



The District 271 School Bell

"Ringin' Out Pertinent School News From Our District"

April, 2015

Paw Paw School District No. 271
Paw Paw, Illinois 61353

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

When Cindy and I moved to Paw Paw, we planned to live, work and retire here. Our retirement plan included buying a motorhome and traveling year-round. As chance would have it, we have fallen in love with the residents and the children of the town. Because of that affection, we have decided to retire here in the community well after we retire. Why should my plans matter to you? Because you need to know both Cindy and I have a vested interest in the future of Paw Paw and the school.

With that in mind, please understand that my top priority is the future of the school and the success of our children because they are the future of Paw Paw. In the coming months, the board and administration will be faced with some difficult choices concerning staff and programs. Our goal is to keep everything we can while working toward a balanced budget. Given the current fiscal issues in the state of Illinois, this is a very difficult process. We need your support and understanding to make this work to keep our school doors open.

We are also committed to keeping our tax rate as reasonable as possible and have taken steps to refinance most of our debt in order to keep tax levies from rising drastically. If these steps had not taken place, our county bond levy would have gone up by 60% over the next two years. The board has been proactive in an effort to maintain level taxes as well as allowing me to work toward a balanced budget.

This is all possible because Paw Paw is a great small town in which the community pulls together and everyone works toward what is best for others. I cannot stress strongly enough how essential it is to keep this school viable well into the future. As many of you know, once a town loses its school, it also loses its heart. My overriding goal for Paw Paw is to see this district survive well beyond my years as Superintendent. I hope you will join both the board and me in that effort and work alongside us in these very difficult financial times.

Graduation/Promotion Dates

8th grade - Thursday, May 28, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

High School - Friday, May 29, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Next School Board Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Paw Paw High School

Media Center





Paw Paw Schools



STUDENT OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY

Kindergarten, Mrs. Williams - Michael Bedford
 1st grade, Mrs Nelson - Logan Schrader
 2nd grade, Mrs. Grzanich - Liam Bemis
 3rd grade, Mrs. Moorehead - Lucas Odle
 4th grade, Mrs. LeMat - Jason Carlock
 5th grade, Mrs. Marks - Hannah Nitz
 Title I Mrs. Siemers - Hank Hickey

SPRING CONCERT DATES :

The K-5 spring music concert will be held on
 Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
 The Jr/Sr Band and Choir concert is set for
 Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for fun-filled evenings of song
 and dance.

THANK YOU . . .

Thank you to Mrs. Jill Hoelzer, director, and Mr. Travis Kemmerer, music director, for all of your hard work that you put in to presenting the stage play "Oklahoma", held recently at Paw Paw High School. Also, thank you to all of the volunteers who gave up their time and talent for the students at Paw Paw High School. The students couldn't have done it without all of your help. Last, but not least, thank you to the students of Paw Paw High School for all your hard work and giving up your time to attend all the practices. All of you did a wonderful job!!

WYSE TEAM

The WYSE team competed at sectionals held at Northern Illinois University on March 5th. Congratulations to Matthew Swed for advancing to the state competition. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to Zac Clayton for having tied for 5th place overall at the Jr. 10 spelling bee and to the team for taking 3rd in conference, held recently at Indian Creek Jr. High School.

ACADEMIC BOWL

Congratulations to the Paw Paw Academic Bowl Team for placing 1st in the 2015 Little 10 Conference Tournament! This is the team's third 1st place finish in a row! The team members are:

John Hoelzer (Co-Captain)
 Matt Swed (Co-Captain)
 Orestes Franco
 Allee Marshall
 James Sensenbrenner
 Austin Buffington
 Patrick Wiley
 William Zeman
 Sarah Cardenas
 Cassidy Fairchild
 Julia Hoelzer
 Joe McKee

Paw Paw is proud of you!!

From the Ag Shop . . .

Again the Ag Shop will be selling heirloom tomato plants and pepper plants this spring, If interested contact Mrs. Brummel ext.215.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who donated, worked and/or attended the FFA Auction. We could not have done it without all of you!

Prairie State Achievement Award Recipients

Congratulations to Orestes Franco, John Hoelzer and James Sensenbrenner for exceeding the Illinois Learning Standards on the 2014 Prairie State Achievement Examination.

Orestes received recognition for his academic performance in science and reading, John received recognition in reading, mathematics, science and writing and James Sensenbrenner for his performance in reading, mathematics and science. Nice work and congratulations!



JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS AWARD CEREMONY

The Jr. High and High School winter sports award ceremony was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. The award winners were as follows:

8TH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Hustle Award – Justin Williams
Most Improved Award – Anthony Castaldo
Most Valuable Player – Jase VanBeek

7TH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player – Michael Lampson
Hustle Award – Brennen McNally
Coaches Award – Jon Bevans
Most Improved Player – Sam Benson

8TH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player – Claire Hicks
Hustle Award – Claire Hicks
Most Improved Player – Jessica Davison

7TH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player – Brooke Heiman
Most Improved Player – Caytlin Prodzenski
Hustle Award – JoDee Edwards
Coaches Award – Jasmine Pitman

JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS

Leadership Award – Jessica Solis
Friendship Award – Jillian Hanson
Most Spirit Award – Andrea McCord
Most Improved Award – Destiny Ness
Most Dedicated Award – Jessica Davison
Best Stunting Award – Brooke Heiman
Best Overall Award – Sera Dalki
Best Personality Award – Trysta Foster

GIRLS BASKETBALL - VARSITY

Most Valuable Player – Joslyn Hopkins
Most Improved Award – LeeAnn Smith
Coaches Award – Madyson Aloisio
Defensive Award – Julia Penman

BOYS BASKETBALL - VARSITY

Most Valuable Player – Patrick Wiley
Coaches Award – Jason Kidd
Most Improved Player – Cameron Hendricks
Defensive/Hustle Award – Trevor Oros

BOYS BASKETBALL - J.V.

Most Valuable Player – Cleveland Hollenback
Most Improved Player – Finn Mertens
Defensive/Hustle Award – Cleveland Hollenback
Coaches Award – Brandon Heiman

POMS

Leadership Award – Katie Thompson
Most Spirit Award – Ashley Delhotal
Coaches Award – Brianna Bevans

LITTLE 10 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Madyson Aloisio, Anastasia Pfeiffer, James Sensenbrenner and Patrick Wiley

Congratulations to our Jr High 7th grade girls basketball team on earning 2nd place in the Jr. 10 Conference this year. Nice job ladies!!

Accelerated Reader Update

The following students met their February Accelerated Reader goals: First Grade – Alexia Alderson, Rilen Blankenhagen, Logan Edwards, Hannah Gonzalez, Hank Hickey, Mason Hoadley, Kate Hoffer, Nick Hoffer, Lukas Johnston, Jaelynn Mathis, Jayden Ness, Matthew Ness, Bethany Odle, Logan Schrader, Paytan Wolgast. Second Grade – Alexis Adkins, Adriana Allen, William Bemis, Paloma Cardenas, Christian Cooper, Blake Goodbred, Zenobia Hollenback, Ryden LeGrand, Bella Mateja, Liam McLaughlin. Third Grade – Dayton Alderson, Abby Benson, Lilliane Brower, Kyle Davison, Grayson Dorsey, Alexandria Edwards, Mackenna Hawbaker, Natalie Hollenback, Joey Jensen, Hanna Jones, Jakob McNally, Aaron Ness, Lucas Odle, Landon Schrader, Jada Taylor, Jayla Taylor, Ava Volkert, Paige Williams. Fourth Grade – Alyssa Adkins, Jacob Alderson, Ella Benson, Saul Cardenas, Tess Clayton, Cayden Hopkins, Victoria McCannon, Ruby Reyes. Fifth Grade – Finn Clayton, Kelly Fairchild, Jillian Hanson, Samantha Katschke, Shailey Mathis, Triston McLaughlin, Matthew Miller, David Negrete, Destiny Ness, Hannah Nitz, Shayne Prodzenski, Grant Schlorff, Jordan Wilkinson, Aiden Znaniecki.

These students met their goals for the year during the month of February: Logan Edwards, Zenobia Hollenback, Lilliane Brower, Jakob McNally, Jada Taylor, Jacob Alderson, Jillian Hanson, Samantha Katschke, Shailey Mathis, Triston McLaughlin, and Matthew Miller.

Point leaders for each grade:

Kindergarten – Michael Bedford, Brie Clayton, Kylee Cooper, Colin McLaughlin, Christian Mosher, Sarah Smith

First Grade – Kate Hoffer, Hank Hickey, Hannah Gonzalez

Second Grade – Liam McLaughlin, Paloma Cardenas, Christian Cooper

Third Grade – Abby Benson, Ava Volkert, Dayton Alderson

Fourth Grade – Ruby Reyes, Victoria McCannon, Jacob Alderson

Fifth Grade – Grant Schlorff, Aiden Znaniecki, Finn Clayton.

BULLDOG POWER

During the month of January, the students received Bulldog tickets for being kind. Mahala Gonzalez was the first ticket pulled and the Bulldog sign is hanging outside her classroom. Jakob McNally, Jada Taylor, Grayson Dorsey, Hayden Carlock, Christian Mosher, and Paloma Cardenas all were chosen and awarded a book, poster, and a bookmark. February's theme is perseverance. The students will be earning tickets by trying to overcome challenge and sticking through a situation even if challenges arise.

Also, we are still looking for prize donations. Anything big or small! Your trash maybe our treasure. Please send them in to either Mrs. Marks or Mrs. Williams.

FROM THE LIBRARIES . . .

Something FISHY is going on in the LIBRARY! National Library Week will be celebrated April 13-17 in the Elementary Library. The 2015 theme is Unlimited possibilities @ your library so we are going "UNDER THE SEA"! What wondrous mysteries can we find?



Elementary BOGO Book Fair will be April 7-10



***“There is more treasure in books,
than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island.”***

-Walt Disney

The students of Paw Paw Schools have truly raked in the loot from reading! During the Month of December, 45 students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade earned a free Magic Waters ticket for reading 6 hours or 360 minutes. January was quite the ride with 37 students earning a free ticket to Six Flags Great America. 41 Students hit it out of the park reading for a free ticket to a Kane County Cougars game by participating in the Ozzie Reading Club program. 27 of the readers and their parents will be attending the April 11th game. Congratulations to all of our readers! Magic Waters and Six Flags tickets will be awarded at the end of the year assembly.

Student Council News:

The Blood Drive held on March 16, 2015 was a success. We collected 27 pints of blood and saved 81 lives. We needed two more pints in order to give two deserving seniors scholarship money. Seniors supporting the blood drives throughout the year have an opportunity to compete for a \$500 scholarship and one lucky senior will win it.

Student Council has sponsored two activities to raise money for the March of Dimes. The staff contributed over \$300.00. If the staff paid a fee to the March of Dimes they could wear jeans the first three weeks of March. The high school students are collecting dimes for the Spirit Stick Competition in March. A special thanks to Anita Hopkins for suggesting the staff activity for the March of Dimes.

April will conclude the activities to determine the winner of the Spirit Stick Competition for 2014-2015. Currently, the Freshmen are in the lead. Go Bulldogs!

*Daddy Daughter Dance
2015*

Presented by Paw Paw PPO

Saturday, April 11th, 6-9 pm

*Paw Paw Senior High Gym
\$10/Couple - \$3 additional daughter*

*Photo packages available through
Three Angels Photography*

*There will be food and
professional DJ!!*

*Market Day Delivery:
Tuesday, April 21st!*

SOLE4SOULS SHOE DONATION



Clean out your closets and donate used shoes to aid those in crisis in the United States and abroad.



Tie shoe strings together or keep them together with a rubber band.



Place in donation box in the main foyer of the High School.



APRIL MENU - PAW PAW SCHOOLS

Milk available at all lunches
Menu Subject to Change Due to Availability AND School Closings

Gr. K-6 \$2.00
Gr. 7-12 \$2.25
Adults \$2.55
Extra Milk 35 carton

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Hamburger patty Mashed potatoes/gravy Green beans Peaches, roll 1	Taco Salad with Meat, cheese, lettuce, chips Orange Choc chip cookie 2	NO SCHOOL
NO SCHOOL	Chicken patty/bun Savory fries Applesauce Brownie 7	Hot dog/bun Tator tots Baked beans Juice box 8	Pizza Lettuce salad Pineapple 9 P butter choc chip cookie	1/2 Day of School NO LUNCH 10
Corny dogs Tri tators Corn Strawberry cup 13	Grilled cheese sandwich Tomato soup Pears Carrots/p. butter 14	Breaded pork/bun French fries Green beans Peaches 15	Taco salad with Meat, lettuce, cheese, chips Orange Snickerdoodle 16	Cheese breadstick Marinara sauce Lettuce salad Apple 17
Rib on a bun French fries Baked beans 20 Mandarin oranges	Chicken nuggets Savory fries Peaches Corn 21	Ham & cheese/bun Sun chips Carrots/p. butter Apple 22	Pizza Lettuce salad Pineapple Oatmeal cookie 23	Cheese quesadilla Lettuce salad Juice box Dbl choc chip cookie 24
Hot dog/bun Tri tators Carrots/p. butter Orange 27	Creamed turkey over Mashed potatoes Corn, roll Juice box, pumpkin bar 28	Corn dog Tator tots Pears Green beans 29	Taco salad with Meat, lettuce, cheese, chips Apple Snickerdoodle 30	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL



03	No School	17	4:30 PMHSBB & SB at Somonauk
06	4:30 PMHSBB & SB at Indian Creek	20	7:00 PM School Board Meeting
06	No School	20	4:30 PM HSBB & SB w/Earlville-Leland
07	4:30 PMHSBB & SB w/Indian Creek	21	Market Day
09	4:30 PMHSBB & SB at Hinckley Big Rock	21	4:30 PM HSBB & SB at Earlville-Leland
10	4:30 PMHSBB & SB w/Hinckley Big Rock	23	4:30 PM HSBB & SB at Newark
10	P/T Conferences - Noon Dismissal	24	4:30 PM HSBB & SB w/Newark
11	6:00 PM PPO Daddy/Daughter Dance (HS Gym)	24	Mid-term of 4th Quarter
13	4:30 PMHSBB & SB w/LaMoille	25	9:00 AM HSBB & SB w/Wethersfield (DH)
14	4:30 PMHSBB & SB at LaMoille	27	4:30 PM HSBB & SB w/Serena
16	4:30 PMHSBB & SB w/Somonauk	28	4:30 PM HSBB & SB at Serena

Upcoming Events

Dates to Remember

- ~ April 3 - *NO SCHOOL*
- ~ April 6 - *NO SCHOOL*
- ~ April 7-19 BOGO Free Book Fair
- ~ April 13-17 LIBRARY WEEK
- ~ April 10 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, noon dismissal
- ~ April 20 - School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- ~ April 24 - Mid-term of Fourth Quarter



Please Note . . .

NO SCHOOL - April 3, 2015
NO SCHOOL - April 6, 2015
Noon Dismissal - April 10, 2015

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Parents who have a kindergartener that will be attending Paw Paw School District are encouraged to sign up early for their child for the 2015-16 school year. It helps if the school has an idea of the number of students who will be attending. You can still do this by coming in to the High School office. We will need a birth certificate to verify that the child will be 5 by September 1st!

DISTRICT DISCIPLINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The District Discipline Advisory Committee Meeting, which reviews the student handbook and other discipline policies, is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Paw Paw High School Library. If you are interested in being on this committee, please call 815-627-2841, hit zero and tell Patty Torman or Emmy Truckenbrod of your interest. Please give them your name, address and phone number. You will be sent an agenda and current handbook, if you do not have a copy.

PAW PAW SCHOOLS MEMORIAL WALL

A memorial wall has been established at the entrance of the High School. Its purpose is for families to remember loved ones who have attended Paw Paw Schools, and for individuals who have an attachment to the schools and want to leave a lasting legacy. To remember loved ones or leave a legacy, paw prints with names can be purchased starting at \$150. The paw prints with the names and years of life, or graduating class year, will be prominently displayed on the wall. The money collected for the wall will be used for projects that are permanent, such as bleachers or classroom renovations. If you are interested in purchasing a paw print, contact Patty Torman at 815-627-2841 x228.