



**SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

It is difficult to believe there is just a month left in the 2008-2009 school year. Although the calendar indicates the year is winding down, we are actually very busy with end of the year activities. Awards programs, concerts and student programs highlight the month of May. Please check the district calendar and support our students with your attendance at these celebrations. Our last day of school will be May 20, unless we have an additional calamity day.

May 3-9 is National Teacher Appreciation Week with Tuesday, May 5 designated as National Teacher Day. Please take time during this week to thank a teacher who made a difference in your life. Paulding Exempted Village Schools are proud of our teachers and believe they make a difference in the lives of children every day.

The Class of 2009 will celebrate Commencement on May 24 at 2:30 as our 121<sup>st</sup> graduating class from Paulding High School. The ceremony will be in the high school gymnasium. Everyone is invited to attend. We congratulate our senior class on their many accomplishments in reaching this milestone and wish them the best as they continue on a journey of lifelong learning.

Yours in Education,  
Pat Ross

**NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS**

**Paulding Elementary-Kevin Dangler**

Another school year is quickly coming to a close. The last day of school for students is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2009. This, of course, could change, should we need to close for unsafe weather conditions.

Student fees for the 2008-2009 school year are still being taken. Fees 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 Student Fees. Make checks payable to Paulding Elementary School. Listed below is the student fee amount per grade level.

- Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2: \$55.00
- Grade 3, Grade 4 & Grade 5: \$50.00

I would like to remind parents that the school will be offering Kinder Camp to incoming kindergarten students this summer. The camp involves two days. We ask that parents and their child commit to coming to the school for about one hour to interact with other children and take part in some literacy activities. The dates for the camp are Tuesday, July 14, 2009 and Tuesday, August 11, 2009. Parents will receive a postcard reminder in the mail approximately one week before the July camp.

During the week of May 4-8, 2009 our students will be taking part in various reading activities in observance of Right-to-Read Week. Our theme this year is "Reading is Magic" and one of the feature activities will be a performance by a magician.

As a final note, the staff and students of Paulding Elementary would like to thank our PTO for their involvement with providing support for the educational programs and fun activities in our school. Notable support has included celebration events, book fairs, assemblies and the upcoming field day.

**Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz**

Oakwood Elementary students and staff are in the midst of our Ohio Achievement Tests as you read this! If you know or see any 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grader as you are out and about, please give them some words of encouragement regarding these tests. The OATs measure our students' understanding of the curriculum adopted by the State of Ohio and our school district. We are confident our students are capable of performing well on these tests and encourage them to take the time to give the best possible answers, allowing him/her to shine. Parents will receive results of the testing in late June.

As we begin the last month of our school year, we certainly do not slow down! The month of May is one of our busiest months of the year - a special event mixed in with our regular lessons nearly every day! From concerts to assemblies to field day to year-end awards programs, every grade level and

every student will be involved in many special activities.

We begin the month with our Right-To-Read Week (May 4-8). The theme this year is "Track Down A Good Book." We look forward to three special guests during our celebration of reading. Oakwood Elementary welcomes storyteller, Andrenna Belcher, on Wednesday. On Thursday, we will enjoy an author visit from our very own 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Caroline Arend. Mrs. Arend will share the process she went through to publish her book, Grandpa Doesn't Like Snakes, with our students. Joining her will be the illustrator of the book, Mrs. Sandy Dobbelaere, PHS art teacher. Throughout the week, students will be challenged to read more than ever and activities will be taking place to foster a genuine love for reading. We want to thank our Title I Reading Teacher, Mrs. Debbie Carter, for coordinating Right-To-Read Week.

Our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade band and choir will perform their final concert of the year on Tuesday, March 12, at 7:00, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp. We invite you to come hear them. Both groups have made tremendous progress this year!

Please mark your calendar for Monday, May 25. Our third graders will once again present a wonderful tribute to all who have served to protect our great country. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Memorial Day program will begin at 10:00 in our café/gym and will conclude at the Oakwood Park. Again, we invite you to join us for this program; and please extend our special invitation to all members of the U.S. Military, current and veteran.

Thank you for your continued support! Our students experience the most success when they have the school, the family, and the community in their corner.

**Middle School-David Stallkamp**

Hello from the Middle School! Testing continues the week of April 27-May 1. I know the kids are doing extremely well and giving it their best shot. These tests are very difficult and very stressful on everyone. We are looking forward to moving on towards finishing up another school year.

Our Junior High track teams are in full swing. To date the boys are doing very well and the girls are undefeated. If you get an opportunity, please stop at the track and watch them. Their last home meet will be on May 5 at 4:30 against Defiance and Tinora.

Our annual award's day program for the middle school will be held on Thursday, May 14, at noon in the high school gym. Parents of those students receiving an award will be mailed a letter in early May. Please plan on attending and congratulating all of our award winners. This is open to the public.

As I mentioned earlier, and many, many times before, 8th grade graduation will always be slated for the very last day of school. So far, this is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Please remember that in order for your child to participate in this time honored ceremony, their school fees must be paid in full. Our school DRESS CODE will be strictly enforced at this ceremony.

Earlier in the year we held our annual Science Fair and we had 4 students qualify at the regional level to represent Paulding Middle School at State Science Day in Columbus. Congratulations to Kelsi Manz, Jaci Schlatter, Brad Matson and Andrew Layman for advancing to the state competition.

Congratulations also to Savannah Roughton. Savannah, an 8th grader, advanced to the State Geography Bee, where she did very well. Congratulations again, to Savannah and her family. Getting to the state competition is a very big honor.

Our Science Olympiad team competed at the state competition on April 18. Savannah Roughton and Laurel Wehrkamp placed 6th in the state in Computers. I thank the staff and students that went. We received many compliments from Columbus on how polite, well mannered, and respectful our kids were. I thank you for another great school year. Please remind the students to continue working right up until the very last day-May 20. Thank you for your continued support of education.

**High School-Todd Harmon**

Thanks to all those staff members and parents that are working to make this year's prom on May 2 safe and memorable. Our

high school had a mock crash to encourage students to make safe and positive decisions. Thanks to all the EMS personnel, fire departments, sheriff's department, DenHerder's funeral home, Promedica Life Flight, and the students and parents who participated in making a "close as you can get" presentation. To reinforce this safety message, Sarah Panzau, who was a Division I athlete, will warn students of the consequences of destructive decision making on May 4, as we move towards the end of the school year and graduations.

Parents are reminded by the law: "Parents who host, lose the most"—a message sponsored by the Drug-Free Action Alliance. Other tips from the Alliance are:

- Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21
- Be at home when your teen has a party
- Make sure alcohol is not brought into your home or property by your teen's friends
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at events your child will be attending
- Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so teens will feel welcome
- Report underage drinking to local law enforcement

The PHS senior class awards program will be held May 11 at 12:30 p.m. Underclassmen awards will be presented May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Both events will be in the auditoria.

Good luck to the PHS choir, directed by Dave Clapsaddle, as they will be competing at state choir contest. Congratulations to Julie McCullough who received the Partners' in Education Teacher of the Month award. Congratulations to the Science Olympiad crew, led by Krisi Williams and Angel Perry, as they placed 36th out of 40 at state competition. Congratulations to the track teams, led by Shawn Brewer, Randy Crawford, Mel White and the legendary Jon Snodgrass, as they have had a fast start in their season and are competing well. Our baseball players, led by Mike Leach, and our softball players, led by Kevin Vance, are working hard to pick up wins. The coaches have been positive role models along the way-keep up the good work!

Parents are reminded that students who have outstanding fees will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony and will not receive their diploma. Please contact the high school office to make arrangements to take care of those obligations.

**SUMMER BASKETBALL**

Our school district, under the direction of Shawn Brewer, will be offering a summer basketball program June 1-4, 2009.

Forms will be sent home with students the second week of May. Additional forms will be available in any of the school offices, or contact Shawn Brewer at 419-399-4656.

**MEMORIAL DAY PLANS**

The Oakwood Elementary third grade will present a patriotic program at 10:00 a.m. on May 25. The program will be held in the Oakwood gym and conclude at the park.

The Paulding High School band will provide music for the Memorial Day services in the Live Oak Cemetery on May 25, followed by a performance on the Courthouse lawn. Please join us in honoring those who have fought for our freedom.

**ATHLETIC PHYSICALS**

Physicals for athletic participants will be held on June 23, 2009 at the high school. The cost of the physicals will be \$15, payable to Dr. Kuhn. The schedule of physicals is as follows; however, if any student cannot come at the scheduled time, or would like to come with a sibling, they can come anytime from 8:00-11:00 a.m. or 12:30-3:00 p.m.

HS Boys 8-9:30am HS Girls 12:30-1:30pm  
MS Boys 9:30-11am MS Girls 1:30-3pm

**SPORTS ELIGIBILITY**

Parents of student-athletes are reminded that students who plan to participate in a fall sport next school year must meet the eligibility requirements in this current 4th nine-week grading period to be eligible next fall. High school athletes must maintain a 1.0 GPA and be passing five one-hour courses. Junior high athletes must maintain a 1.0 GPA and be passing 75% of their courses.

**STAFF RETIREMENTS**

Sue Crossland, Oakwood Elementary Physical Education; Roger Gasser, Middle School Reading and Social Studies; Leigh Hutson, Paulding Elementary 1st grade; and LaDonna Miller, Paulding Elementary cafeteria cashier, have chosen to retire at the end of this school year. Ben Manz and Ralph Hunt, bus drivers; Diana Doster, Paulding Elementary teacher aide; and Cheryl Bevis, Paulding Elementary cafeteria cook/server retired earlier this school year. We wish them the best in their retirement.

**ATHLETIC CALENDAR**

**JH Boys/Girls Track**

May 4	Ottoville/Wayne Tr @ Crestview	4:30
May 5	Tinora/Defiance-H	4:30
May 8	NWC Meet @ Spencerville	4:15

**Varsity Boys/Girls Track**

May 7	Fairview-T	4:30
May 9	Shelby Relays-T	9:00
May 11	Wayne Trace Relays-T	4:30
May 14	NWC @ Crestview	4:45
May 16	NWC @ Crestview	9:30
May 18	Antwerp/Wayne Trace-H	4:30

**JV Baseball**

May 1	Crestview-T	5:00
May 4	Wayne Trace-H	4:30
May 8	Antwerp-H	4:30
May 9	Edgerton (DH)-T	11:00
May 12	Fairview-T	4:30
May 14	Miller City-H	4:30
May 15	Crestview-T	5:00
May 18	JV Tournament @ Antwerp	4:00
May 19	Napoleon-H	4:30
May 21	JV Tournament @ Antwerp	TBA

**Varsity Baseball**

May 1	Crestview-H	5:00
May 2	Defiance-T	10:00
May 4	Allen East-T	5:00
May 7	Bluffton-T	5:00
May 8	Antwerp-T	5:00
May 11	Van Wert-T	5:00
May 12	LCC-H	5:00
May 14	Napoleon-T	5:00
May 15	Hicksville-H	4:30
May 16	Bryan-H	6:00

**JV Softball**

May 4	Bryan-T	5:00
May 7	Lincolnview-H	5:00
May 8	Hicksville-H	5:00
May 11	Elida-T	5:00
May 12	Wayne Trace-T	4:30
May 14	Antwerp-H	5:00
May 15	Fairview-H	4:30

**Varsity Softball**

May 1	Crestview-H	5:00
May 2	Tinora-T	10:00
May 4	Allen East-T	5:00
May 5	Wayne Trace-T	4:30
May 7	Bluffton-T	5:00
May 12	LCC-H	5:00
May 14	Defiance-T	4:30
May 15	Elida-T	5:00

**DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS**

Apr. 29-May 1	Gr. 3-8 Ohio Achievement Tests	
May 1-2	FFA State Convention-Columbus	
May 2	State Choir Contest-VanBurenHS	10:20
May 2	Prom-HS Gym	8-11:30p
May 2	After Prom-Aud. & MS Gym	12-4:00a
May 3	JH Band Concert-Auditeria	3:00
May 4	Science Olympiad Bstr Mtg-Aud.	7:00p
May 4-8	Right-to-Read Week	
May 6	AP Calculus Test	8-12:00
May 6	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
May 8	AP History Test	8-12:00
May 8	AP European History Test	12-4:00
May 8	OakEI April Student/Month Lunch	
May 11	FFA Chapter Mtg-Ag Room	5:00
May 11	Senior Awards Program-Aud.	12:30
May 12	AP Chemistry Test	8-12:00
May 12	OakEI 5th/6th Gr Band/Choir.Conc	7:00
May 12	HS Band Concert-Auditeria	7:00
May 13	Senior Exams 1-4-PM Session	
May 13	Baccalaureate-Auditeria	7:00
May 14	Senior Exams 5-8-AM Session	
May 14	MS Awards Program-HS Gym	12:00
May 14	OakEI Kdg (A) Program	2:30
May 15	OakEI Kdg (B) Program	2:30
May 15	OakEI Field Day	
May 15-16	JH Band Contest	
May 15	Last Day of School for Seniors-Senior Community Service Project and Picnic	
May 17	Choir Concert-Auditeria	3:00
May 18	HS Exams 7, 8	
May 18	OakEI 6th Gr. Dance	2-3:00
May 19	HS Exams 2, 4, 6	
May 19	OakEI 6th Gr Year-End Program	2-3:30
May 19	Board Meeting-Admin. Bldg.	7:00
May 19	Underclassmen Awards Prog.-Aud.	7:30
May 20	HS Exams 1, 3, 5	
May 20	8th Grade Graduation-HS Gym	1:00
May 20	Last Day of School for Students	
May 22	Mandatory HS Graduation Practice Breakfast-Auditeria	8:30
	Practice-HS Gym	9:00
May 21-22	Calamity Make-up Day if Needed	
May 24	HS Graduation-HS Gym	2:30
May 25	MEMORIAL DAY	
May 25	OakEI 3rd Gr Memorial Day Prog	10:00
May 26-27	Calamity Make-up Day if Needed	