both the preparation for the close of a school year and the beginning of the next. Achievement testing takes place at the end of the month for grades 3 through 5. Also being assessed this month will be second graders taking a cognitive abilities test.

Looking to the next school year our building will hold its annual Kindergarten Clinic on Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1. The clinic provides an opportunity for children who will be 5 years of age on or before August 1 to register for kindergarten and receive a brief academic and fine motor skill screening by our kindergarten staff. The clinic will also provide an opportunity for parents to receive information regarding the upcoming school year. Parents are asked to bring the following items to the clinic: the child's Social Security Card, certificate of live birth, immunization record, custody papers (if applicable) and their child. Parents are asked to call the elementary school at 419-399-4656 to set up an appointment. Parents need to plan on being at the clinic for one hour.

Student fees for the 2008-2009 school year are still being taken and may be paid in the elementary office Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. If you send money with your child, please put it in an envelope and mark it Student Fees. Make checks payable to *Paulding Elementary School*. Listed below is the student fee amount per grade level.

Kdg., Gr. 1 & Gr. 2: \$55.00  
Gr. 3, Gr. 4 & Gr. 5: \$50.00

Our 5th/6th graders will perform a choir concert on Tuesday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m. in the gym with the Oakwood Elementary 5th/6th graders. They will also travel to Oakwood Elementary on Thursday, April 9, to perform for their students. This is a change of dates from the original schedule.

Some of our fifth grade students took part in a Design an Ad contest sponsored by the Paulding Progress. Congratulations to our three winners: Matthew Martinez-1<sup>st</sup> place, Jordan Shull-2<sup>nd</sup> place and Sabrinah Leaman-3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Parents are reminded that April 9 is a make-up day for elementary students only.

#### Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary! Spring is officially here, and we are thrilled with the taste of warm weather we have enjoyed at recess off and on the past few weeks.

We have begun the fourth quarter of the

2009-2010 school year. In the classroom, we are really focusing on final preparations and review for the Ohio Achievement Tests, to be taken the last week of April. If you have not already done so, please mark the week of April 27-May 1 on your calendar. It will be very important for your child to be at school, get plenty of sleep, eat a good breakfast and receive tons of support and encouragement during the state testing week. Please encourage your children to continue to give their very best effort through the final quarter of the school year, finishing on a strong, positive note.

Four teams of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders recently competed in the Battle of the Books. The teams have been preparing for this event since September by reading books from a specific book list, reviewing setting and plot details, and memorizing authors. The team of Kassandra Cogswell, Jacob Dingus, Katelyn Johnson, Chase Mason, Mei Tenwalde and Jaycee Varner won the Oakwood Elementary competition and will represent our school at the Paulding County Battle of the Books competition on March 31. The Battle of the Books is brought to us by the Paulding County Carnegie Library and we want to thank them for partnering with our school.

On April 1, 2 and 3, Oakwood Elementary will hold spring Safe Schools drills. We will practice our fire drill, tornado drill, and lock down procedures. Members of the Oakwood Fire Department plan to be in our building during all of these drills to become more familiar with our plans and to offer suggestions for keeping our students as safe as possible in the event of an emergency. Please ask your child about these drills, possibly using your discussion to review what to do in your own home in case of an emergency.

If you have or know a child in the Oakwood Elementary district that will be five before August 1, 2009, and were unable to attend our Kindergarten Camp on March 31, please call the school office (419-594-3346) to schedule a Kindergarten Screening appointment for Friday, April 24.

Thank you for your continued support!

#### Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from Paulding Middle School. We are putting the final touches on yet another school year. Many things took place in March and I will update you on a few of them and then get into the April items.

First, we had a fabulous turnout for the local Science Fair. We had over 35 projects and 9 advanced to the District Science Fair competition held at Ohio Northern University on March 21. At that competition, Kelsi Manz, Jaci Schlatter, Brad Matson and Andrew Layman earned superior rankings and qualified for the State Science Day to be held in Columbus in May. Great job by Mrs. Favorito and all of these excellent students!

Also, middle school students Brad Matson, Elaine Smith, Emily Theilbar, The Paulding Young Men's Ensemble and the Paulding Young Ladies' Ensemble received superiors at the Junior High Solo and Ensemble competition. Congratulations to Mr. Clapsaddle and all of these fine young performers.

Our 6th grade Battle of the Books team of Ashlyn Strahley, Kathryn Clapsaddle, Shayla Shepherd, Lyndi Clinton, Rachel Dooley and Claudia Foltz qualified for the county battle of the Books competition to be held at the fairgrounds on March 31.

Third nine weeks grade cards produced 186 students who attained Gold, Green or White Club status. Remember that Gold Club is for all A's, Green for A's and B's, and White for nothing lower than a C on the grade card. Congratulations to all that have worked hard in the classroom to receive these cards.

Safe Schools Drills (tornado, fire, stay put, protective environment and lock down) will be held April 1-3 to help us prepare in case of a real emergency. Hopefully, we will NEVER have to use any of these.

There will be NO SCHOOL for Easter Break on April 9, 10 and 13 for the middle school students. Happy Easter!

Our junior high track teams will be starting action soon. The first meet will be April 2 at home against Hicksville and Bryan. Volunteers are needed to work at the home meets (April 2, April 14, April 21, April 27 or May 5). Please call the school. We can surely use your help with one or more of the events.

Over 70 middle school students are on this year's track team. The student involvement in the activities offered at school is exciting to see. Of these 70+, ALL are academically eligible to participate. Great job kids! Thank you to the coaches, Mrs. Favorito,

Mrs. Moore, Mr. Rue and Mr. Feasby, for all the time you devote to our kids. Let's bring a NWC conference title home to Paulding.

Finally, the BIG WEEK! April 27-May 1, the Ohio Achievement Tests will be administered to our students as follows:

- April 27-Reading-grades 6, 7 and 8
- April 28-Math-grades 6, 7 and 8
- April 29-Science-grade 8, Writing-grade 7
- April 30-Social Studies-grade 8

Make up tests are always hard to administer and not the best for kids, so please make every effort to have your child in attendance on testing days. Make sure they eat a good breakfast and get plenty of rest. Please stress **FOCUS**. I will be providing "Sunny D" orange drinks for all students every day and a #2 pencil to keep as a souvenir. Our goal is to pass all of these sections and once again be rated as an EXCELLENT school by the state of Ohio. We have to take these tests seriously and get to the top of the ratings.

Eight grade graduation is set for May 20 at 1:00 in the high school gym or the last day of school if we have any cancellations.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding Middle School.

#### High School-Todd Harmon

A big congratulation to the cast, crew and producers of the comical drama "The Nit Wits". It has been a pleasure having Ruby Crossland and Sandy Dobbelaere pick another fine production and achieve high expectations from their students. Congratulations to Dave Clapsaddle and his choir for scoring a one in district competition and advancing to the state level. Congratulations to advisors Krisi Williams, Angel Perry, Marilyn and Bill Gangwer, and all the students that attended the NW Regional Science Olympiad competition. Good luck to them as they prepare to advance to the state level. Congratulations also to Jon Chessman and the band as they scored II in competition. Congratulations to Shawn Gerber who was presented with the Ohio Schools Council Social Studies Teacher of the Year award.

We are proud of all the students that have participated in the many extracurricular offerings here at Paulding High School. We will again host an extracurricular fair for the upcoming 8th graders to showcase all the offerings at the high school. Parents, please encourage students to get involved as research has shown that students that are involved show higher academic achievement. We have excellent supervisors and coaches that care about kids and wish to help students achieve success. Spring sports are underway and we look forward to some excellent performances by our baseball, softball and track programs.

Congratulations to Katie Kohart and Audra Phlipot who earned excellent ratings at District Science Day. Earning superiors and qualifying for the State Science Day at Ohio State in May are Brooke Otto, Jessica Manz, Andy Favorito and Jessica Harpel. Brooke Otto and Jessica Manz received Outstanding Achievement for Young Women awards.

I want to thank all of the high school staff for helping our students prepare for OGT testing. It has been great to witness excellent teaching methods and I know it will be reflected on the State Report Card. PHS is always striving to excel.

Master Driving School has scheduled summer hours for June 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25. Please contact Master Driving School at 1-800-580-9955 to enroll your child.

Finally, I would like to thank school nurse Beth Stoller for her active involvement in our nutritional program. Her efforts, along with physical education instructors Shawn Brewer and Brian Schang, Food and Consumer Science teacher Sue Helle and cafeteria staff headed by Patty Carlisle and Linda Wellman, have helped our school achieve several Buckeye Best Healthy School awards.

#### NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The following juniors and seniors have earned induction into the National Honor Society: Maycee Adams, Tyler Arend, Elizabeth Bradford, Jamie Buchman, Chase Burnett, Jaclyn Carr, Stephanie Donaldson, Ashley Fisher, Aaron Gross, Samantha Habern, Taylor Hatcher, Eve Kohart, Angela Manz, Staci Manz, Amanda Porter, Brian Porter, Isaac Porter, Derek Schlatter, Bryant Sheppard, Audrey Smiley, Garrett Stoller, William Wilhelm, Aurelia Wolford, Rachelle Woodring and Ashley Yant.

#### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 19-25 is National Volunteer Week, established in 1974 as a way to honor the service of people who volunteer. Paulding Ex-

empted Village Schools wishes to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to everyone who gives of their time and talents to make a big difference in our schools.

### ATHLETIC CALENDAR

#### JH Boys/Girls Track

|         |                            |      |
|---------|----------------------------|------|
| Apr. 2  | Bryan/Hicksville-H         | 4:30 |
| Apr. 6  | Spencerville @ Shawnee     | 4:30 |
| Apr. 14 | Van Wert/Wayne Trace-H     | 4:30 |
| Apr. 16 | Lincolnview @ Crestview    | 4:30 |
| Apr. 21 | Antwerp-H                  | 4:30 |
| Apr. 23 | Wayne Trace Invitational-T | 4:30 |
| Apr. 27 | Fairview-H                 | 4:30 |

#### Varsity Boys/Girls Track

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|---------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Apr. 2  | Ft. Jennings @ Ottoville      | 4:30  |
| Apr. 7  | Van Wert @ Defiance           | 4:30  |
| Apr. 9  | Lima Bath Relays-T            | 4:30  |
| Apr. 11 | Lima Bath Relays-T            | 12:00 |
| Apr. 14 | Continental @ Lincolnview     | 4:30  |
| Apr. 17 | Columbus Grove Invitational-T | 4:00  |
| Apr. 21 | Parkway @ Spencerville        | 4:30  |
| Apr. 23 | Napoleon-H                    | 4:30  |
| Apr. 25 | Diller Invitational-T         | 9:00  |
| Apr. 28 | LCC @ Delphos Jefferson       | 4:30  |
| Apr. 30 | Hicksville-H                  | 4:30  |

#### JV Baseball

|         |                        |       |
|---------|------------------------|-------|
| Apr. 2  | Hicksville-H           | 5:00  |
| Apr. 3  | Elida-H                | 5:00  |
| Apr. 4  | Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-T | 11:00 |
| Apr. 6  | Defiance-H             | 4:30  |
| Apr. 7  | Lincolnview-H          | 5:00  |
| Apr. 13 | Ayersville-T           | 4:30  |
| Apr. 14 | Archbold-H             | 4:30  |
| Apr. 17 | Ottoville-H            | 4:30  |
| Apr. 20 | Delphos Jefferson-T    | 5:00  |
| Apr. 21 | Miller City-T          | 4:30  |
| Apr. 23 | Napoleon-H             | 5:00  |
| Apr. 25 | Celina-T               | 12:00 |

#### Varsity Baseball

|         |                        |       |
|---------|------------------------|-------|
| Apr. 4  | Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-H | 11:00 |
| Apr. 6  | Defiance-T             | 4:30  |
| Apr. 9  | Columbus Grove-T       | 5:00  |
| Apr. 13 | Crestview-H            | 5:00  |
| Apr. 16 | Delphos Jefferson-T    | 5:00  |
| Apr. 17 | Timora-T               | 4:30  |
| Apr. 18 | Elida-T                | 12:00 |
| Apr. 20 | LCC-H                  | 5:00  |
| Apr. 21 | Continental-H          | 4:30  |
| Apr. 23 | Lincolnview-T          | 5:00  |
| Apr. 24 | Wayne Trace-T          | 4:30  |
| Apr. 25 | Celina (DH)-H          | 12:00 |
| Apr. 27 | Ada-T                  | 5:00  |
| Apr. 28 | Archbold-H             | 4:30  |
| Apr. 30 | Spencerville-H         | 5:00  |

#### JV Softball

|         |                        |       |
|---------|------------------------|-------|
| Apr. 3  | Antwerp-H              | 4:30  |
| Apr. 4  | Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-T | 11:00 |
| Apr. 6  | Defiance-H             | 4:30  |
| Apr. 11 | Lima Bath-T            | 12:00 |
| Apr. 13 | Crestview-T            | 5:00  |
| Apr. 14 | Delphos Jefferson-T    | 5:00  |
| Apr. 18 | Van Wert (DH)-T        | 12:00 |
| Apr. 21 | Bryan-H                | 4:30  |
| Apr. 23 | Defiance-T             | 4:30  |
| Apr. 24 | Parkway-H              | 5:30  |
| Apr. 25 | Crestview (DH)-H       | 11:00 |
| Apr. 27 | Ayersville-T           | 4:30  |
| Apr. 28 | Wauseon-H              | 5:00  |

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| Apr. 2  | Wayne Trace-H          | 4:30  |
| Apr. 3  | Antwerp-T              | 5:00  |
| Apr. 4  | Ottawa-Glandorf (DH)-H | 11:00 |
| Apr. 11 | Lima Bath (DH)-T       | 12:00 |
| Apr. 13 | Crestview-H            | 5:00  |
| Apr. 14 | Montpelier-T           | 4:30  |
| Apr. 16 | Delphos Jefferson-T    | 5:00  |
| Apr. 17 | Columbus Grove-T       | 5:00  |
| Apr. 18 | Van Wert (DH)-T        | 12:00 |
| Apr. 20 | LCC-H                  | 5:00  |
| Apr. 23 | Lincolnview-T          | 5:00  |
| Apr. 24 | Parkway-H              | 5:30  |
| Apr. 25 | Ottoville-T            | 11:00 |
| Apr. 27 | Ada-T                  | 5:00  |
| Apr. 28 | Stryker-T              | 4:30  |
| Apr. 30 | Spencerville-H         | 5:00  |

### DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

|               |  |           |
|---------------|--|-----------|
| Apr. 1        | Sr. Mtg.-Cap/Gown Pick-up-Aud.                                 | 7:30a     |
| Apr. 1        | Athletic Booster Meeting                                       | 7:00p     |
| Apr. 3        | Van Wert County Foundation Rep w/ College Bound Seniors-HS Gym | 8:30 a    |
| Apr. 4        | OakEL PTO Carnival   | 4:30-7:00 |
| Apr. 4        | FFA Banquet-Auditeria  | 5:30      |
| Apr. 6        | FFA Chapter Mtg.-Ag Room                                       | 7:00p     |
| Apr. 6        | Science Olympiad Bstr Mtg-Aud.                                 | 7:00p     |
| Apr. 7        | Oak/PE 5th/6th Grade Choir Concert-PldgEl Gym                  | 2:00      |
| Apr. 7-10     | HS Hist. Class Washington, D.C. Trip                           |           |
| Apr. 9        | Calamity Make-up Day-PldgEl/OakEL                              |           |
| Apr. 9        | NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK for MS/HS                               |           |
| Apr. 9        | Oak/PE 5th/6th Grade Choir Concert-OakEL                       | 2:00      |
| Apr. 10-13    | NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK   |           |
| Apr. 14       | FFA SW Skills Classic-MiamiValleyCTC                           |           |
| Apr. 17       | OakEL March Student/Month Lunch                                |           |
| Apr. 17-18    | State Sci. Olym. Contest-OSU Col.                              |           |
| Apr. 21       | Ranger Horton Assembly-HS Gym                                  | 8:30      |
| Apr. 21       | Progress Reports Sent Home                                     |           |
| Apr. 21       | Board Meeting-OakEL  | 7:00      |
| Apr. 21       | FFA District Meeting-Parkway                                   |           |
| Apr. 24       | OakEL 2009-2010 Kdg. Registration                              |           |
| Apr. 27-May 1 | Gr. 3-8 Ohio Achieve. Tests                                    |           |
| Apr. 27       | Band Booster Meeting-Band Room                                 | 7:00      |
| Apr. 28       | FFA Petting Zoo-AgRm   |           |
| Apr. 30       | PldgEl 2009-2010 Kdg. Clinic                                   |           |
| Apr. 30       | FFA State AgriScience Fair-Columbus                            |           |
| Apr. 30-May 2 | FFA State Convention-Columbus                                  |           |