



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Paulding Exempted Village Schools,
It's hard to believe that we have reached the midpoint of the 2018-2019 school year. Much has been accomplished both academically and in our co-curricular activities. Please encourage your children to keep up the good work to do their best every day. As winter approaches and the weather changes, I would like to remind you to be extra careful as you travel to and from school and extra-curricular events. Be cautious around the buses and give them plenty of room to maneuver. The most important goal of our transportation department is to get all children to school and back home each day safely. To that end, bus routes may take extra time on inclement days and therefore, may not be timely at all bus stops. Please keep your Honeywell Instant Alert account up to date. If you need assistance, please contact the secretary in your child's building. Likewise, be especially mindful of our new student drivers who have never driven in snowy, icy weather. If you are the parent of one these drivers, please remind them that being a little late, yet safe is the most important thing. Academic Hall of Fame nominations are being accepted until February 1. This program recognizes and honors former PEVS graduates. The application is on our website under the Academics tab, or you may stop in the Administration office and pick one up. I want to wish all of you the best during this holiday season. Take time to be thankful for the good things. Enjoy your families!
Ken Amstutz
Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Greg Puthoff
Happy New Year to everyone in the Paulding School District! It is that time of the year to make resolutions and commitments to improve our lives! We are constantly working towards making our school better. We are looking forward to an excellent 2019! Our PTO held their annual Book Fair from December 10 -14. I watched as excited students went through the book fair and bought books, posters, pens and erasers. I know the fair was successful by watching the students. Our 4th grade students did a terrific job with our Christmas Concert. They performed in the morning for our students and in the evening for our parents. They also entertained at the Senior Citizen's Breakfast on December 10th. The 1st place Fifth Grade Spelling Bee winner was Olivia Franklin, with 2nd place going to Teegan Cameron and 3rd place to Colten Hunt. Olivia is now preparing for the County-wide Spelling Bee at Payne Elementary on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00pm. High School Athletes visited our students for Reading is a Sport on December 7. Students are working on meeting their reading goals. The Reading is a Sport form is due on Friday, January 11th. Reading is a Sport's students will be honored at the Boys Varsity Basketball game on Monday, January 28th. Students in grades 3rd - 5th will be singing the National Anthem at the Boys Varsity Basketball game on Saturday, February 9th. Please come and participate with our students. A BIG THANKS to Mrs. Sloan for organizing the event. Hopefully you all were able to spend a lot of time with your family over the holiday break. The students were certainly excited for the break. We strive to make your child feel safe, happy and successful each day when they come to school. The Paulding Elementary Staff care about our students and try to meet the needs of each and every one of them. As we enter into the second half of our school year, we look forward to working with you to make 2019 a great year for our students!

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz
Happy New Year from Oakwood Elementary! It is hard to believe we are entering the third quarter and the second semester of the 2018-2019 school year. Second quarter grade cards will be sent home with students on January 8th. The halfway point in the school year and the beginning of a new calendar year 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. Perseverance is our character trait of focus for January, and the statement we use to define it is "I always give my best effort no matter how difficult the tasks are for me." I think this is a fitting trait to bring to our students' attention at this time of year as they work toward the goals they have set, even though the material becomes more challenging. Special Recognition is in order for a number of people:
*Our newly formed 3rd thru 6th grade choir, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp, performed twice in December. They sang for the PEVS Senior Citizens Breakfast on December 10th. They then, expanded their program in a fantastic "Legends of Christmas" concert on December 18th. Their performance definitely put the audience in the Christmas spirit!
*Our 4th graders participated in a poster contest promoting recycling. Tori Schlatter's design was selected as a billboard winner and can be seen on the billboard just outside of Oakwood as you are heading to Melrose. Joey Kipp's poster was selected as the Oakwood Elementary winning poster. Thank you to Becky Suvar for bringing this program to our school again this year.
*Our 1st graders put on "What? No Santa!" a reader's theater Christmas play for their family and friends on December 14th. Practicing with their teachers, Mrs. Holtsberry and Mrs. Arend, helped the students build fluency and expression making the play a great Christmas activity for their families to enjoy!
*Congratulations to our beginning band students! They now have one concert under their belts. On December 13th, under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Wehrkamp, the Oakwood Elementary beginning band students took family and friends on a journey from playing their first notes to playing some simple, but recognizable, songs. We look forward to seeing their continued progress at our Winter Band Concert on February 28th!
*Our 6th grade band brought Christmas excitement to the café on Wednesday, December 19th, when they played familiar Christmas tunes for our students as they ate lunch! Their next performance will also be at the Winter Band Concert on February 28th. We wish you a Very Happy, and Healthy New Year!

Middle School-Matt Carr
I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year from Paulding Middle School. I hope that all of you enjoyed your Christmas with family and friends and are excited for 2019. With Christmas break, it also signals the end of the first semester. It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year already. Report cards will go home on January 8. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's grades, do not hesitate to contact the school and their teachers. Our students were very busy throughout the month of December and will continue to be in January. Our band and choir participated in the Senior Citizen's breakfast and put on a great show for our community. I would like to thank those that came and hope you enjoyed yourself. A special thanks to Mr. Clapsaddle and Mr. Sandwisch for another great choir and band concert on December 16. It was great to see our students show off their musical talents in front of a great audience. The middle school will hold their annual Spelling Bee on Monday, January 7 at 8:30 AM in the Auditoria. The winner of the school spelling bee will go on to participate in the County Bee, which is scheduled to be on February 5 at Payne Elementary. Our students remain very busy in extra-curricular activities as the winter sports season is underway. We also have students participating in the Science Fair and Science Olympiad. It is great to see so many students putting in the extra work outside the classroom. Please make sure to keep a positive balance on your student's lunch account and also please make sure school fees are paid as well. These can be paid in full or set up on a payment plan by calling Mrs. Retcher in the office. As always, I would like to thank you for your support of Paulding Middle School. Remember at Paulding Middle School we want our

students to be the CHANGE that they want to see. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

High School-Chris Etzler
Happy New Year from Paulding High School!! Our hope is that you enjoyed the Christmas season with your family and friends, and that you are looking forward to a great 2019. The Senior Citizen's breakfast was once again a success. Thank you to those that came, and also to our students and staff that participated. We appreciate the support we get from our senior citizens and we hope you enjoyed the morning. Our annual Christmas Choir and Band concert on December 16, was another example of the great things going on here at PHS. Special thanks to Mr. Clapsaddle, Mr. Sandwisch, and our students for the wonderful performances again this year. Please come out and support our basketball teams, wrestlers and cheerleaders during this winter sports season. Sport schedules can be found on our website or can be picked up in the High School or Administration offices. Also, the Special Olympics basketball tournament will be held here on Saturday, January 5 all day. See the article below. Our Sophomores will be visiting Vantage Career Center on Friday, February 1. This give those students an opportunity to see what Vantage has to offer. Classes will resume on January 3, grade cards will be sent home on January 8, and there will be no school on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day. Please make sure to keep a positive balance on your student's lunch account and pay any school fees that are still outstanding. These can be paid in full or set up a payment plan by calling Mrs. Mansfield in the office. Thank you for your continued support of Paulding High School!!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Paulding High School and Middle School will be the site of the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament on Saturday, January 5, 2019. The games will start at 9:00 a.m. and last throughout the day. Fourteen teams from Northwest Ohio will be playing 2 games each with a new game starting every 75 minutes. The last game will begin at 4:30 p.m. Please come out and support these individuals as they compete in this tournament. The Paulding Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this event.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY
The Ohio Dental Association, in conjunction with the Dental Center of Northwest Ohio, will be honoring 'Give Kids a Smile Day' by providing FREE dental services for kids under the age of 18, on February 1, 2019. If you are interested in signing your child up for free dental services, please complete the form on the school website (www.pauldingschools.org) or call Beth Stoller, the school nurse, at 419-399-4656 ext. 1315 to request a form. The deadline to register is January 28, 2019.

PRESCHOOL 2018-2019
Parents interested in sending their child to the PEVS preschool for the remainder of this school year or next year, are required to bring their child to a screening prior to enrollment. The free screening will include height, weight, vision, hearing, speech and developmental delays. The screenings are available to all children in Paulding County, up to five years of age, regardless of the school district they will be attending. (Please note: If your child is already enrolled and will be returning to preschool, there is no need for another screening.) You may schedule an appointment by calling 419-399-4656 ext 1225. Walk-ins will be accepted, but you may have to wait for an opening in the schedule. The dates and locations of the screenings are as follows:
January 18, 2019
Paulding Elementary, 8:00 -11:30 am
Oakwood Elementary, 12:30 - 3:00 pm
March 8, 2019
Oakwood Elementary 8:00-11:30 am
Paulding Elementary 12:30-3:00 pm

April 5, 2019
Paulding Elementary 8:00-3:00
April 12, 2019
Oakwood Elementary 8:00-3:00
Parents whose children attend one of the screenings, and reside in the Paulding School District, will be contacted in the spring regarding the enrollment process. January is School Board Recognition Month.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

The 2019 theme is "School Boards: An All-Star Team." 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. Paulding FFA Alumni will be hosting a pan-

FFA PANCAKE & SAUSAGE SUPPER

cake and sausage supper on Friday, February 8 (make up date Feb 22) in the auditoria from 4:30-7:00pm. There is also a home boys basketball game on these dates. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3 for children 3-12, 2 and under are free.
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Jan. 11	Allen East-T	5:00
Jan. 12	Fairview-H	4:30
Jan. 18	Delphos Jefferson-H	6:00
Jan. 19	Ayersville-H	4:30
Jan. 25	Ada-T	5:00
Jan. 28	Holgate-H	6:00
<u>Freshman Basketball</u>		
Jan. 11	Allen East-T	5:00
Jan. 12	Fairview-H	4:30
Jan. 15	Van Wert-T	5:00
Jan. 19	Ayersville-H	4:30
Jan. 25	Ada-T	5:00
<u>JH Boys Basketball</u>		
Jan. 3	Wayne Trace-H	5:00
Jan. 8	Delphos Jefferson-H	5:00
Jan. 10	Fairview-H	5:00
Jan. 15	Lincolnvew-T	5:00
Jan. 17	Edgerton-T	5:00
Jan. 22	Crestview-H	5:00
Jan. 24	Antwerp-T	5:00
Jan. 29	Spencerville-T	5:00
<u>Girls JV/Varsity Basketball</u>		
Jan. 8	Delphos St. John-T	6:00
Jan. 10	Allen East-H	6:00
Jan. 14	Ayersville-H	6:00
Jan. 15	Van Wert-H	6:00
Jan. 17	Delphos Jefferson-T	6:00
Jan. 22	Tinora-H	6:00
Jan. 24	Ada-H	6:00
<u>JH Girls Basketball</u>		
Jan. 8	Delphos Jefferson-T	5:00
Jan. 10	Fairview-T	5:00
Jan. 15	Lincolnvew-H	5:00
Jan. 17	Wayne Trace-H	5:00
Jan. 22	Crestview-T	5:00
Jan. 29	Spencerville-H	5:00
<u>Varsity Wrestling</u>		
Jan. 12	Lima Senior Invite-T	10:00
Jan. 19	Archbold Duals-T	9:00
Jan. 26	Celina Invite-T	9:00
<u>JH Wrestling</u>		
Jan. 5	Antwerp Invite-T	9:30
Jan. 10	Van Wert@DSJ-T	5:00
Jan. 12	Ayersville Inv-T	9:30
Jan. 3	Classes resume	

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Jan. 4	OE 5th/6th gr Spelling Bee	
Jan. 5	Special Olympics Tourn- all day	
Jan. 7	MS Spelling Bee, Aud	8:30a
Jan. 7	Band Bstr Mtg, Band Room	7:00p
Jan. 8	Grade cards go home	
Jan. 9	Athletic Booster Meeting	5:30p
Jan. 11	ACT deadline for Feb 10 test	
Jan. 15	Board Meeting, Adm. Bldg	7:00p
Jan. 18	Preschool Screening-see article	
Jan. 21	NO SCHOOL-MLK Day	
Jan. 25	OE Kdg. Family Read Day	2:30p
Jan. 28	Sci Olymp Booster Mtg-Aud	7:00p

