



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

December is a busy month for the school district with many Christmas programs as well as the beginning of the winter athletic events. We are very proud of our many talented students and invite the community to attend our December concerts, programs, and athletic contests. What a wonderful way to celebrate the season. Check the calendar at the right side of this page for dates and times. Most programs and concerts are free and it's not too late for our district residents, 65 years and older, to stop at the administration building and pick up a senior citizen pass for free admission to all athletic contests.

I have always believed that our school district provides a quality education to the children of our communities and have often wondered about the accomplishments of our graduates. After much discussion, we have decided to create an Academic Hall of Fame to recognize and honor graduates who have achieved a significant degree of success in their pursuits of higher education and in their professional careers. The inductees to the Paulding Exempted Village Academic Hall of Fame will provide outstanding role models to our current students. Nomination forms are available on our website at www.pauldingschools.org or may be picked up in any office. Nominations will be accepted for graduates of Paulding High School, or any high school that was within the boundaries of the current Paulding Exempted Village Schools District. The deadline for submitting names for our inaugural class is March 1, 2010. This class will be recognized during our Graduation Ceremony on May 30, 2010.

Pat Ross
Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Wendy Nash

We have been working hard at Paulding Elementary School to improve our academics and behaviors. We use the PAWS program to promote catching kids doing the right things. We focus weekly on different character traits and reward students with PAWS that they turn in to the office for their good work and a chance at being drawn as the PAWS winner for the week. At home and in the community you can help by asking the children what the word of the week is and talking about what behaviors show this trait. An example is "patience" which we used recently. Students often have to learn about waiting for something they want as well as how this word applies to work in the classroom or with their peers. We see that together we all are better because each of us have unique strengths and skills. I would like to thank each and every family and community member who takes a moment to make a difference in the life of a child. This is a very caring, giving community that I am certainly proud to be given an opportunity to grow with as the new principal at Paulding Elementary.

Our kindergarten and second grade classrooms took the time to prepare decorations for the Festival of Trees. Their trees were quite beautiful and they enjoyed the time visiting the display. I hope you had the opportunity to visit this beautiful display of Christmas trees from many people and organizations in the community. A lot of work goes in to this through many volunteers making it an exceptional event.

The intervention teachers in our building are reaching out and connecting with the Senior Center and The Gardens. Pam Young and Donna Allen have their students reading with community members at the Senior Center. They also have students being pen pals with community members at the Gardens. We are so excited to be connecting with our valued members of our community who have so much to offer our children. A big thank you goes out to everyone because the excitement and motivation that is coming out of this connection is invaluable.

Our 4th grade will be putting on the Christmas program December 3rd at 2:40 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditoria. A lot of extra effort on the part of students and staff has gone in to this production. Please come and enjoy the program.

On Veterans Day we took time to honor those who have fought to keep our lives better. We thank all the Veterans who came out to join us and make this day extra special. The students and staff together put up a Veterans Hall of Honor which will remain up until Christmas break. In this Hall of Honor many pictures and write ups about veterans are displayed. The pride our students have in

these individuals who have given so much for so many comes through in their writings and the large turn out of postings on the walls. Please stop in to see this tremendous tribute. It is located in the entrance way by the elementary office.

Finally, but most certainly not least, many families have contributed to the Neighbors in Need and sent in pennies for our OSU (\$316.50) vs. MICHIGAN (\$166.07) penny war for Christmas for Kids. WOW!!! The outpouring of generosity once again is stellar at Paulding Elementary.

I am very Thankful for all the opportunities we have here at Paulding Elementary to learn and grow together as a caring, giving community. Enjoy your time together over the holidays.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on a chilly November day! Time continues to fly by, and we are now halfway through the second quarter of this school year. Thank you to all of our parents who attended Parent/Teacher conferences earlier in November. Many of our teachers reported 100% attendance at conferences. Our students definitely benefit in a big way when we all work together. Please remember, parent/teacher communication is not limited to twice a year at fifteen minute appointments. Any time questions or concerns arise regarding your child's education, please contact us.

Our kindergartners and second graders would like to thank the members of the John Paulding Historical Society for inviting them to tour The Festival of Trees. The second graders enjoyed decorating their tree with ornaments created in Mrs. Nofziger's art class. The talking tree was again a BIG hit.

Oakwood Elementary participated in Christmas for Kids by holding a penny pitch with donations going to the Oakwood Christmas Elf Project. We were visited by Rick Small from 98.1 WDFM on November 18; and our student council was able to report on the progress of our penny pitch during a Christmas for Kids live broadcast. They presented our collection of over \$700 to Jan Lowe on November 23. Thank you to all who donated to our penny pitch - we truly have wonderful, giving families in our community!

November had seventeen school days and December has only sixteen. Each one of those days is packed with learning activities and plenty of special holiday events are mixed in, as well. These are busy times at Oakwood Elementary - no different than at your homes, right?! We would love to have you mark your calendars and join us on the following dates:

**Our 5th/6th grade choir and 6th grade band invite you to their Christmas program on Thursday, December 10, at 7:00.

** Our 4th graders will perform a Christmas musical, "Paint The Town December," on Thursday, December 17 at 7:00.

Oakwood Elementary wishes you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving break. Our winter sports are warming up for their seasons with many hard practices. Please visit our website for the schedule of events. I thank all of our coaches and athletes for their hard work and I look forward to very successful seasons in boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading and wrestling.

Mid term reports go home December 1. Please stay in close contact with the school if your child is struggling. The second nine weeks grading period ends on December 22. Grade cards will be coming home in early January.

Have a great holiday season and in case I do not get to tell you before then - Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The year is flying by.

High School-Todd Harmon

Paulding High School would like to thank all the parents and guardians that were able to meet with teachers and to make plans to help their child succeed. Our goal is to see all students achieve and grow and have doors of opportunity open to further their education and occupational choices. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher but would like to talk with them, please do so by leaving a message at the school or finding out when they have a conference period. Our teachers would be more than willing to talk or meet to help your child.

We are looking forward to seeing the efforts of our student athletes as the winter sports season is upon us. Extracurricular activities are such an integral part of the student experience that should teach character, self-discipline and teamwork. We expect that through these experiences, classroom achievement will steadily progress higher,

students will develop leadership capabilities, and students will represent themselves and the Paulding community in the highest standards. Please assist us in this process by encouraging your student athlete to work hard and support the coach and the program in which they participate. We all have a part to play on the team to make PHS and its programs the best they can be. Season schedules can be picked up in the office.

Our winter activities and programs are just around the corner and these dates can be helpful reminders. December 9 is the Senior Citizen breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. The middle school/high school band Christmas concert will be on December 13 at 3:00. The choir concert will be on December 20 at 3:00. National Honor Society and Student Council will be having a canned food drive and participants will have the opportunity to be rewarded. Thanks in advance for the efforts by the advisors, Sharon Bradford and Linda Lamb (NHS) and Josh Neilson (Student Council). May the holiday season bring family close, help us to be the kind of people we all want to be, allow us to make a difference in the lives of those around us, and remind us of those that defend and protect the rights we all enjoy.

Special Education-Tillman Karl

The students with disabilities in high school have welcomed into their classrooms a student teacher. Ms. Amber Ricker, BGSU, has joined our professional staff for the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Ricker is directly teaching classes to our students in English, Math, Social Studies and Science. Ms. Ricker then spends the remaining part of her day in inclusive classrooms. Ms. Ricker has already taught her students many new class concepts; but her most important lesson she has taught her students and fellow faculty members to date is determination and taking responsibility for your self and your actions. Ms. Ricker comes to us from the Bryan, Ohio area, but we are proud to call her a Panther. Ms. Ricker has taught all of us to play with the hand we are dealt, and make the best of that ability-not to make it a disability.

We have had an overwhelming beginning to our early learning and school readiness programs this year. Our programs are virtually full, with over 100 children participating, and waiting lists have been made to accept additional students in case someone leaves the program during the school months. Newest member of the teaching staff at Paulding Elementary is Nr. Nick Alvarez. We have six teachers working with our preschool age children. Our program is fully certified by the Ohio Department of Education and meets strict guidelines and inspections.

SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS

The annual Senior Citizen Christmas Breakfast will be on Wednesday, December 9. All district residents 60 years and older are invited to join us from 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:45 a.m.) in the auditoria for a great breakfast, fellowship and entertainment. We will be showcasing the talents of our students in each building. Please call the school at 419-399-4656 to register. Parking will be available in the lot on the corner of Emerald Road and Caroline Street.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week was a great week for our students and staff. Paulding Exempted Village Schools would like to thank our school community for its support. The partnership of students, parents, teachers, staff and community helps PEVS reach its goal of providing students with a quality education so they can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century. Again, thanks to everyone in the Paulding Exempted Village Schools District for all you do to make our school a great place for students to learn.

WINTER SPORTS

Good luck to our athletes and coaches as their seasons begin. The scheduled activities will provide an opportunity for students to participate and for fans to enjoy the events. The National Federation of State High School Athletic Association advises the following for parents and other fans:

- Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support school activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- Respect decisions of contest officials.
- Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
- Respect fans, coaches and participants.
- BE A FAN...NOT A FANATIC

All students are to remain seated once the game starts until half time. Once the second half starts, students are to remain seated until the end of the game, even if they are seated with parents.

LIVE BROADCAST OF GAMES

Radio station 1620 AM will be broadcasting all of the home boys' basketball games and some of the girls' home basketball games. The games can also be heard live on wpaulive.com.

WALKING FOR EXERCISE

Walkers may use the buildings according to the following schedule: Oakwood Elementary-Monday-Thursday, 6:45-8:00 a.m. and 4-6:00 p.m. Please use the First Street entrance by the flag poles. Paulding High School-Monday-Thursday, 6-7:30 a.m. on the balcony and 5-6:30 p.m. on the ramp.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Paulding Exempted Village Schools are in need of substitute teachers for our school district. If you have a teaching license, substitute teaching license, or a bachelors degree and are interested in becoming a substitute teacher, please call or visit Diane Goyings in the administration building. The telephone number is 419-399-4656, x 1512.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. Please go to the school's webpage at www.pauldingschools.org. On the Parents drop down list, click Board Policies, click Forms (on the left side of the screen), click 8000 Operations, click 833f9 Annual Notice to Parents Regarding Students Records and Specific Events/Activities.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

| JH Wrestling | | |
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| Dec. 7 | Lincolnview/Lima North-H | 5:00 |
| Dec. 12 | Bryan Invitational-T | 9:00 |
| Dec. 17 | Antwerp@Fairview | 4:30 |
| Dec. 21 | Edgerton/Tinora-H | 4:30 |
| Varsity Wrestling | | |
| Dec. 12 | Lancer Invitational-T | 10:00 |
| Dec. 19 | Edgerton Invitational-T | 10:00 |
| Dec. 22 | Ayersville/Grove-H | 6:30 |
| JH Boys Basketball | | |
| Dec. 8 | Crestview-H | 5:00 |
| Dec. 10 | Van Wert-A | 5:00 |
| Dec. 14 | Bryan-H | 4:30 |
| Dec. 15 | Spencerville-T | 5:00 |
| Dec. 17 | Tinora-H | 4:30 |
| Dec. 28 | Wayne Trace-T | 4:30 |
| Freshman Basketball | | |
| Dec. 10 | Allen East-H | 5:00 |
| Dec. 14 | Defiance-T | 5:00 |
| Dec. 15 | Wayne Trace-T | 5:00 |
| Dec. 21 | Van Wert-H | 5:00 |
| Boys JV/Varsity Basketball | | |
| Dec. 4 | Continental-H | 6:30 |
| Dec. 5 | Antwerp-H | 6:30 |
| Dec. 11 | Defiance-A | 6:30 |
| Dec. 12 | Wayne Trace-H | 6:30 |
| Dec. 18 | Bluffton-T | 6:00 |
| Dec. 22 | Van Wert-T | 6:00 |
| JH Girls Basketball | | |
| Dec. 3 | Wayne Trace-T | 4:30 |
| Dec. 7 | Antwerp-T | 5:00 |
| Dec. 8 | Crestview-T | 5:00 |
| Dec. 10 | Van Wert-H | 5:00 |
| Dec. 14 | Bryan-T | 4:30 |
| Dec. 15 | Spencerville-H | 5:00 |
| Girls JV/Varsity Basketball | | |
| Dec. 1 | Antwerp-H | 6:00 |
| Dec. 3 | Edgerton-A | 6:00 |
| Dec. 8 | Hicksville-H | 6:00 |
| Dec. 10 | Allen East-T | 6:00 |
| Dec. 15 | Wayne Trace-H | 6:00 |
| Dec. 17 | Bluffton-H | 6:00 |
| Dec. 28 | Bryan Invitational-T | TBA |
| Dec. 29 | Bryan Invitational-T | TBA |

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

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| Dec. 1 | OakEI 1st gr-Historical Museum | 12:30 |
| Dec. 2-4 | OakEI PTO Santa's Secret Shop | |
| Dec. 2 | 4th-6th gr. Geography Bee-Oak & Pldg | |
| Dec. 2 | Athletic Booster Meeting | 7:00p |
| Dec. 3 | PldgEI Xmas Prog-Aud. | 2:30 & 7:30 |
| Dec. 3 | OakEI Kdg Family Math Night | 7:00p |
| Dec. 3 | FFA Sub Dist. Parli Pro-Delphos | |
| Dec. 4 | FFA Fruit Pick-up Day | 2:30-5:30p |
| Dec. 4 | OakEI Kdg Family Reading Day | 7:00p |
| Dec. 5 | SAT Test | |
| Dec. 5 | FFA State Food Science-Columbus | |
| Dec. 7-11 | PldgEI PTO Book Fair | |
| Dec. 7 | Sci Olymp Bstr Mtg-Adm Bldg | 7:00p |
| Dec. 8 | FFA Dist. Parli Pro-Delphos | |
| Dec. 9 | Senior Citizens' Xmas Breakfast | 8:00a |
| Dec. 9 | OakEI November Student/Month Lunch | |
| Dec. 10 | FFA Dist Ag Sales-NewRiegel/Mohawk | |
| Dec. 10 | OakEI 5th/6th gr. Choir & 6th gr Band Concert | 7:00p |
| Dec. 12 | ACT Test-Commons | 7:30a-1:00p |
| Dec. 12 | AfterProm Parents Soup/Sandwich Supper-Auditeria | 4:30-6:30 |
| Dec. 14 | FFA Chapter Meeting-Ag Room | 6:30p |
| Dec. 13 | Band Concert-Gr. 5-12-Auditeria | 3:00 |
| Dec. 15 | Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg. | 7:00p |
| Dec. 16 | OakEI 5th/6th gr. Spelling Bee | 9:30a |
| Dec. 17 | OakEI 4th gr. "Paint the Town December" Xmas Program | 2:30 & 7:00 |
| Dec. 18, 21, 22 | High School Exams | |
| Dec. 20 | Choir Concert-Auditeria | 3:00 |
| Dec. 21 | Choir Concert Make-up Date | 8:00 |
| Dec. 22 | End of Second Quarter/First Semester | |
| Dec. 23-Jan. 1 | CHRISTMAS BREAK | |
| Jan. 4 | Classes Resume | |