



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

December was a busy month with Christmas programs, the Senior Citizen Breakfast, concerts, and numerous extracurricular events. The support you have shown our students with your attendance is greatly appreciated.

The decision to delay or cancel school is always difficult, but the determining factor will always be the safety of our students. With many more cold and snowy days before us, I would like to remind parents to have students dress warmly when waiting for the bus. If roads are in good condition, we will be having school, even with very cold temperatures. Student drivers should be reminded that road conditions change throughout the day and caution should always be used when driving in the winter. Delays and closings are on our website, the school telephone recording, and also on various television and radio stations. When school is not in session, cancellations for evening events will always be on our telephone recording.

January brings a new year and a renewed opportunity to work together for the benefit of our students. Community support is necessary for our district to continue to improve. Together we can make a difference in the lives of the children in our 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 December: Kindergarten-Morgan Iler, Maggie Manz, Isabella Lantz, Haley Burtin; Grade 1-Madison Thompson, Jay'R Torres, Ann Adkins, Jaden Verfaillie; Grade 2-Alex Cardin, Rachel Walker, Chad Carper, Brock Schooley; Grade 3-Cade McGarvey, Casey Posey, Autumn Stahl, Kaitlyn Helms; Grade 4-Brittany Brown, Allison Kutzli, Ty Lewis, Preston Ingol; Grade 5-Jordan Shull, Kristen Schilt, Taylor Kochenour, Sabrinah Leaman.

Orange PAWS Card winners for the final quarter of the semester are: Kindergarten-Kaeli Bustos, Grade 1-Katelynn Strayer, Grade 2-Cory Adams, Grade 3-Caitlyn Myers, Grade 4-Sara Gebhart, Grade 5-Damon Egnor. Orange PAWS Card winners get to go to lunch at Dairy Queen with the elementary principal.

Paulding Elementary "December Student of the Month" is Bailey Manz. Bailey received 26 PAWS Cards from staff members during the month of December.

During the past month, the following staff members were nominated by students for their efforts toward making Paulding Elementary an excellent educational environment: Grade 5 teacher Mrs. Troyer nominated by Matthew Martinez; Special Needs teacher Ms. Williams nominated by Austin Gambler.

The character trait word for the first week of January is Pride. During the following three weeks, the character trait words of Fairness, Truthfulness, and Citizenship will be featured.

Several important events are coming up in the month of January. 2nd nine week grade cards will be sent home with students Wednesday, January 7. Our school district Geography Bee will be held Thursday, January 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the administrative building. Paulding Elementary will be represented in the Geography Bee by Grade 4 winner Chantal Monnier and Grade 5 winner Samuel Ladd. Our 5th Grade Spelling Bee will take place Tuesday, January 13th at 2:30 p.m. in the elementary gym. The winner will represent our school at the county Spelling Bee Monday, February 9th at Antwerp High School. The 2nd nine week Positive Behavior Incentive Program will take place Friday, January 16th. The Ft. Wayne Zoo will have two performances during the day for students who qualify for the incentive.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Happy New Year from Oakwood Elementary!! With the beginning of 2009, we are starting our 3rd quarter and 2nd semester of the 2008-2009 school year. As many of you set New Year's resolutions at home, it is a great time for our students to review the progress they have made so far this year and to set new academic goals for the remainder of the school year. Even our youngest students can and need to have goals so they can see the progress they are making as they learn new material every day!

On January 8, Molly Meeker (gr. 4), Haley Porter (gr. 5), and Jacob Dingus (gr. 6) will travel to Paulding to participate in the PEVS district Geography Bee. These three students each received the highest score at their grade level on the Geography Bee preliminary test. We wish each of them the best as they continue to the next round of this contest!!

On January 13, thirty-three fifth and sixth graders will participate in our Oakwood Elementary Spelling Bee. They will compete for the right to represent Oakwood at the Paulding County Spelling Bee to be held in February. Good luck to each contestant! It is no easy thing to stand in front of a crowd and spell random words out loud!!

Congratulations are in order for a number of people:

*Our fifth graders, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp, Ms. Sue Crossland, Mrs. Sarah Pier, and Ms. AmyJo Brimmer put on a great Christmas program on December 16. Thank you to all who attended "The Mystery of Simon Shepherd." It was a fantastic production!!

*Our 5th/6th grade choir and 6th grade band (and celebrity guests) performed their Christmas concert on December 18 under the direction of Mrs. Wehrkamp and accompanied by Ms. Crossland. Both groups sounded excellent!!

*Our 4th graders participated in a poster contest promoting recycling. Kourtney Thomas's design was selected as a billboard winner. You can see her poster on the billboard on SR613 west of Oakwood. Kristi Fenter's design was chosen as the Oakwood Elementary winning poster. Both students received gift certificates for their great advertisements for recycling! Thank you to Becky Suvar for bringing this program to our school.

Thank you for your continued support of our children's education. May you enjoy a safe and blessed New Year!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from the Middle School:

The holidays have come and gone and we are looking forward to getting started on the second half of the year. Things are moving quickly and we have much to do.

Grade cards will be coming home today. Please look over your child's report card and make sure to stay on top of their academics. May will be here before we know it.

Our annual Spelling Bee was held yesterday. I will let you know our school winner in next month's letter. The winner will advance to the Paulding County Spelling Bee to be held at Antwerp on Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Our school Geography Bee winners were: Morgan Riley, Kaitlyn Roughton, Austin Miller and Savannah Roughton. The finals will be tomorrow at 12:30 in the administration conference room. Good luck to all participants.

I have selected 7th grader, Tiffany Spangler, as our West Bend News Student of the Month for January. Tiffany is a 4.0 student and is involved in basketball and choir at school. Her favorite activities include dance, reading books, watching movies, and hanging out with her friends. Tiffany is an excellent student and a very positive role model for all. We are very proud of her.

The week of January 26-30, our 8th graders will be taking the NAEP, (National Assessment of Educational Progress) Test. They will be tested in the areas of Reading, Math, and Science. Please try very hard to be in attendance this week for all tests.

We will soon be getting out order forms for

the annual yearbook. This is a great way to have a memento of your middle school years. I have also selected Tuesday, June 9, 2009, as the date for our annual 8th grade class trip to Cedar Point. Cost for each student will be \$20. More on this later this month.

Please remember to take care of all outstanding workbook fees. Students **MAY NOT** participate in any extracurricular activity or attend the 8th grade graduation ceremony if these fees are not paid. This is a responsibility we all share. Your help in clearing up the books is fully appreciated.

I thank you for your support of Paulding Middle School and I look forward to a very successful 2009.

High School-Todd Harmon

I would like to thank Ruby Crossland, Sandy Dobbelaere, Jayne Smiley and Jen Manz for their directing skills that helped our students put on a "Wonderful" musical. I would also like to thank Jonathan Chesman for a good presentation of our students' band talent. David Clapsaddle's choir students sang some excellent Christmas themed songs.

Parents are encouraged to contact teachers once grade cards are received if you have any concerns. We are here to serve you. Grade cards will have been sent out later due to exam schedule shifts resulting from the inclement weather.

We hope all students are ready to make a new year's resolution to improve their efforts, attitude and daily habits in order to get the most out of their education and open their future doors of opportunity.

Special Education Office-Tillman Karl

The Paulding Early Learning and School Readiness Program will be holding a screening for children between the ages of 0 and 5 years of age. This screening consists of cognitive, motor, vision, hearing, and social observations of your child too see if there is a possible delay in their development. The date for this screening is Friday, January 16, 2009. The screenings will be held in two locations for your convenience. Oakwood Elementary Program will be holding the screening from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The Paulding Elementary Program will be holding the screening from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. In the event of school closings due to bad weather the snow date has been set for January 23, 2009. To sign up for this screening please call **1-800-686-2964** Extension **1115** for an appointment. This screening is part of the Paulding County Early Learning Initiative and is sponsored by Paulding Exempted Village Schools, Help Me Grow, and NOCAC.

The Paulding School System had two teachers and an administrator participate in the Second Annual International Autism Conference in November. Mrs. Patricia Stevenson, classroom teacher, and Ms. Tracy Gunderman, speech and language therapist, attended sessions which advanced their individual skills in supporting students with autism in the school environment. Mr. Tillman Karl, administrator, attended sessions dealing with behavior, curriculum, and courses explaining some of the proposed new classifications for autism as given by the medical profession. All three attendees attended additional classes before and during the evenings of the conference to advance their skills in a new method of service delivery called Ziggurat. Ashland University provided the graduate credits for this advance studies program. This conference is the biggest conference on Autism in the world and is attended by persons from all over the world. Parents, care givers, educators, and persons from the medical field join forces to discuss, explore, and share curriculums and methods of working with the vast range of the disability known as Autism.

Paulding's new Early Learning and School Readiness Program started in September has been very successful for 42 children 3, 4, and now 5 years of age. Paulding School District entered into a competitive grants program by the Ohio Department of Education last May and was selected to receive federal funds to start this program for children meeting all the economic requirements associated with a

federal program. Paulding was provided funding for 40 children. The program has given these children who perhaps would not have had a learning experience with daily activities in readiness, social, motor, and behavior activities to broaden their experiences and better prepare for kindergarten. Ms. Carrie Cleland and Mrs. Joy Manz were selected as the teachers for this new program for their educational knowledge of early childhood development, demonstrated curriculum skills, and personal abilities to work with these children. Paulding Exempted Village Schools now provides over 120 preschool children with a high quality educational program.

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 after January 1, 2009 and ask the receptionist to schedule your child for "Give Kids A Smile Day".

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

January is "School Board Recognition Month". The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable education program for all our students. This is a time to show our appreciation for the leadership provided for our schools.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Wrestling

Jan. 13	Lima North-H	5:15
Jan. 15	Defiance-T	4:30
Jan. 17	Ayersville Invitational-T	9:30
Jan. 19	Van Wert-T	5:00
Jan. 24	NWC @ Delphos Jefferson-T	10:00

Varsity Wrestling

Jan. 10	Coldwater Duals-T	10:00
Jan. 13	Fairview @ Hicksville-T	6:00
Jan. 17	Lima Senior Invitational-T	9:00
Jan. 22	Defiance-H	6:00
Jan. 30	Sandusky Duals-T	2:00
Jan. 31	Sandusky Duals-T	10:00

JH Boys Basketball

Jan. 13	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Jan. 20	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 27	Spencerville-T	5:00
Jan. 29	Antwerp-T	5:00

Freshman Basketball

Jan. 8	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 12	Antwerp-T	5:00
Jan. 15	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Jan. 19	Fairview-T	4:30
Jan. 22	LCC-H	5:00
Jan. 29	Lincolnview-T	5:00

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball

Jan. 9	Crestview-H	6:30
Jan. 16	Delphos Jefferson-T	6:30
Jan. 17	Fairview-H	6:30
Jan. 23	LCC-H	6:30
Jan. 24	Ayersville-H	6:00
Jan. 30	Lincolnview-T	6:30
Jan. 31	Ottoville-T	6:00

JH Girls Basketball

Jan. 13	Lincolnview-H	5:00
Jan. 19	Napoleon-T	4:30
Jan. 20	Crestview-T	5:00
Jan. 27	Spencerville-H	5:00

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball

Jan. 8	Crestview-T	6:00
Jan. 15	Delphos Jefferson-H	6:00
Jan. 17	Van Wert-H	12:30
Jan. 22	LCC-T	6:00
Jan. 27	Timora-H	6:00
Jan. 29	Lincolnview-H	6:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Jan. 7	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Jan. 8	Dist. Geography Bee-Adm. Bldg.	12:30
Jan. 9	Sophomores Visit Vantage	9:15a
Jan. 10	Science Olympiad Northmont Inv.	
Jan. 10-11	FFA MFE/ADL Conf-Columbus	9:00a
Jan. 12	FFA Chapter Mtg-Ag Room	6:00p
Jan. 13	Oak. El. Spelling Bee	9:30a
Jan. 13	P.E. Spelling Bee-P.E. Gym	2:30
Jan. 13	Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Jan. 16	Early Learning/School Readiness Prog. Screening-9-11:30 @ O.E. & 1-3:30 @ P.E.	
Jan. 16	P.E. Ft. Wayne Zoo Perf-Incentive Prog	
Jan. 19	NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day	
Jan. 24	HS Band/Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest-St. Mary's	
Jan. 24-25	FFA MFE Conf-Delphos	
Jan. 26-30	8th gr. NAEP Tests	
Jan. 26	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00p
Jan. 28	FFA State Landscape CDE-Columbus	
Jan. 29	FFA Alumni Pancake/Sausage Supper-Auditeria	4:30-6:30
Jan. 30	O.E. Kdg. Family Reading Day	3:00