



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

The start of the school year has been very busy, with many activities being held in each of the buildings. I hope you have had the opportunity to attend one of the extracurricular events. I am proud of the opportunities offered to the children of our school district.

The foggy mornings have been a challenge this past month, but the safety of our busses and student drivers are a priority. The Honeywell Instant Alert System has been a great method of communication for weather delays. You can make changes to your account through the Honeywell website at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> or click on the Instant Alert System link on our district website at <http://pauldingschools.org>. Users may add or delete phone numbers, email addresses, or text message numbers. You may also choose the type of alerts to receive by checking the appropriate boxes. Instructions for account setup are on our website. Call the administration office if you are having trouble with your account.

The next Board of Education meeting is October 20 at 7:00 pm at Oakwood Elementary. The public is welcome to attend. If you have comments or concerns about the school district, please feel free to contact me at any time. My email address is p_ross@pauldingschools.org and the phone number is 419-399-4656.

Yours in Education,
Pat Ross

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Wendy Nash

September is almost over and it seems like we just started school yesterday. The students are getting comfortable with their new classrooms. The teachers have learned the students' names and I am trying to learn a few new names every day. There are 533 students Preschool to grade 5. It is so great to see so many children behave so well. I am very proud of the entire school. Good character and behavior just doesn't happen, the support the families and community have given the children is evident through the positive behaviors I have seen so far this year. Thank you!

The PTO fundraiser has begun and will continue until October 6. Students are asking their friends and families to purchase items to support their school. The PTO does great things for the students and teachers in our building. They assist with the incentives for our behavior program PAWS (Pride, Attitude, Work habits, Self-Control). They sponsor family events such as Party at the Playground, Movie Night and Assemblies for the whole Elementary. I hope you can find something of interest to you in the variety of items that are being sold. Take a moment and check out the PTO webpage, www.pauldingpto.weebly.com. You can sign up to be a volunteer and take part in all the great work that is done by the PTO.

Mark your calendar, Picture Day is on October 7. Information will be coming home soon. The third grade reading achievement test will be given October 6. If your child is in third grade please make sure they get a good night's rest the evening before and a good breakfast in the morning before school on October 6.

Fall is here and the weather is unpredictable. Please make sure to send jackets for the cool weather days. Remember to use judgment in what your child will wear to school so they are comfortable inside and at recess. Enjoy the changing leaves of fall and time together.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on a beautiful fall evening!! It started out foggy this morning; but once that burned off, it was a nice warm day - just perfect for playing outside at recess!

We are more than half way through the first quarter of the 2009-2010 school year! While we have not yet had a regular, full week of school, the students are quickly settling into daily and weekly routines and should be able to tell you what is expected of them in their classrooms. It is exciting to walk down the hallways, to stop into classrooms, and to see students actively engaged in learning new concepts or eagerly sharing what they already know about a topic being discussed. We are off to a positive start here!

On October 2, many of our students will enjoy an extra recess for earning the September PAWS reward. Pride, Attitude, Work habits, and Self-control are the building blocks of our behavior plan. Students who display

positive behavior and work ethic earn the right to attend our monthly PAWS rewards. Sometimes the students know ahead of time what the reward for the month will be; sometimes it is a surprise. Always, a good time is had by all who earn the right to participate!

Our 3rd graders will be taking the Fall Ohio Reading Achievement Test on Tuesday, October 6. They are the only students and reading is the only subject the State of Ohio requires us to test in the fall. We encourage our 3rd graders to do their very best on the Reading OAT. We know they can shine!!

While we participated in Safe Schools Week September 14-18, we welcome our local firefighters on October 7 for Fire Safety and Prevention Week. The Oakwood and Auglaize Fire Departments and the Oakwood EMS will have special lessons/activities for each grade level. The firefighters will also conduct a fire drill-studying our evacuation process and offering suggestions to make things safer for our students. Their active involvement in and concern for our school and students is very much appreciated!

We are well on the path to a successful year! As always, we need and appreciate the support of our whole community to make it happen-thank you for being there for us!

*NOTE: The PC Health Department will be at Oakwood Elementary on October 13 from 9:00-11:30 to give flu shots. They will set up on our stage, which is handicap accessible. This is open to the community. If you have any questions regarding the shot, please contact PCHD and speak to the nurses there.

Middle School-David Stallkamp

This school year has gotten off to a fantastic start and I want to thank everyone for helping us get off on the right foot. I look forward to this continuing for all of 2009-2010.

By now you should have received your child's first mid term reports. Hopefully all is going well in the classroom. If not, here are some hints. First - Are all assignments written in the agenda and is work being taken home? Second - Is work being completed in an acceptable, well-done fashion? Sometimes kids rush and do not do as well as they should. Third - Are they taking time to study for all tests and quizzes? These shortcuts and others may be the reasons for their low performance the first few weeks of school. If you have any questions regarding the progress reports, please feel free to contact the school at 419-399-4656.

I have selected Guy and Gerod Harder as the Paulding Middle School WestBend News "Students of the Month" for October. Guy and Gerod have been exemplary models for students by their compassion for their fellow classmates and schoolmates, and by being great role models in the classroom and on the athletic venues. Congratulations Guy and Gerod. Keep up the great work.

Our fund raiser totals will not be available until the November issue; however, I just want to THANK everyone in advance that helped our kids with this sale. I hope that we will be able to provide many items for the kids with the profit money from this sale. Thanks again for all of your support.

During Safe Schools Week, September 21-25, we practiced many drills that will help us be prepared in case of an emergency. The students did a fantastic job of taking these drills seriously, and I hope that we NEVER have to use any of them.

Paulding Middle School Picture Day will be held on October 16. More information will be coming home soon.

The first nine weeks grading period ends on October 23 and grade cards will go out on Wednesday, October 28. Time goes by quickly. Please look for your child's grade card and take the opportunity to discuss school with them. I wish everyone much success on their first nine weeks grades.

My CONGRATULATIONS go out to those students chosen to be this year's Student Council members-President Kelsie Manz, Vice President Chaz Hahn, reps Tim Bush, Haylee Simonin, Damon Egnor, Michael Mott, Derek Varner, Suzanne Reinhart, Laurel Wehrkamp, Ben Heilshorn, Tomaara Ingol, Bailey Combs, Mikayla Porter, Taylor Manz and Kaley Varner. I know they will do a fantastic job of representing the student population this year.

Thank you, again, for all you do for Paulding Middle School and do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance throughout the school year.

High School-Todd Harmon

We have had a terrific spirit week with many students getting involved making the activities fun for all. I want to encourage students to continue to work hard and stay focused as

we get closer to the end of the nine weeks. Parents please sit down and talk with your child if he is not getting the grades you think he can achieve. Call your child's teacher for helpful suggestions and encourage your child to ask questions during class or speak with a teacher before or after class. Working with your child and trying to address concerns early will insure greater impact for success than waiting until the end of the semester when it is too late to intervene. I have had excellent experiences walking in the halls and in the classrooms and seeing great teaching with students engaged in experiments, discussion, and activities meant to enrich their learning.

Our student athletes have been working hard to improve and build on success both in the classroom and in extra activities. The volleyball program has been making large strides of improvement and is on track to be very successful. The student leadership on the team is positive and determined to continue the habits of success, so congratulations ladies as you strive to prepare for play-offs. The football team has worked very hard to continue the success of last year despite the losses due to graduation and injuries. We are proud of the efforts these gentlemen give each day in and out of the classroom. I hope you have heard the exciting sounds of the marching band as they have led the spirit charge in the assemblies and on the field. They put in a lot of thankless hours in the summer sun to perform for the community. I also want to thank the students who have come out to support their fellow students in the variety of activities they are in. We are looking for these great kids to build up our "Super Fan" section.

PHS would like to recognize a teacher whose efforts in the areas of science including Science Olympiad and engineering has earned the Governors' award for having an extensive science program. Kristina Williams has given countless hours to the students helping them go above and beyond in the science field. Other advisors have helped her and to them we also want to say thanks for their time. PEVS is enriched with talented teachers who make a difference everyday.

SCHOOL LUNCH/BUS SAFETY WEEK

October 12-16 is National School Lunch Week. We would like to recognize all the individuals who work in our food service program.

October 19-23 is National School Bus Safety Week. This year's theme is "Avoid Harm, Obey the Stop Arm". Thanks to everyone that works in our transportation program.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOTE

The deadline to register to vote on November 3, 2009 is October 6. If you have moved or changed your name since the last time you voted, you should contact the Board of Elections. Remember to take your valid driver's license with you when you vote.

Anyone who chooses to vote an absentee ballot may request one by calling the Board of Elections office at the number listed below, or by visiting the website at: www.sos.state.oh.us. Absentee ballots **must be in** the Board of Elections office by noon on October 31. Absentee voters who come to the Board of Elections office may vote until November 2.

If you have any questions about your voting status, please contact the Paulding County Board of Elections, 105 East Perry Street, Paulding, 419-399-8230 or email paulding@sos.state.oh.us.

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICKUP

We ask all drivers to remain in a single file line at drop off and pickup times. If you need to enter the building, please park your vehicle in a visitor spot, so other drivers will not pass, creating two lanes of traffic. Please use the sidewalks walking to and from your vehicles. We are asking everyone's cooperation for the safety of our students.

A.B.L.E./G.E.D.

A.B.L.E. (Adult Basic and Literacy Education) is designed to help adult learners who need a review of basic subjects such as reading, writing and mathematics. Basic computer, literacy and preparation for the General Education Development (G.E.D.) diploma are also available through A.B.L.E. classes. Attendance at one orientation session is required. Classes are optional. Locations and schedules follow:

Paulding One Stop, (Orientation and classes held at Marshall Foundation, 101 E. Perry St., Paulding.) 419-399-3345
Orientation: 10/5, 11/9-12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Classes: M, W-12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Vantage Career Center, 818 N. Franklin St., Van Wert, OH 45891, 1-800-686-3944
Orientation: 10/5, 11/9-5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Classes: M, W-5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

PARENTS AS VOLUNTEERS

A number of opportunities are available to parents who wish to volunteer their time. The following groups work with and support students. The groups and the current officers are listed below. Please consider contacting anyone on the list to see how you can help.

Athletic Booster Officers

Pres: Mike Mott V. Pres: Linda Dangler
Secretary: Bridgett Ruppert
Co-Treasurers: Patti Bissell & Jackie Pease
Paulding Elementary PTO Officers

Pres: Erin Johanns V. Pres: Cindy Brewer
Sec: Deb Herman Treas: Stephanie Hull
Scrip: Stacy McGarvey
Oakwood Elementary PTO Officers

Pres: Deedi Miller V. Pres: Kim Grimes
Sec:LouCinda Horstman Treas: Jeanine Keyes
Science Olympiad

Pres: Theresa Busch Sec: Jane Nice

Band Boosters

Pres: Betty Donaldson Sec: Jane Nice

V. Pres: Rachel Harpel Treas: Vicki Gerschutz

FFA Alumni

Pres: Russ Rager V. Pres: Mike Kauser
Sec: Cheryl Schlatter Treas: Rena Rager

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

7th Grade Football

Oct. 13 LCC-H 5:00
Oct. 22 Tinora-T 4:30

8th Grade Football

Oct. 1 Crestview-T 5:00
Oct. 8 Delphos Jefferson-H 5:00
Oct. 15 Bluffton-T 5:00

Freshman Football

Oct. 5 Archbold-H 4:30
Oct. 12 Spencerville-H 5:00
Oct. 26 LCC-T 5:00

JV Football

Oct. 10 Allen East-H 10:00a
Oct. 17 Columbus Grove-H 10:00a

Varsity Football

Oct. 2 Ada-H 7:30
Oct. 9 Allen East-T 7:30
Oct. 16 Columbus Grove-T 7:30
Oct. 23 Bluffton-H 7:30
Oct. 30 Crestview-T 7:30

Cross Country

Oct. 1 Bryan-H 5:00
Oct. 8 Edgerton-T 4:30
Oct. 13 Wayne Trace-Antwerp-H 4:30
Oct. 17 NWC Meet@LCC-T 9:00a

JH Volleyball

Oct. 1 Crestview-H 5:00
Oct. 5 Spencerville-T 5:00
Oct. 8 Columbus Grove-H 5:00
Oct. 12 Delphos Jefferson-T 5:00
Oct. 15 Defiance-H 4:30
Oct. 19 Van Wert-H 5:00

Freshman Volleyball

Oct. 8 Spencerville-T 5:00
Oct. 10 Leipsic Tourney-T 9:00a
Oct. 13 Parkway-T 4:30
Oct. 15 Tinora-H 4:30

JV/Varsity Volleyball

Oct. 1 Lincolnview-H 6:00
Oct. 3 Archbold Spiketacular-T 9:00a
Oct. 5 Hicksville-T 5:30
Oct. 6 Ada-H 6:00
Oct. 8 Spencerville-T 6:00
Oct. 12 Wauseon-T 6:00
Oct. 13 Allen East-H 6:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Oct. 1 Trine University College Rep 8:00a
Oct. 1 FFA District Soils-Upper Sandusky
Oct. 3 FFA Greenhand Conf.-Versailles
Oct. 5 NW State Comm. College Rep 1:00
Oct. 7 University of Toledo Rep 1:30
Oct. 6 3rd Grade OAT Reading Test
Oct. 6 OakEl Kdg Parent Reading Night 7:00p
Oct. 7 Oak. El. Fire Safety/Prevention Day
Oct. 7 Picture Day-Pldg. Elem.
Oct. 7 Athletic Booster Meeting 7:00
Oct. 9 Rhodes State College Rep 9:30
Oct. 9 FFA Fruit Sales Begin
Oct. 12 Jostens Mtg w/SRS
Oct. 12 Ivy Tech College Rep 1:45
Oct. 12 FFA Chapter Mtg-Ag Room 6:30p
Oct. 13 Flu Shots-Oak. Elem. 8:30a-11:30
Oct. 13 Flu Shots-Pldg. Elem. 10:30a-12:30
Oct. 13 University of Toledo Rep 9:30
Oct. 14 PSAT Test-Juniors 7:30a-11
Oct. 14 Am Red Cross Blood Dr-HS 8:30a-1:30
Oct. 15 FFA Dist Ag Sales-New Riegel/Mohawk
Oct. 15 BGSU College Rep 1:00
Oct. 16 3rd Gr. "Kids on the Block" Program
Oct. 16 M.S. Picture Day
Oct. 19 Ursuline College Rep 10:30
Oct. 19 Hocking College Rep 12:15
Oct. 19 Manchester College Rep 8:00a
Oct. 20 College Fair-Wayne Trace H.S. 7-8:30
Oct. 20 Board Mtg.-OakEl Caf  7:00p
Oct. 21-24 National FFA Convention-Indianapolis
Oct. 21 OakEl Mobile Dentist Visit
Oct. 21 OakEl Fall Picture Retakes Day
Oct. 23 END OF FIRST NINE WEEKS
Oct. 24 ACT Test 7:30a-1:00
Oct. 26 Band Booster Mtg.-Band Room 7:00
Oct. 27 Choir Concert-Auditeria 7:30
Oct. 26-30 IAT/OGT Testing
Oct. 27 Sounds/Stadium Band Concert-Aud7:00
Oct. 28 Grade Cards Go Home
Oct. 30 OakEl Kdg Family Reading Day 3:00
Oct. 31 HS Band Halloween Parade-Pldg 1:00