



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

March is a very busy month for our students. Winter sports are winding down and the students participating in spring sports are gearing up for a new season. Our seniors are busy planning for their futures by finalizing plans for college, work, or the military as they begin the last quarter of their high school career. The sophomores will be taking the Ohio Graduation Tests beginning March 16. I am confident that our staff has prepared the students well for these high stakes tests. If you would like more information about preparing for these tests, check out this great Ohio Department of Education website at <http://portal.success-ode-state-oh.us/info>, and click on OGT.

As I mentioned last month, we are preparing for implementation of an instant alert system for weather delays and cancellations. A letter will go home with all students when this system is ready. The instant alert system will allow the school district to contact all families directly with delay and closing information, as well as other important announcements. If you are currently watching Ft. Wayne television stations through Time Warner Cable for your school delay and closing information, please be aware that Time Warner may discontinue the Ft. Wayne network channels. We are currently working with the Toledo network channels to get our information posted. The most accurate information can always be accessed on our website at pauldingschools.org or by calling the school.

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.

Pat Ross

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Kevin Dangler

By now I'm sure word has traveled home that there is a new principal at Paulding Elementary School. There is, and I would like to introduce myself. I'm Kevin Dangler, a native of Paulding, and a graduate of Paulding High School. Years ago, I began my teaching career right here, in the very building that I am now serving as principal. I have been in the education field 31 years as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. I welcome this opportunity to come back and serve the community, teachers and staff, parents and most of all, the children of Paulding.

The month of March brings many activities to our building. The third nine weeks grading period will end on March 13. Grade cards are scheduled to go home on Wednesday, March 18. On March 20, teams of 5th graders will compete in this year's Battle of the Books. This program is sponsored by the Paulding County Carnegie Library system. The program encourages reading for pleasure and rewards the development of comprehension skills. Good Luck to our teams!

Remember that student fees for the 2008-2009 school year 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 as Student Fees. Make checks payable to *Paulding Elementary School*. Listed below is the student fee amount per grade level.

Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2: \$55
Grade 3, Grade 4 & Grade 5: \$50

The annual PTO Spring Book Fair will take place the week of March 23 through March 27. Also that week, Life Touch Pictures will be here on Monday, March 23 to take Spring pictures. Please plan ahead in your budget for these two events if you wish for your child to participate in them.

Our 5th grade will perform a choir concert on Tuesday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Paulding Elementary gym. They will also travel to Oakwood Elementary on Thursday, March 26 to perform for their students. The Kindergarten Clinic at Paulding Elementary will be held on Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1 (enter at Water Street entrance). Kindergarten will be open to any child who is five years of age on or before August 1, 2009. An appointment is required so please call Paulding Elementary at 419-399-4656, ext. 1312.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on a cold,

but sunny day! Just today on the afternoon announcements, I reminded students of the importance of wearing winter coats, hats and gloves. We were quickly spoiled by some very nice weather in the middle of February, but it surely did not last!

We have completed our spring parent/teacher conferences, IEP conferences, and February IAT meetings. Thank you to everyone who attended meetings at our request. When communication lines between home and school are open and direct, a student has the support system in place to be successful. Please continue to encourage your child to stretch and grow to master the concepts set for each grade level by the State of Ohio.

Oakwood Elementary wants to send a BIG thank you to all who sent in items for our school supply collection held the first week in February. One of our teachers has a contact in the U.S. military who is part of a unit charged with rebuilding schools in Iraq. She was made aware of a need for school supplies as these Iraqi schools will be opening soon. In our week-long collection, Oakwood Elementary students and community donated LOTS of supplies. Twenty-one APO boxes were packed and shipped on February 17 and should arrive in Iraq around the time you read this article. Again, thank you to all who helped support our project!

We are really proud of our 6th grader, Jacob Dingus. He was Oakwood Elementary's representative to the Paulding County Spelling Bee held on February 9 at Antwerp High School. Jacob spelled his way to runner-up for Paulding County. After twenty-some rounds and spelling words like wiseacre and dungaree, Jacob misspelled virtuoso. Congratulations Jacob! You did a fantastic job!!

March brings us the end of the third quarter, spring pictures, memory book sales, Battle-of-the-Books, Read Across America Day, and Music-In-Our-Schools Month. Our 5th and 6th grade choir will get to perform joint concerts with students at Paulding Elementary to celebrate Music-In-Our-Schools.

Oakwood Elementary will hold a Kindergarten Camp on Tuesday, March 31, at 6:00 p.m. for children in the Oakwood district who will be starting kindergarten in August 2009. This evening is intended to familiarize children with the places and faces they will see when they come to their kindergarten screening appointments on Friday, April 24. Parents will have an opportunity to complete paperwork and set up an appointment for screening. We ask that parents bring the child's certificate of live birth, shot records, social security card, and custody papers (if applicable) with them to Kindergarten Camp on March 31. Please call Oakwood Elementary at 419-594-3346 if you have any questions about kindergarten registration.

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from the Middle School. Wow, time is flying by! March will be here soon and we will be rapidly moving towards the close of yet another school year.

A couple of congratulations need to go out. First, congratulations to Middle School wrestler, Taylor Deatrick. Taylor won his weight class and was crowned Northwest Conference Champion at the conference tournament held at Delphos Jefferson recently. Our wrestling team, coached by Mr. Eric Deisler, finished third overall in the tournament. Great season.

Also, congratulations to our Middle School Advanced Reading class, taught by Mrs. Deb Paputsakis. This class recently submitted a student video at the Ohio eTech convention in Columbus. Team members Ashlyn Strahley, Dalton Talbott, Isaac Nice, Ellie Miller and Laurel Wehrkamp attended the conference; and our team won the competition for the **BEST STUDENT VIDEO** in the State of Ohio. Great job team!

Our winter sports teams have now completed their seasons. I wish to congratulate and thank all the coaches, players, parents and fans for yet another fun season of wrestling, cheerleading, boys basketball and girls basketball. We now move into spring, and I look forward to a strong showing from our boys and girls track teams.

Our annual all-volunteer Science Fair was held on Friday, February 20. I will give you the names of those students moving on to District competition in my next newsletter. A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Favorito for planning and organizing this huge undertaking and to all of the students for the excellent projects on which they worked so very hard. It is always amazing to me to see the

effort these kids put into this event. It was very rewarding.

Our memory book sale ended on Monday, February 23. What a great way to remember your Paulding Middle School years.

The money and form deadline for our annual 8th grade class trip to Cedar Point was February 25. We will be going to Cedar Point on Tuesday, June 9, for our annual day of fun. Hope for nice weather.

On March 5, 100 select 8th grade students will be taking the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) test. This is a national test, and our school has been randomly chosen to participate. We thank The Divine Mercy Parish of Paulding County for allowing us to test in the church basement that day. The students will be tested in the areas of math, reading and science; and the results will be used to help establish the national norms for this test.

Scheduling of classes for school year 2009-2010 is now taking place. We will be meeting with the incoming classes of 6th, 7th and 8th graders for next year to plan their educational courses of study.

The third nine weeks grading period ends on March 13. Please encourage your students to continue performing in the classroom. As I mentioned earlier, time is flying by; students who need improvement in order to be promoted to the next grade level should prepare now.

Jumping ahead, 8th grade graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. This may change if we miss any more days of school. 8th grade graduation will **ALWAYS** be the last day of school. Please remember that in order for your child to walk in this ceremony, they must have their school fees paid in full.

Thank you for your continued support of our kids. Please feel free to contact me at school with any comments, concerns or questions you may have.

High School-Todd Harmon

Paulding High School would like to thank the parents of all the winter athletes for their support, and commends the seniors for their leadership and character to help continuously improve our programs. PHS is actively preparing for our spring sports season. Please stop by and pick up a season schedule and support your Paulding Panthers.

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences. Parents are encouraged to check your students' grades on our website, or call the school and talk with your child's teacher.

PHS is preparing for the Ohio Graduation Tests to be administered the week of March 16-20 (freshman take the practice test and sophomores take the official test). Graduation from high school is dependent upon successful passage of ALL 5 sections (Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies and Science). **Juniors and seniors not taking the tests will have a two-hour delay each day on March 16-20 and must find alternate transportation, as only the regular bus routes will be run.** Any student unable to make other arrangements may ride the regular bus route and report to study hall until testing is finished. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast. Daily attendance is very important. Our teachers have done an excellent job teaching and I know their hard work will help your child succeed.

I would like to thank the band director and the choir director for their excellent performances with their students. PHS is grateful for our talented and gifted drama team consisting of Ruby Crossland, Jane Smiley and Sandy Dobbelaere. I hope many of you take the time to see the production of "The Nit Wits" to be performed on March 27 and 28 in the high school auditoria. Special thanks to our district librarian, Ellen Williams, for her time in assisting teachers and students with all the testing the district deals with this time of year. Mrs. Williams continuously broadens the opportunities the students have to further their education in the media center. Finally, thanks Paulding community for all your support of education here in Paulding.

FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENING FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-5

A countywide preschool screening will be offered Friday, March 20 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Paulding from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-686-2964, ext. 1115 to pre-register. A limited number of walk-

ins will be available.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Fall backwards; spring forward. Daylight savings time begins on March 8, 2009 at 2:00 a.m. this year. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

PAULDING ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters will be selling 2009-10 300 Club tickets (\$25) from April 1-June 30 as well as Maroon and White Club memberships (\$10). Please contact Mike Mott, Rosie Sholl, Jackie Pease, Linda Dangler, Patti Bissell, Rainell Koenn, Debbie Carter, Bridget Rupert, Rocky Dangler, Heather Becker, or Jill Breedlove. The Athletic Boosters appreciate all your support in helping our Panther Athletes. GO PANTHERS!!

GRADUATION DATE REMINDER

The graduation ceremony for the class of 2009 will be May 24, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

IEP/ETR TRAINING PROGRAM

A free parent training session is scheduled for March 26 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Wayne Trace Jr/Sr High School Lecture Hall. The session will focus on the Individualized Education Program (IEP) form and the Evaluation Team Report (ETR) form, which were revised by the Ohio Department of Education. Parents and caregivers of children receiving special services should attend. Please contact Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor, Western Buckeye ESC, Paulding County, at cruiz@wb.noacsc.org, or call Cathy at 419-399-2512, ext. 454 to register or for additional information.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Girls Basketball District Tournament		
Mar. 5	@ Napoleon	TBA
Mar. 7	@ Napoleon-Depends on outcome of Mar. 5 game	TBA
Boys Basketball Sect/Dist Tournaments		
Mar. 6	@ Defiance-Depends on outcome of Mar. 3 game	TBA
Mar. 12	@ Napoleon	TBA
Mar. 14	@ Napoleon-Depends on outcome of Mar. 12 game	TBA
Boys/Girls Track		
Mar. 28	Early Bird @ Napoleon	12:00
JV Baseball		
Mar. 30	Lima Shawnee-H	5:00
Mar. 31	Van Wert-T	4:30
Varsity Baseball		
Mar. 30	Lima Shawnee-T	5:00
Mar. 31	Fairview-H	4:30
JV Softball		
Mar. 23	Scrimmage-Napoleon-T	4:00
Mar. 30	Lima Shawnee-H	5:00
Varsity Softball		
Mar. 23	Scrimmage-Napoleon-T	4:00
Mar. 24	Continental-H	4:00
Mar. 30	Lima Shawnee-H	5:00
Mar. 31	Bryan-T	5:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Mar. 4	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Mar. 5	OakEl All School Skate-Wood-U	6-8:00
Mar. 5	8th Gr. NAEP Test	7:45a
Mar. 6-7	FFA State Evaluations-Plain City	
Mar. 6	District Choir Contest-VVHS Lecture Hall	5:00
Mar. 6	District Band Contest-Niswonger Performing Arts Center-VVHS	7:45p
Mar. 8	Daylight Savings Time	2:00a
Mar. 9	FFA Chapter Mtg.-Ag Room	6:00p
Mar. 11-12	National Honor Society Trip-Chicago	
Mar. 11	Oakwood Staff Health Fair	
Mar. 11	FFA Officer Interviews-Ag Rm	2:30
Mar. 12-13	Paulding Staff Health Fair	
Mar. 13	OakEl February Student/Month Lunch	
Mar. 13	End of Third Nine Weeks	
Mar. 16-20	OGT-Gr. 10-12/Practice Test-Gr. 9 (2-hour delay for JRS/SRS not taking tests)	
Mar. 16	Oakwood Elem. Battle/Books	1:30
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day	
Mar. 17	Board Meeting-Admin Bldg	7:00
Mar. 18	Grade Cards Sent Home	
Mar. 19	Oakwood El. Lifetouch Spring Pictures	
Mar. 20	Paulding Elem Battle/Books	9:00
Mar. 20	Preschool Screening-St Paul Lutheran Church	12-4:00
Mar. 22	FFA Dist 4 Invitational-Mercer County	
Mar. 23	Paulding El. Lifetouch Spring Pictures	
Mar. 23-24	Paulding El. PTO Spring Book Fair	
Mar. 23-27	OGT Make-Up Test Week	
Mar. 23	Band Booster Meeting-Band Room	7:00
Mar. 24	Oak/PE 5th/6th Gr. Choir Concert @ PE	
Mar. 25	Prof Dev Waiver Day-NO SCHOOL	
Mar. 25	Middle School Spring Pictures	
Mar. 26	Oak/PE 5th/6th Gr Ch. Concert @ Oak	
Mar. 27	Oakwood El. Kdg. Family Reading Day	
Mar. 27-28	The Nit Wits Spring Play-Aud.	8:00
Mar. 28	FFA State Skills Contest-Columbus	
Mar. 31	Oakwood El. Kindergarten Camp	
Mar. 31	County Battle/Books Competition	12:30
Apr. 4	OakEl PTO Carnival	4:30-7:00p
Apr. 4	FFA Banquet-Auditeria	5:00