



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

It was my privilege to attend the Open House for the new Wellness Center on January 11. The project was completed in December and is the result of hours of volunteer time for fundraising and planning, along with donations from many of our area contractors. I am very thankful for all who donated to make this project a reality. A special thanks to the Athletic Boosters, Al Cook, Brett Kauser, Mike Mott, and Stan Searing for their support of this project to provide expanded fitness and weight training opportunities for our students.

Thanks to all the parents and caregivers of our district for your cooperation during our delays, closings, and the recent early dismissal. Many of the radio and television stations have automated systems that make it very difficult to have unusual circumstances reported, so we have decided to contract for an instant alert system. We are currently working to get data loaded into the system and will be sending further information home with all students in the next month. An instant alert system will allow us to contact all families quickly in the event of a delay, early dismissal, school closing, or event cancellation.

If you have children attending school in our district, please plan to attend parent-teacher conferences on February 5 or February 10. Communication between home and school is an important factor in success for all students. Working together will make Paulding Exempted Village Schools a stronger school district.

Pat Ross
Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee champion, Zach Buchman. Zach will represent our elementary school at the Paulding County Spelling Bee Monday, February 9 at Antwerp High School. The Spelling Bee will begin at 7:00 p.m. Jarrett Sitton finished as runner-up and will fill in for Zach if he is unable to compete.

The 2008-2009 Elementary Memory Book sale begins Monday, February 2. The sale will conclude February 23. The memory book price is \$11.00. Make your check payable to *Paulding Elementary School*.

Parent-teacher conferences will take place Thursday, February 5 and Tuesday, February 10. Progress reports for the third nine-weeks will be distributed to parents at Parent-teacher conferences. Students will bring home progress reports Thursday, February 5 to parents not attending conferences. There will be no school Friday, February 13.

The PAWS Program character trait word for the month of February is Positive Attitude. During the following three weeks of February, the character trait words of *kindness, compassion, and self-respect* will be featured. Staff members will be teaching the meaning and trying to reinforce the application of these character traits with our students. Students observed demonstrating the character trait work of the week will receive a PAWS card. Students may turn the card into the office and be eligible for a weekly prize drawing. Your help at home with reinforcing the development of the character traits will be gratefully appreciated.

As you may know, I will assume the principalship in another school district beginning Monday, February 2. Mrs. Swary will take over my duties as principal upon my departure. I offer a sincere thanks to the staff, PTO officers, and parents who assisted with the endeavors of educating our students. Through your efforts, Paulding Elementary has developed into an excellent environment for students to receive a quality education.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary!
I am writing this on the 97th day of school. If

the weather cooperates, we will have had our 100th Day Celebration before you read this article. And let me tell you, that is a BIG event to our primary grade students!

We are well on our way through the third nine weeks, but we took some time in January to recognize students who made the Honor Roll, earned Perfect Attendance, and/or gained the B.U.G. Club status (Bringing Up Grades) during the second quarter. We are very proud of these students! At each grade level, the work gets progressively more difficult and the expectations get higher as we move through the year. We appreciate the efforts of all of our students and continue to encourage each of them to make these quarterly awards part of their goals for the third and fourth nine weeks.

We held our 2009 Spelling Bee on January 13. Thirty-three Oakwood Elementary 5th and 6th graders competed for top spelling honors. Congratulations to sixth grader, Jacob Dingus, our Spelling Bee Champion, and to fifth grader, Kasandra Cogswell, our Runner-Up! Both students did a remarkable job!! Jacob will represent Oakwood at the Paulding County Bee on February 9.

We have finished the Reading-Is-A-Sport program for the year. Several of our students met their reading goals and were recognized at a PHS varsity wrestling match or basketball game. We want to thank our varsity Panther athletes for making the events special for our star readers! We also look forward to hosting the PHS varsity athletes at our annual Oakwood Elementary pep rally in February. If you listen closely on February 12, you might even hear us rockin' the place as we cheer for our teams.

As you read this, we are in the middle of a special event at Oakwood. We are calling it "Operation School Supplies." We are collecting school supplies (boxes of crayons, pencils, pens, notebooks, etc.) to send to troops in Iraq who are in charge of rebuilding Iraqi schools. If you have any of these items you would like to give to help us fill our boxes, we would gladly take it.

Thank you for your continued support!

Middle School-David Stalkamp

Greetings from the Middle School! January has come and gone quickly and I would like to bring you up to date on what happened this month and what we are looking at for February.

January 6 we held our annual Spelling Bee with 70 participants. Emerging as our local winner was 8th grader, Steven Strayer. Steven will be representing Paulding Middle School in the Paulding County Spelling Bee to be held at Antwerp on February 9, at 7:00 p.m. Good luck to Steven! Ashlyn Strahley was our runner-up and will represent us if Steven is unable to attend.

The local Geography Bee finals were held on January 8, and 8th grader Savannah Rough-ton was victorious in this very grueling competition. Eighth grader Austin Miller finished in second place. Savannah will now be taking a state exam to see if she qualifies to go to the State Bee to be held at a later date.

We are now close to half way through the third nine weeks grading period. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 5, and Tuesday, February 10, from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. both evenings. PLEASE contact the school office at 419-399-4656, ext. 1212 to set up meetings with our staff. I would like to see a large turnout for these very important meetings.

For the second nine weeks, we had 18 students attain all A's and join our Gold Card Club. Seventy-three students received all A's and B's and made our Green Card Club, and 89 students joined our White Card Club by getting nothing lower than a C on their grade cards. Congratulations to these students for their hard work in the classroom.

Our annual Memory/Yearbook sale will begin February 12 and run through February 23. Cost for a 2008-2009 memory book will again be \$11. This is a great way to always remember your middle school years. Order forms will be coming home soon.

Our 8th grade class trip to Cedar Point is

scheduled for June 9. Cost for each student will be \$20. All money and permission slips are due in the office by February 25 so tickets can be ordered and ready to go by June.

On Thursday, February 26 we will be hosting a BLOOD DRIVE in the MS gym as a competition between the Paulding School and community and the Bluffton, Ohio school and community as a way of helping out the Red Cross in their need for blood. The Paulding boys basketball team will be playing Bluffton the next night and we hope to be able to announce that our community donated more pints of blood than the Bluffton community. Of course, the ultimate goal is to support the Red Cross in this very important service. Watch for future announcements concerning this event, and if possible, please volunteer that day to donate blood and help us beat Bluffton.

Finally, our annual local SCIENCE FAIR will be held on February 20 in the upstairs of the middle school from 2:30-4:00. Please stop in and see the many, many wonderful projects our students will have on display.

I thank you always for your continued support of "our kids." Please feel free to contact me with any comments or concerns regarding Paulding Middle School by phone at 419-399-4656, ext. 1210 or by email at d_stalkamp@pauldingschools.org

High School-Todd Harmon

We would like to thank all the parents and community members for their support at our student athletic events with their cheers and attendance as we start to wrap up the regular season and look forward to tournament play. Please contact Mr. Etzler for any information you may need in regards to tournament times and locations.

Preliminary scheduling/registration for the 2009-2010 school year will begin early in February. Parent-teacher conference night would be an ideal time to meet with the guidance counselors to discuss options for next year. If you have any questions pertaining to student course requests, please contact either Ms. Schlatter or Mr. Miller. You may contact the high school office to schedule an appointment.

Thanks to all who attended the opening of the Wellness Center and those students who helped the athletic department move equipment into the new facility. I would also like to thank the Athletic Boosters for all the time, organization, and efforts to make the project a reality.

I hope you have the opportunity to meet with teachers during parent-teacher conferences. We also encourage you to check your child's grades on our website and please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers any time you have any questions about grades or academic progress. We expect our teachers to do their best to keep you informed of any emergencies that may arise.

PHS is continuing to prepare students for success and just around the corner in March will be state testing. We will operate on a 2-hour delay schedule the week of March 16-20, **EXCEPT** for the freshman and sophomores who will be taking the state test or practice test that week. If you have any questions regarding testing please call the high school office.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The second parent-teacher conferences of the school year will take place on Thursday, February 5 and Tuesday February 10 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. both days at all buildings. **There will be no school Friday, February 13.** Please mark your calendar. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teachers. Everyone is strongly urged to participate.

There will be a post-secondary enrollment options meeting for parents of children in grades 8-11 in the H.S. Media Center from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on February 10.

DELAY/CLOSING INFORMATION

As of January 30, school has been closed six days due to inclement weather. The 2008-2009 school calendar specifies that if more than five days are missed prior to Presidents' Day on February 16, that day will be used as a make-up day. **We will be going to school on February 16.**

Please check the school website for the most up-to-date delay and closing information at www.pauldingschools.org. Announcements are also put on the switchboard answering machine and area radio/TV stations.

AFTER PROM PARENTS

The junior class parents will again be hosting the after prom this year. Donations are being collected to sponsor this event. If you have not been contacted and would be interested in donating, please contact Jill Hatcher at 419-399-3873.

VALENTINE GIFT DELIVERIES

Paulding High School and Middle School are asking that Valentine flowers/gifts not be delivered to the school. Other arrangements should be made to deliver such items as the school will not accept them. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

The Henry County Health Department in Napoleon, Ohio will host "Give Kids A Smile Day" on February 6, 2009. Kids (18 years and younger) that are uninsured and can not afford the dental care they need can receive FREE dental care on that day. Services offered are cleanings, exams, fluoride, x-rays, restorations and extractions. Please call 419-591-3060 and ask the receptionist to schedule your child for "Give Kids A Smile Day".

FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENING

A countywide preschool screening will be offered February 13 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Antwerp Methodist Church for children ages 3-5. Snow date is February 20. A second screening will be offered March 20 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding from 12:00-4:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

At the Board's January organization meeting, Elizabeth Hunt was elected President and Tamera Stoller was elected Vice-President for the 2009 calendar year.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR EVENTS

Varsity Wrestling		
Feb. 3	WT@Edgerton-T	6:00
Feb. 14	NWC@Spencerville-T	10:00
JH Boys Basketball		
Feb. 2	Wendy's Classic@CV-T	5:30
Feb. 5	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Feb. 10	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Feb. 12	Defiance-T	4:30
Feb. 17	Lincolnvew-H	5:00
Freshman Basketball		
Feb. 2	Continental-T	4:00
Feb. 3	Fairview-T	4:30
Feb. 5	Ada-H	5:00
Feb. 10	Hicksville-H	5:00
Feb. 16	Ayersville-H	5:00
Feb. 19	Allen East-T	5:00
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball		
Feb. 6	Ada-T	6:30
Feb. 7	Van Wert-H	6:00
Feb. 13	Spencerville-H	6:30
Feb. 20	Allen East-T	6:30
Feb. 21	Bryan-T	6:00
Feb. 27	Bluffton-H	6:30
JH Girls Basketball		
Feb. 5	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Feb. 10	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Feb. 12	Defiance-H	4:30
Feb. 14	McDonald's Classic@LN	TBA
Feb. 17	Lincolnvew-T	5:00
Girls JV/Varsity Basketball		
Feb. 3	Fairview-T	6:00
Feb. 5	Ada-H	6:00
Feb. 7	Continental-H	1:00
Feb. 12	Spencerville-T	6:00
Feb. 17	Defiance-H	6:00
Feb. 19	Allen East-H	6:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Feb. 2	FFA District Job Interview-Clyde	
Feb. 2	Science Olympiad Booster Mtg	7:00p
Feb. 4	FFA Sub District Eval C/D-	2:30
Feb. 4	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Feb. 5	Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:30-7:30p
Feb. 7	ACT Tests	7:30a-12:30
Feb. 9	FFA Chapter Mtg-Ag Room	6:00p
Feb. 9	Pldg Cnty Spelling Bee-Antwerp	7:00p
Feb. 10	Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:30-7:30p
Feb. 10	Post-Second. Mtg-Media Center	6:30p
Feb. 12	ASVAB Tests for Jrs/Srs	7:40a-11:00
Feb. 12	FFA Sub Dist Public Speak C/D-Delphos	
Feb. 12	Oak.El. Pep Rally w/var athletes	1:10
Feb. 13	NO SCHOOL	
Feb. 13	FFA Distr Evaluations-OSU Lima	
Feb. 16-21	FFA Week	
Feb. 17	FFA Dist Public Speaking-Gibsonburg	
Feb. 17	Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Feb. 18	HS Group Pictures	7:40a-11:15
Feb. 20	M.S. Science Fair	2:30
Feb. 20	Oak.El. January Student/Month Lunch	
Feb. 23	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00p
Feb. 24	HS Band/Choir Concert-Aud.	7:00p
Feb. 26	Oak.El. 5th/6th gr. Band Concert	7:00p
Feb. 27	Oak.El. Kdg. Family Reading Day	3:00p
Feb. 28	Band Music/Night-Aud.	6:30-10p