



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

The H1N1 Flu has been in the news daily, and fortunately our attendance has been good. I have been asked about the number of confirmed cases in our school. This is a very difficult question to answer, since most doctors are not testing specifically for the H1N1 virus, but are treating patients as if they have the H1N1 virus, since it is the most prevalent virus at this time. We have had students with the flu and continue to stress the importance of frequent hand washing, coughing and sneezing into elbows, and staying home when ill. If your child has a fever, please keep them home for 24 hours after his or her temperature returns to normal. We are also working very hard to keep the building disinfected and working directly with the Paulding County Health Department. More information about H1N1 can be found at www.flu.gov.

November 15-21 has been designated as *American Education Week*. This is the 88th observance of the event. The annual theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility". *American Education Week* spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. Research shows that parental involvement in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores confidence among parents in their children's education. I am thankful for the dedicated faculty, staff, administration and parents that we have working with our children daily. Education is the key to a better future for our children.

Yours in Education,
Pat Ross

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Wendy Nashu

The year is quickly progressing. One quarter of learning is complete which has assisted teachers with getting to know your child's strengths and weaknesses. Conferences will be on November 5 or November 10. Please make every effort to attend your child's conference. It is important that a strong connection be made to assist your child with progressing through the curriculum in their current grade.

The following are tips for preparing for your child's conference.

- ◇ Look for the strengths in your child.
- ◇ Review your child's grade card before attending the conference.
- ◇ Write down questions you have about your child's progress.
- ◇ Let the teacher know how your child does on homework.
- ◇ Let the teacher know the areas of study that your child enjoys the most.
- ◇ Clarify anything that you are not clear about with the teacher.

We look forward to your attendance. Together we can help your child be successful. Let us know if there is anything we can do to assist your child.

Several items have been collecting over the year on the table across from the gymnasium. Please take a look at these items to see if any belong to your child.

During conferences we will be collecting gently used or new shoes, socks and shoestrings for our students. Tables will be set up for the purpose of collecting and offering these to those who may have the need.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Exciting things continue to take place at Oakwood Elementary! We have completed the first quarter of our 2009-2010 school year; and to celebrate this milestone today, our PTO invited our students to a Fall Festival set up in our gymnasium where students were able to play with Playdoh, create a finger paint drawing, and much more. (Our PTO is the best!!) We have had some wonderful successes in the first quarter of our school year, and we will be acknowledging our Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance students at an awards assembly very soon.

In October, we recognized Fire Safety Week. We were visited by the Oakwood and Auglaize firefighters and Oakwood EMTs. They conducted our monthly fire drill, visited the Preschool through 2nd grade classrooms, and gave students a tour of different types of fire trucks and an ambulance. Our 3rd graders got to see what thermal imaging equipment does, while the 4th through 6th graders were able to experience a smoke trailer (training simulator) and were able to spray the fire house at a

target "burning window". We want to extend a very special thank you to the local firemen and women who took time out of their busy schedules to come teach us some important safety tips.

October 19-23 was School Bus Safety Week. Each day on the morning announcements, a brief message was read sharing information about safety on the school bus. Did you know 400,000 yellow school buses transport 22.5 million students to and from school each day across America, covering over 94.2 billion miles per year? Frequent reminders at home of the importance of following bus rules is much appreciated. As we all know, a moment's distraction while driving can have horrible, lasting results. October 26-30 was Red Ribbon Week. Activities for the week were planned by our school outreach worker, Charity Meuleman, to reinforce and to promote the importance of living a drug-free lifestyle. Setting aside time during these weeks both at school and at home to address the given topics aides our children in making good, healthy choices.

Oakwood Elementary invites all veterans to our Veterans' Day Program on Wednesday, November 11, at 9:30 a.m. We also welcome everyone to come see our 6th graders perform "We Haz Jazz!" on November 16.

Just this month, Oakwood Elementary received a Certificate of Commendation from The State Board of Education for achieving the designation of **Excellent** on our Local Report Card for 2008-2009. We are very proud of this award and will have it on display right next to last year's Certificate of Commendation! As always, we need and appreciate the support of our whole community to meet goals such as this and to help our children be successful - thank you for being there for us!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Hello from Paulding Middle School. A big THANK YOU to all the people that supported our Paulding Middle School fund raiser this year. We netted a profit of over \$7000. The items should be coming home soon with the students that sold items to you. Payment is due upon receipt of the items. If writing a check, please make it payable to Paulding Exempted Village Schools. Thank you, again, for your support.

Grade cards for the first nine weeks grading period went home on October 28. Please look over this report with your child and discuss any pertinent issues. For the most part, I have been very pleased with the academic progress and work ethics of our students. They seem to be working very hard.

Our fall sports seasons have ended. Congratulations and thank you to all the coaches, players, parents, and fans for their support this fall. All middle school cheerleaders, volleyball teams, and football teams were honored at an awards ceremony. Thank you to all the students that chose to participate in a fall sport. You all did a fantastic job.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for November 5 and November 10. You will be receiving a letter requesting a conference if the teacher wishes or needs for you to come in. If you do not receive a letter, and still wish to speak with a staff member, then you may call Marcy at 419-399-4656, ext. 1212, and she will set up a conference for you. I would like to see a high attendance rate for these conferences. Come in and talk about your child. It is fun meeting you and discussing your child with you.

On November 12, our 8th grade class will be taking their annual tour of Vantage Career Center. They will be going by bus to and from Van Wert. We thank Vantage for allowing us to visit their school that day.

Picture retake day is scheduled for Thursday, November 19. Please make sure that if you were absent on the original picture day to have them taken then. Also, if you wish for pictures to be retaken, please return the original package to the photographer on the 19th.

November 20 will be an extremely busy day here. At 8:30 a.m., Camfel Productions will put on a 40 minute assembly entitled, "Balance of Power." It deals with students working to their potential and focusing on their academics instead of their limitations. Parents are invited to attend this performance. It will be held in the auditoria.

Also on the 20th, we will be having our annual 6th grade hog roast. This is always a great event and the 6th graders put in countless hours preparing for that day. I thank everyone involved and especially those who have donated their time, money, supplies, and energy to help out in this event. I would especially like to thank 6th grade teacher, Mr. Ted Wunderle, who chairs this event every year. He, along with Mr. Joel Parrett

and Mr. Mike Leach, stay up all night cooking the hog for the next day's festivities. Thank you also to Mr. Brent Davis for his gracious donation of our hog. It is always delicious and we look forward to eating a great meal that day.

I again thank you for your support of Paulding Middle School and I look forward to seeing many of you at parent-teacher conferences. Have a great month.

High School-Todd Harmon

While the weather has lived up to the Farmers' Almanac by showing us the face of what seems to be a cold winter coming, we have been bustling with activity. I want to thank coach Kunesh and her coaching staff for helping our volleyball program make significant progress in developing our student athletes' skills and character. We are proud of the girls for positively representing PHS. Thanks to our seniors Danielle Grindstaff and Stephanie Donaldson for their positive leadership. We anticipate great things to come from the girls' volleyball in the future as they will work hard in the off season. Thanks to all those parents, family, and community for your support of our student athletes and coaches.

It gives me great pleasure to inform the community of Paulding that once again this year we have had a teacher win the Teacher of the Month award sponsored by the Ohio Lottery. Congratulations to Adam Renollet for this recognition and thank you for all you do for the students in the classroom and on the field. This will be the second year in a row a teacher at PHS has received this recognition.

Congratulations to Spencer Gross, who was a member of the National FFA Band and played a solo at the opening session for the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis in front of more than 47,000 people. Amazing! Paulding High School would like to thank Insource Technologies and Lafarge for their partnership with Mr. Mark Wooton, a PHS science teacher who is working with new innovative technology provided by Ford-pass and I-test. The goals of the modules to be taught will help our students engage in 21st century learning, develop technological and scientific innovation, develop green energy resources and collaborate with other schools in the U.S. and other countries.

NOVEMBER 3 - ELECTION DAY

All residents are encouraged to vote Tuesday, November 3. This is a great example for the students to see their family members participate in the most basic citizen's responsibility-the right and opportunity to vote.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The first parent-teacher conferences for the 2009-2010 year are scheduled for November 5 and 10 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. each day. These conferences not only provide an opportunity to learn about your student's work but allow you to show your student that his/her education is important to you. Attending the conference will give you ideas on how you can help your child be more successful in school. If you are not contacted for a conference, please feel free to call the school offices to schedule an appointment.

WAIVER DAY-NOVEMBER 30

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on Monday, November 30. This will be a professional development in-service day for the staff. School will resume on Tuesday, December 1 at the regular time.

WINTER SPORTS SEASON TICKETS

Tickets for PHS winter sports will be on sale at all the home girls and boys scrimmages, at Meet the Team Night, and during lunches on December 2, 3 and 4 at the following prices:
SEASON TICKET: Adult/Student
Boys' Basketball: (11 games) \$55/\$40
Girls' Basketball: (8 games) \$40/\$25
ALL SPORT TICKET: \$75/\$40
Family Pass: \$200 (Includes children in grades K-12)

Student Athlete: \$10

⇒ Presale tickets for boys' basketball are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. All tickets at the door are \$6.

⇒ Tickets for girls' basketball and varsity wrestling are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students at the door.

⇒ Tickets for Jr. High basketball and wrestling and freshman basketball are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

BASKETBALL PLAYERS in Grades 4-6

Our Mini-Panther Basketball league for boys in grades 4-6 begins on Saturday, December 12. Registration forms will be sent out the week of November 9. If you don't receive one, you may go to the school's website at www.pauldingschools.org, click Athletics, click High School, under the Winter tab click

Boys Basketball, and download a form there. Forms will be available at Oakwood Elementary, Paulding Elementary and Paulding Middle School after November 9. If you have any questions please contact Coach Brewer at 419-399-4656, ext. 1147.

SENIOR CITIZEN BREAKFAST

The annual Senior Citizen Breakfast will be on December 9. All district residents 60 years and older are invited to join us at 8:00 a.m. for a great breakfast, fellowship and entertainment. Doors will open at 7:45. We will be showcasing the talents of our students in each building. Please call the administration office at 419-399-4656 to reserve a seat.

YEARBOOK SALES NOTICE

All high school students will be receiving a yearbook flyer in the mail in early November. Students may now order their yearbook for 2009-2010 online by following the information on the flyer or they may fill out the flyer and return it to school with the check for the yearbook enclosed in the flyer. A second flyer will be mailed in the spring if a book has not been ordered by then. At that time, the cost of the book will go up from \$50.00 to \$52.00. Students are encouraged to order their book before January 31 to get the book at the current price. Please contact Karen Schlatter at 419-399-4656 ext. 1250 if you have any questions.

SEARCH FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Our school district is participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairment, speech or language disabilities, mental retardation or other health impairments, physical impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury. Our school has responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free and appropriate public education, regardless of a child's disability. But before we can serve children they must be found. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they cannot function in the mainstream of the community. Also, many unidentified children with disabilities are preschoolers. Parents may not be aware their child has a disability, or that there are programs and services available. Our school district is interested in meeting the needs of the children with disabilities. If you know of a child who may have a disability, contact the school for information or help.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Varsity Girls Basketball Scrimmages		
Nov. 6	Parkway/Wapak-H	6:30
Nov. 14	North Central-T	12:00
Nov. 19	Stryker-T	6:00
Nov. 20	Montpelier-T	5:30
Freshman Boys Basketball Scrimmages		
Nov. 24	Edgerton-H	5:15
Varsity Boys Basketball Scrimmages		
Nov. 14	Swanton/Springfield NE-H	1:00
Nov. 17	Edon-T	5:30
Nov. 20	Leipsic/St. Mary's-H	5:00
Nov. 24	Edgerton-T	5:15
Nov. 28	Montpelier-T	9:30
Varsity Boys Wrestling Scrimmages		
Nov. 28	Elida-T	11:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Nov. 4	IPFW College Rep	8:30a
Nov. 4	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Nov. 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4:30-7:30
Nov. 9	OSU Lima Rep	9:00a
Nov. 9	FFA Chapter Mtg-Ag Room	6:30p
Nov. 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4:30-7:30
Nov. 11	MS/HS Veterans' Day Breakfast and Program	8:00-9:15a
Nov. 11	OakEl Veterans' Day Program	9:30a
Nov. 11	OakEl Oct. Student/Month Lunch	
Nov. 11	Urbana University Rep	1:00
Nov. 12	PldgEl Fund Raiser Pick-up Day	
Nov. 12	8th Graders Tour Vantage	7:40-11:00a
Nov. 12	FFA Dist Ag Communications-Clyde	
Nov. 13	FFA Fruit Sales End	
Nov. 16	PldgEl 2nd gr Festival/Trees Field Trip	
Nov. 16	OakEl 6th grade Music Program "We Haz Jazz!"	7:00p
Nov. 17	PldgEl Kdg Festival/Trees Field Trip	
Nov. 17	PldgEl 98.1 Food Drive Drop off in AM	
Nov. 17	PldgEl PTO Movie Night	6:30p
Nov. 19	PldgEl Picture Retake Day	
Nov. 19	Indiana Tech Rep	10:00
Nov. 19	FFA Dist Food Science-Pldg	
Nov. 19	Owens Community College Rep	1:30
Nov. 19	MS Picture Retake Day	
Nov. 20	PldgEl Popcorn Day	
Nov. 20	MS "Balance/Power" Assem-Aud	8:30a
Nov. 20	MS 6th grade Hog Roast	
Nov. 20	Board Mtg.-Admin. Bldg.	7:00p
Nov. 23	Band Booster Mtg.-Band Room	7:00p
Nov. 23	Meet the Team Night-HS Gym	7:00p
Nov. 25	NO SCHOOL (due to teacher conf)	
Nov. 26-27	NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break	
Nov. 30	NO SCHOOL-Prof. Dev. Waiver Day	