



PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

It's hard to believe that the start of fall and October are upon us. The first six weeks of the 2018-2019 school year have been very successful and my hope is that it's just the beginning with many, even better accomplishments to follow.

As I shared with you last month, at the regular August Board of Education meeting, the Board voted to place the *RENEWAL* of the 5-year Emergency Levy on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot. Let me share some facts regarding the levy...

1. The levy was first approved by voters in May 1981 and has been renewed 8 times.
2. The original levy was for 8.0 mills with the renewal levy being reduced to 1.804 mills.
3. The levy generates \$418,250 annually for operating expenses.
4. The areas of focus for the levy will be the increasing needs for special education services, safety and security, technology and educational resources.
5. The ongoing uncertainty of state and federal funding makes the levy essential for the financial stability of the district.
6. The levy will assist us in meeting the ever increasing needs in our community and the constant changes mandated by the Ohio Department of Education and Legislature.
7. NO NEW TAXES!!

The district works continuously to keep expenses in line with revenues while offering high quality educational opportunities to our students. As always is the case, wise use of taxpayers' dollars is of utmost concern. We strive every day to spend only what is needed and save where we can to ensure we are being fiscally responsible. We are very appreciative of the financial resources you provide us to support our top priority – the students. The excellent things happening in our schools would not be possible without your continued support. All of us need to understand that our children are our future and we strive every day to keep them as our top priority. Be sure to let us know how we are doing.

Just a reminder... the end of the first nine weeks is Friday, October 19th and there is no school on Monday, October 22nd for quarter break.

If you have comments or concerns about the Emergency Levy Renewal or the school district in general, please feel free to contact me at any time. My email address is k_amstutz@pauldingschools.org - phone number 419-399-4656 x 1510. **Go Panthers!!**

Ken Amstutz, Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Greg Puthoff

The 2018-2019 school year continues to go very well. Attendance of our students continues to be excellent. We are continuing our Incentive Program for Student Attendance. We plan to start the program at the end of September. We reduced the number of students absent by 14 students per day last year. Please continue to call the school when your child(ren) are absent, late or need to leave early. It works better when everyone knows the plan.

As mentioned in my September letter, we are planning many student activities to expand the learning process outside the classroom. Students learn in many different ways and we are trying to promote the different learning styles. On September 21, approximately 135 students, along with Mrs. Dawn Sloan, our Music Teacher, attended the Varsity Football game and we sang the Fight Song along with the High School Band. This was a great opportunity for our students to show off their Music skills, work with the High School Band, and to be part of a community event. Congrats to the Football Team on their exciting victory. Our fourth and fifth grade students also attended programs at Paulding County Fairgrounds this month.

We will not have school on Monday, October 22 (Quarter Break). Midterms were sent home on September 19th. Picture Day at Paulding Elementary is on Monday, October 1st. Report Cards will be sent home on Thursday, October 25th. Party in the Park and the Halloween Parade will be held on Friday, October 26th. The Paulding Elementary Fund Raiser Kick Off is scheduled on Monday, October 29th. Last year, we bought I-pads for our Kindergarten Classrooms and playground equipment for our students to use at recess time. I would like to continue to improve our playground with the money we raise through our fundraiser.

Paulding Schools have a Parent Instant Alert System to notify parents when our schools

are delayed or closed. You will receive a phone call or text message if we have your correct phone number. Go to our website, click on the Parent tab and you will find directions on how to sign up. We also post the delays and closings on our website.

Our cafeteria is doing a great job feeding our students. We provide a breakfast to all of our students in the morning, except on a three-hour delay. Students who eat breakfast are allowed in the school at 7:40. Research has shown that eating breakfast each morning helps students achieve better. The cafeteria also provides an energizing lunch each day for our students. If your son or daughter has not eaten breakfast or lunch at school, give it a try. Our students tell me how good our food is every day.

As the year progresses, students will start having more homework. Please help your child(ren) by having a homework routine at your home. For example, allow your child(ren) to come home and relax for 30 minutes. They may want to eat a snack. Then have your child(ren) start a 15 – 40 minute homework time. Our younger students should have about 15 – 20 minutes. Our older students should have about 30 – 40 minutes. Make the room quiet by turning off the television, computer, cell phone, etc. so they can concentrate on their work. If they have no homework, have the student read a newspaper or magazine. Our younger students may need an older sibling or parent to read to them.

My door is always open to students, staff and parents. I encourage parents to monitor grades through Progress-Book and stay in contact with teachers as we move through the school year. Our students will do better if we all work together.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on picture perfect late September day!! I am starting my article with some really good news: district and building State report cards were released in mid-September; and Oakwood Elementary earned an overall grade of an A for the 2017-2018 school year! I also get to share that we have had a fantastic start to the 2018-2019 school year!

The students have settled into daily and weekly routines and should be able to tell you what is expected of them in their classrooms. One of the routines teachers have been establishing is what is expected of students in regards to homework. Students at all grade levels have some form of homework throughout the week. Homework is generally designed to practice skills being introduced in the classroom. It is not meant to be a frustration to students or parents; and if your child continually has difficulty completing assigned tasks, please contact the classroom teacher to share what you are observing at home. Together, you can clarify expectations and brainstorm ways to make things go more smoothly.

As I type this, we have just completed our Fall Safe Schools Week drills. We practiced each of the drills throughout the week. Before each drill, we took time to explain when it might be put into action "for real" and why it is important to practice. Our number one job for students during these drills is to listen and do what they are told right away. Staff and students all did an outstanding job with our practices this week. While we hope we never have to conduct any of our Safe School practices in a real emergency, it is good to know a workable plan is in place and is understood by staff and students. *We look forward to having our local firefighters and EMTs visiting us the next time we practice our Fire Drill, as it will be Fire Safety Day!

As always, we need and appreciate the support of our whole community to make Oakwood Elementary a great place to learn and grow – thank you for being there for us!

Middle School-Matt Carr

Hello from Paulding Middle School. Our school year has gotten off to a fast and wonderful start. I would like to thank everyone for your support in my first year as principal. It's hard to believe we are half way through the first nine weeks already. We are hoping to continue this great start and having a wonderful rest of the school year.

Mid-term reports were sent home with your student on September 20. Please look over the report to make sure your student has started off on a good note. If you have questions about the report, please do not hesitate to call or email your student's teacher(s) to discuss it. Our staff is more than willing to talk or sit down with you to talk about your student's progress and offer ways of improvement.

Please make sure to keep a positive balance on your student's lunch account, and make sure book fees are paid. Fees can be paid in full or a payment plan can be set up with Mrs. Retcher in the office. Also, if you have

not completed the Final Forms, please get those completed ASAP. If you need help, please don't hesitate to call the office.

Our athletic teams are starting to wind down their seasons, but there is still time to come out and support them. These students have put in hours of hard work. Our Volleyball teams will be competing in the NWC tournament in mid-October and our cross country runners will also be competing in the NWC meet on October 13. Good luck to all of our fall athletes on the remainder of their season. We will conduct our annual Safe Schools Week October 1-5. During this time, we will practice drills at school that will help prepare our staff and students if an emergency does arise during the school day.

Our picture retake day will be on October 19. The first nine weeks grading period ends on October 19, and grade cards will be mailed home on October 25. School will not be in session on Monday, October 22 for our quarter break.

We are excited to extend our TEAM concept this year where we will have incentives for our students based on their behavior and grades. All students received a Paulding Middle School t-shirt with our slogan for the year. We completed our first competition in a Family Feud game during the last week of September. We want our students to be the CHANGE that they want to see. We will continue to work with our students on taking more responsibility and making changes for the better.

Finally, congratulations to the following students who have been selected as our student council this year: Sixth grade—Peyton Manz, Cully Thompson, Ameriona Stiltner, Marley Parrett, and Grace Goyings; Seventh grade - Carla Manz, Malia Manz, Elli Barton, Emma Townley, and Aiden Miller; and Eighth grade - Emma McClure, Wyatt Jefferies, Olivia Porter, Sydney Trahin, and Carmen Reno.

As always, do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. Go Panthers!

High School-Chris Etzler

Hello from Paulding High School! Our school year has gotten off to a great start, and I would like to thank everyone for your help and support in making that happen. My hope is that the rest of the school year goes as smoothly as the first several weeks have.

You should have received your student's first nine week's mid-term report. They were sent home with your student on September 20. If you have not yet, please look over the report to make sure your student's year has started off on a good note. If you have questions about the report, please do not hesitate to call their teacher(s) to discuss it. Our staff is more than willing to talk or sit down with to talk about your student's progress and offer ways they could improve.

Please make sure to keep a positive balance on your student's lunch account and also please make sure school fees are paid. These can be paid in full or a payment plan can be set up with Mrs. Mansfield in the office.

Please come out and support our athletic teams this season. These students have put in many hours of hard work and practice and would appreciate your support during their games/matches.

We will conduct our annual Safe Schools Week October 2-3. During this time, we will practice fire and safety drills to ensure our students and staff know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Our Homecoming game for the 2018 football season will be on October 12 vs. Ada. The other events that will happen that week are as follows: He-Man volleyball on October 8, Powder Puff football and the Bonfire on October 11, and the Homecoming Dance on October 13. More information about these events will be shared with students.

The first nine weeks grading period ends on October 19, and grade cards will be mailed home on October 25. We will not have school on Monday, October 22 as it will serve as a quarter break for students and staff.

On Friday, October 26, we will have Brad Hurtig come and speak to our students about perseverance and overcoming adversity. Brad will also perform a concert at the 5th Quarter party after the football game that night in the auditoria.

Thank you for your continued support of Paulding High School!

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: Brett Kauser, V. Pres: Jill Adams, Co-

Treasurers: Leslie Townley and Melissa Tope.

Facebook page— Paulding Panthers Athletic Boosters.

Twitter—PHS Athletic Boosters

Paulding Elementary PTO Officers

V. Pres: Katie Sunday, Treas: Kelly Agler. Currently seeking officers and members.

Oakwood Elementary PTO Officers

Pres: Kylee Miller, Sec: Joann Bail, Treas: Mandy Woods, Deedi Miller—Script Coordinator.

Science Olympiad

Co-Pres: Shellie Clapsaddle and Linda Reineck, Sec: Michelle Luderman, Treas: open.

Band Boosters

Pres: Jeremy Thompson, Vice-Pres: Jeanne LeMieux, Sec: Carla Morris, Treas: Eric Dearth

FFA ALUMNI

The Paulding FFA Alumni meets quarterly in the Ag Room at Paulding High School. Future meetings are Monday, Nov 13, 2018 and Monday, Feb 11, 2019, both at 7:00 p.m in the Ag room. Whether you were an FFA member or not, you can join the Alumni and be a part of an organization that prides itself in helping make FFA students' lives better. Your commitment helps ensure the continued success of America's premier youth leadership organization. To join, please contact one of the following officers: Pres: Dan Howell, V. Pres: Randy Lunderman, Sec: Kelli Schlatter, Treas: Rena Rager.

CLOSINGS & DELAY INFORMATION

All closings and delay announcements are sent out through the Honeywell Instant Alert System. You can access your account to make updates by clicking on the Parent Links tab on our website. The announcements are also posted on our website and broadcasted by the following radio and TV stations: FM 98.1, FM 99.7, TV Channels 15, 21, 33 and 24.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Varsity Football

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| Oct. 5 | Allen East-T | 7:00 |
| Oct. 12 | Ada-H (Homecoming) | 7:00 |
| Oct. 19 | Spencerville-H | 7:00 |
| Oct. 26 | Crestview-H | 7:00 |

JV Football

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| Oct. 1 | Delphos Jefferson-H | 5:00 |
| Oct. 6 | Allen East-H | 10:00 |
| Oct. 13 | Ada-T | 10:00 |
| Oct. 20 | Spencerville-T | 10:00 |

Jr. High Football

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| Oct. 4 | Delphos Jefferson-T | 5:00 |
| Oct. 11 | Bluffton-H | 5:00 |
| Oct. 18 | Ada-A | 5:00 |

JV/Varsity Volleyball

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| Oct. 1 | Hicksville-H | 4:30 |
| Oct. 4 | Crestview-T | 5:30 |
| Oct. 9 | Lincolnview-H (Senior Night) | 4:30 |

Freshman Volleyball

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| Oct. 1 | Hicksville-H | 4:30 |
| Oct. 9 | Lincolnview-H | 4:30 |
| Oct. 13 | Lincolnview@Hicksville | 10:00 |

JH Volleyball

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| Oct. 1 | Spencerville-H | 5:00 |
| Oct. 4 | Columbus Grove-T | 5:00 |
| Oct. 8 | Delphos Jefferson-H | 5:00 |
| Oct. 11 | Licolnview-T | 5:00 |

Boys Soccer

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| Oct. 1 | Lincolnview-T | 5:00 |
| Oct. 2 | Miller City-H | 5:00 |
| Oct. 6 | Ada-H (Senior Night) | 2:00 |
| Oct. 8 | Defiance-T | 5:00 |

Girls Soccer

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| Oct. 4 | Columbus Grove-T | 5:00 |
| Oct. 6 | Ada-H | 10:00 |
| Oct. 8 | Spencerville-H (Senior Night) | 5:00 |
| Oct. 9 | Allen East-T | 5:00 |

Cross Country

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| Oct. 6 | Antwerp Invite-T | 9:00 |
| Oct. 9 | County Meet-H | 4:30 |
| Oct. 13 | NWC Meet-Spencerville | 9:00 |

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

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| Oct. 1 | Picture Day-PE | |
| Oct. 1 | Band Booster Mtg | 7:00 |
| Oct. 2 | ASVAB test | |
| Oct. 2 | Mobile Dentist-PE | |
| Oct. 3 | Mobile Dentist-OE | |
| Oct. 10 | Athletic Booster Meeting | 5:30 |
| Oct. 10 | PSAT Test-Juniors | |
| Oct. 11 | FFA Fruit Sales begin | |
| Oct. 16 | Board Mtg.-OE Café | 7:00p |
| Oct. 19 | MS/HS Picture retakes | |
| Oct. 19 | END OF FIRST NINE WEEKS | |
| Oct. 21 | Fall Choir Concert-Auditeria | 3:00p |
| Oct. 22 | NO SCHOOL-Quarter Break | |
| Oct. 23 | Sounds of the Stadium | 7:00p |
| Oct. 23-27 | National FFA Conv-Louisville | |
| Oct. 25 | Grade Cards Go Home | |
| Oct. 26 | Brad Hurtig assembly & concert | |

