



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

Many thanks to the voters of our school district who supported the renewal levy. The school board, administration, teachers, and support staff will continue to work very hard to provide a quality education for our students and to make wise decisions on spending the money the taxpayers have provided.

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.

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools Board of Education meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. I invite each of you to attend meetings and learn more about what is happening in the school district. As always, I welcome any questions or comments you may have about our district. Working together, we will continue to improve our school district.

Pat Ross
Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller

Congratulations to the following students for their selection as PAWS winners during the month of November: Kindergarten-Dominic Carnahan, Johnathon Clappsaddle, Gabe Sutton; Grade 1-Sydney Kohart, Tyler Snipes, Liberty Willis; Grade 2-Jaret Miller, Brock Schooley, Gavin Winkler; Grade 3-Isaac Baldwin, Kaylee Plummer, Shelby Stahl; Grade 4-Tim Puckett, Preston Ingol, Darion Rowe and Grade 5-Brody Temple, Alex Ringler, Sierra Bullard.

During the past month, the following staff members were nominated by students for their efforts toward making Paulding Elementary an excellent educational environment: Physical Education teacher Mr. Rhodes nominated by Preston Ingol, Grade 2 teacher Mrs. McMichael nominated by Kamdyn Etzler, Special Education teacher Mrs. Miller nominated by Alexis Griffith.

The character trait word for the first week of December is Self Control. During the following two weeks, the character trait words of Respect and Patience will be featured.

Several important events are coming up in the month of December. On December 2, radio stations 98.1 and 105.7 will visit the elementary to receive money and non-perishable food items collected for the "Christmas for Kids" and "Neighbors In Need" programs. On December 2, students in grades 4 and 5 will participate in the first round of our local Geography Bee. On December 4, eleven students will ride in a limousine and have lunch at McDonalds (the students were the top sellers during our Fall PTO fundraiser project); our annual "Reading Is A Sport" program will get in full swing with a visit by several high school athletes as they promote the importance and enjoyment associated with reading; the PTO will sponsor a family movie night in the auditoria. Our elementary Christmas program will take place December 11 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the auditoria.

Reminder to parents that the 2nd nine week grading period will end December 23. This will be our last day of school before the holiday break. School will resume January 5.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on a sunny, but 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. Our students definitely benefit in a positive 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.

On November 3, two of our teachers, Mrs. Lamb and Ms. March, helped our students "vote" for president. Our elementary precinct voted in the computer lab. Students registered, waited on a booth (computer) to

open, cast their presidential vote, and received their "I voted" stickers. Through Studies Weekly, we watched the results of students across the nation who also voted that day on-line. This was a great hands-on experience for our students, which sparked many conversations and questions about the voting process and how leaders are chosen.

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 on November 11 and 13. The second graders enjoyed decorating their tree with ornaments created in art class; the talking tree was a BIG hit, as were the juice and cookies; and our 5th/6th grade choir appreciated the opportunity to perform their first gig of the year during the festival.

December is a very busy month at Oakwood Elementary-no different than at your homes, right?! **We are looking forward to a visit from 98.1 WDFM and Rick Small on December 2. As part of the Christmas for Kids campaign, we will present a check to Joe Snyder for the Oakwood Christmas Elf fund during a live broadcast. The money was raised during our Student Council-sponsored penny pitch. Thank you to all who donated—we truly have wonderful, giving families in our community! **Our 5th graders will perform a Christmas play on December 16 at 7:00; and our 5th/6th grade choir and 6th grade band invite you to their Christmas program on Thursday, December 18, at 7:00. Please come see these performances if you can!

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

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Greetings from the Middle School! November has gone very quickly and we are moving towards the end of the second nine weeks. It is hard to imagine we will have half of the school year completed before Christmas.

Parent-teacher conferences for the first half of the year have come and gone. It was nice to see parents interested in their child's education by attending these conferences and discussing their child's academics with our staff. Parents are their kids' number one teachers and we need that home support to help us here at school. Please stay involved in what your children do here. Please plan on attending and scheduling a parent-teacher conference on February 5 or 10, 2009.

Our After School Program is up and running. This program allows students to get bonus help after school and do some activities to help them be successful.

On November 14, our 8th graders had the distinct pleasure to visit and tour Vantage Career Center. We thank Vantage for their kindness and hospitality in allowing us to visit. It was a very enjoyable trip.

The 6th grade HOG ROAST was held on November 21. We thank all the 6th grade staff for their efforts in this event and we especially thank all those too numerous to mention that volunteered their time and efforts in making this a very enjoyable day.

Our fall sports seasons have ended and we are into the winter sports of wrestling, girls' and boys' basketball and cheerleading. Please remember that each of these events requires a student to remain academically eligible to be able to participate. All of these sports have contests after the second nine weeks grading period ends; therefore, these students must be eligible on their second nine weeks grade card, December 23, in order to be able to participate after Christmas.

Mid term reports for the second nine weeks went home on November 25. I am very proud to announce that we had 21 of our students attain all A's for the first nine weeks and have joined our GOLD CLUB. Seventy-four students joined our GREEN CLUB, and 90 are in the WHITE CLUB. Our Green Club is for all A's and B's, and our White Club is for nothing lower than a C on their report card. Each club offers various rewards. We are extremely proud of our 180 new club members for the first nine weeks. Each of these students will be receiving a Paulding Middle School tee-shirt, as well as their respective club card awards.

Pictures were taken for the memory book and cafeteria system. Memory books will be ordered sometime after Christmas and will be coming home in the spring.

Thank you for your support of Paulding Schools. Without you we could never do what we do here. Happy Thanksgiving!

High School-Todd Harmon

Paulding High School would like say thanks for supporting the levy. It is an awesome

task to prepare tomorrow's future leaders so having the community support for this great mission is tremendously appreciated.

As we move into the winter sports season, we wish the teams the best. Thanks go out to our quiz bowl team led by Melissa Dearth, Engineering team led by Kristina Williams and Science Olympiad team led by Kristina Williams, Angel Perry and Bill and Marilyn Gangwer. Thanks to Jon Snodgrass for his many acts of citizenship with establishing the football field flagpole, organizing the fundraiser for the local food pantry and preparing the Veterans assembly. Helping Mr. Snodgrass with the Veterans assembly was Karen Schlatter, another role model for citizenship. She has put in tireless hours taking care of the school grounds by pulling weeds, assisting students with college applications and paperwork, helping NHS, promoting student acts of citizenship by teaching them the value of community service including preparing for the Senior Citizens' breakfast. If you see these two individuals, please thank them as they are always working behind the scenes and out of the spotlight.

We are excited for Drama Director Ruby Crossland and her assistants Sandy Dobbelaere and Jayne Smiley who prepared our students to perform the musical "It's a Wonderful Life". This was a change of pace as the musical is usually in the spring. It was a heartwarming performance that will help all appreciate the holiday season with family.

Please check the school website or call the school office to get information on the upcoming holiday programs. We also want to remind our senior citizens that the breakfast this year will be December 10. Please begin to make plans now for this busy, yet rewarding day. December 14 is the next high school band concert and December 15 is the next choir concert. Please plan on attending these holiday events. The Student Council and NHS will be having another canned food drive before the holiday break. On behalf of the high school staff and students, I would again like to thank the communities of Paulding, Cecil, Melrose and Oakwood for supporting your local school.

SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS

The annual Senior Citizen Christmas Breakfast will be on Wednesday, December 10. All district residents 60 years and older are invited to join us at 8:00 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.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Paulding High School will be receiving nominations for the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame. A nominee must be a graduate of Paulding or Oakwood, a past coach or administrator or a community member that has contributed to the Athletic Department.

A graduate will be considered ten years after graduation. A coach or administrator will be considered five years after completion of employment.

Nomination forms can be picked up at athletic events, the athletic director's office, the high school office or the administration office. Those forms must be returned to any of those offices by December 10.

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

Corbin Vance will be broadcasting all of the home boys' basketball games and some of the girls' home basketball games on radio station 1620 AM. 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.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

SchoolRooms is a K-12 multimedia site available to all students. It consists of 71 Rooms or Subject Guides with more than 1,700 Web page views, links to more than 22,000 educator-selected Web sites, and library books. You may access this site from the school Media Center page or directly at schoolrooms.infohio.org. Stop by the school library or contact Mrs. Williams for the username and password.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Wrestling		
Dec. 8	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Dec. 13	Bryan Invitational-T	9:00
Dec. 18	Fairview-T	4:30
Dec. 22	Edgerton@TinoraT	4:00
Varsity Wrestling		
Dec. 13	Lancer Invitational-T	10:00
Dec. 20	Edgerton Invitational-T	9:30
Dec. 23	Ayersville@Grove-T	6:30
Dec. 30	Tipp City Holiday-T	9:30
JH Boys Basketball		
Dec. 9	Crestview-T	5:00
Dec. 11	Van Wert-H	5:00
Dec. 15	Bryan-T	4:30
Dec. 16	Spencerville-H	5:00
Dec. 18	Tinora-T	4:30
Dec. 29	Wayne Trace-H	4:30
Freshman Basketball		
Dec. 11	Bluffton-H	5:00
Dec. 15	Defiance-H	5:00
Dec. 16	Wayne Trace-H	5:00
Dec. 18	Columbus Grove-T	5:00
Dec. 22	Van Wert-T	5:00
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball		
Dec. 5	Continental-T	6:30
Dec. 6	Antwerp-T	6:00
Dec. 12	Defiance-H	6:30
Dec. 13	Wayne Trace-T	6:30
Dec. 19	Columbus Grove-T	6:30
Dec. 23	Van Wert-H	6:00
Dec. 30	Parkway-H	6:30
JH Girls Basketball		
Dec. 4	Wayne Trace-H	4:30
Dec. 8	Antwerp-H	5:00
Dec. 9	Crestview-H	5:00
Dec. 11	Van Wert-T	5:00
Dec. 15	Bryan-H	5:00
Dec. 16	Spencerville-t	5:00
Girls JV/Varsity Basketball		
Dec. 2	Antwerp-T	6:00
Dec. 4	Edgerton-H	6:00
Dec. 9	Hicksville-T	6:00
Dec. 11	Bluffton-T	6:00
Dec. 16	Wayne Trace-T	6:00
Dec. 18	Columbus Grove-H	6:00
Dec. 29	Bryan Invitational-T	TBA
Dec. 30	Bryan Invitational-T	TBA

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Dec. 1	Vantage Rep w/Sophomores-Aud.	8:00a
Dec. 1	Science Olympiad Bstr Meeting	7:00p
Dec. 2	PE/OE Xmas/Kids Visit w/98.1 & 105.7	
Dec. 2	4th/5th gr. Geography Bee-Oak & Pldg	
Dec. 3	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Dec. 3-5	Oakwood PTO Santa's Secret Shop	
Dec. 4	P.E. PTO Family Movie Night-Aud.	
Dec. 4	FFA Sub Dist. Parli Pro-Delphos	
Dec. 5	Jostens Class Ring Del. during lunch	
Dec. 5	FFA Fruit Pick-up Day	2:30-5:30p
Dec. 8	FFA Chapter Meeting-Ag Room	6:00p
Dec. 9	FFA Dist. Parli Pro-Lincolnview	
Dec. 10	Senior Citizens' Xmas Breakfast	8:00a
Dec. 11	PldgEl Xmas Musical-Aud.	2:30 & 7:30
Dec. 12	Oakwood Student/Month Lunch	
Dec. 13	ACT Test	7:30a-12:30
Dec. 14	Band Concert-Gr. 5-12-Aud.	3:00
Dec. 15	Wonder of XMAS Choir Con-Aud	8:00
Dec. 16	OakEl 5th gr. Christmas Musical	7:00p
Dec. 16	Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Dec. 18	OakEl 5th/6th gr Band/Choir Con	7:00p
Dec. 19	OakEl Kdg Family Reading Day	3:00
Dec. 19, 22, 23	High School Exams	
Dec. 21	MS/HS Concert Make-up Date	3:00
Dec. 22	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00p
Dec. 22	OakEl Xmas Prog/Con Make-up Date	
Dec. 23	End of Second Nine Weeks/First Sem.	
Dec. 24-Jan. 2	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Jan. 5	Classes Resume	