



The District 271 School Bell

"Ringing Out Pertinent School News From Our District"

August/September, 2015

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

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

FOR AUGUST SCHOOL REGISTRATION . . .

All parents/guardians will again, need to provide verification of residency in the Paw Paw School District #271. Proof for residents will include a combination of a total of 3 documents if you already attend Paw Paw Schools and a total of 4 documents if you are new to our District. One of these documents has to be a current Drivers License or State I.D. with a current address. If you are living with someone, the person with whom you are living will have to provide proof of residency as well as other documents. A list is included in this School Bell. If you do not provide the necessary proof of residency at the August registration, your child's registration will be delayed considerably.

Mark your calendars! Registration for the 2015-16 school year will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 6, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the high school office.



★ **MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015 - 6:00 P.M.** ★
★ **MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL ATHLETES AND** ★
★ **PARENTS OF ATHLETES OF ANY SPORT,** ★
★ **GRADES 5-12,** ★
★ **DURING THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR** ★

From the Nurse:

We will need the following forms:

Kindergarten students: school physical, eye doctor form, dental form*

2nd grade students - dental form*

6th grade: school physical (will cover the sports physical) dental form*

9th grade: school physical* (will cover the sports physical)

Sport physicals for all students who are going out for sports at Paw Paw Jr./Sr. High School is required.

*All students are eligible to take advantage of the mobile dentist to be held this fall to fulfill the requirements for a dental exam for K, 2nd, and 6th grade or you may go to your family dentist.

****NEW THIS YEAR:** beginning with the 2015-16 school year, students entering 6th and 12th grade will need to show proof of recent meningococcal conjugate vaccination, MCV, (meningitis vaccination); 6th grade dose is to be on or after 11 years of age; 12th grade is 2nd dose unless the first dose was after 16 years of age.

**Paw Paw School District #271
Establishing/Verifying Residency
New Students
Re-enrolling Students after Withdrawal
Fall Registration**

In order for a parent, guardian, or person seeking to enroll/register a student into Paw Paw Schools for the first time, or after a child is withdrawn and wishes to re-enroll or for registration of returning families at the beginning of the year, the following **documentation from each section is required** to verify residence, identity, and full-time residency in the school district:

Category 1 - All families - ONE Document from the following (Verification Residence is in the District):

- Most recent property tax bill and proof of payment (cancelled check or stub from tax form indicating payment)
- Mortgage papers with parent/guardian's name listed as homeowner
- Signed and dated lease and proof of last month's payment (cancelled check or verification letter from landlord)
- Housing letter (military personnel)
- Letter of residence from landlord in lieu of lease (form available from school)
- Letter of residence to be used when the person seeking to enroll a student is living with a district resident that is not a parent/guardian (form available from school)

AND FROM THE LISTS BELOW

Category 2 – All families – (Verification of Identity and Residency in the District)

- Residents with a valid Illinois Driver's License must present a license that confirms the address being used for residency in the district. When presented, the license will qualify as a document needed in Category 3.

Category 3 – Verification of Residency in the District

Returning Families: Students/Families returning in the Fall to start the first day of school after completing the previous spring semester only need to provide ONE of the following showing an address in district including the name of the person enrolling the student.

New Families: Families new to the district, or returning after withdrawing, need to provide TWO of the following documents showing the address in district, including the name of the person enrolling the student.

- Illinois Driver's License
- State of Illinois Identification Card
- Vehicle registration
- Voter registration
- Unexpired Illinois DNR hunting/fishing license
- Most recent cable, satellite, or credit card bill
- Current public aid card
- Current homeowner's/renter's/vehicle insurance policy and verification premium has been paid
- Most recent gas, electric, and/or water bill
- Mail received at new residence

Legal custody is not required to enroll a student. A person seeking to enroll a student who is not the legal guardian of the child will need to supply legal documentation and/or complete district forms to determine that the student legally resides in the district, and therefore not required to be charged tuition to attend Paw Paw School District #271. This process also will protect the safety of a minor when custody is of concern. The school district will require documentation to be completed if a person seeking to enroll a student is not the adoptive parent, legal guardian, or designated custodial parent of a child as the result of a divorce, separation or action taken by a court of law or legal agency.

Once residency has been verified enrollment into classes will then begin.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION for Paw Paw Schools



Registration for the 2015-16 school year:
Wednesday, August 5th, 2015
1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 6th, 2015
1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Fees for the 2015-16 School Year

Book rental fees:

- \$50.00 for Kindergarten students
- \$70.00 for students in grades 1-12.

These charges include a computer lab usage fee for grades K-12 and assignment book fee charges for grades 3-12. Locks for physical education lockers, for grades 5-12, will be available for rent for \$1.50. There will be lab fees of \$25.00 for students enrolled in Art, Computer, Chemistry, Biology II, and Ag Courses. Students attending IVVC the fee is \$200.00, plus students attending Illinois Valley Vocational Center will be assessed program fees by IVVC.

For those students participating in Drivers Education, there will be a **\$200.00** fee. High School Band instrument rental, for school owned instruments, will be \$50.00 per year. The student will be held responsible for damage done to the instrument or case during the rental period.

PE uniforms for grades 6-12 are \$10.00 per piece (shirt and shorts).

Hot Lunch prices: Please note, lunch prices were increased this school year:

- **Grades K thru 6 - \$2.10**
- **Grades 7 thru 12 - \$2.35**
- **Adults \$2.65**
- **Milk .35**



Extra cartons of milk will be available for 35¢ each. Free and reduced price lunch applications will be available during registration. Students, who received free or reduced price lunches last year, will be eligible for the same until September 30th, 2015. **After that, if you did not reapply for benefits, your students will be charged for any hot lunch that they take.**

- School time accident insurance is free for all students. It is free for students during school time and those involved in extra-curricular activities. For anyone wanting 24 hour coverage, including extended dental, that is also offered. Pamphlets on this student accident insurance coverage, with current prices, will be available at registration.

- Students who participate in athletics will pay a \$35.00 per sport equipment fee. Those participating in athletics must also submit a parent permission form along with a completed physical examination form and they must be turned in to the school office **before the first practice.**

- Students entering school for the first time and those entering sixth and ninth grades must have physical examinations and immunizations prior to the first day of school. Failure to have the required physical and immunizations can result in the students not being admitted to school. Transfers, from other Illinois school districts at any grade level, must have their health records forwarded from their prior school. Transfer students from out-of-state schools must have a physical examination.

Also, the State of Illinois has mandated that all students in grades Kindergarten, second, and sixth must have a dental exam prior to May 15th of each school year.

Any questions about registration should be directed to Mr. Chuck Schneider, High School Principal at 627-2671.

National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs

Paw Paw CUSD #271 today announced its policy for free and reduced-price lunch, for those students unable to pay the full price for meals under the National School Lunch Programs. The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016)

FREE MEALS - 130% Federal Poverty Guidelines						REDUCED-PRICE MEALS - 185% Federal Poverty Guidelines					
Household size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1.	\$15,301	\$1,276	\$ 638	\$ 589	\$ 295	1.	\$21,775	\$ 1,815	\$ 908	\$ 838	\$ 4169
2.	20,709	1,726	863	797	399	2.	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	567
3.	26,117	2,177	1,089	1,005	503	3.	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4.	31,525	2,628	1,314	1,213	607	4.	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863
5.	36,933	3,078	1,539	1,421	711	5.	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011
6.	42,341	3,529	1,765	1,765	815	6.	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159
7.	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	7.	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8.	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023	8.	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Each additional Family Member	5,408	451	226	208	104	Each additional Family member	7,696	642	321	296	148

Children from households that meet Federal guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meal services. **Complete one application per household for all children that attend the same school district.**

All meals served must meet the U. S. Department of Agriculture meal requirements. However, if a child has been determined by a doctor to have a disability and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please contact the school for further information.

Application forms are available to all homes with a letter for parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced-price meal services, households must complete the application as soon as possible, sign it, and return it to the school. Additional copies of the application form are available in the principal's office in each school. Households should answer all applicable questions on the form. An application which does not contain all the required information cannot be processed and approved by the school. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants **may** be eligible for free/reduced-price meals and are encouraged to complete an application for meal benefits.

The required information is as follows:

SNAP/TANF HOUSEHOLDS: If the school provided you a letter that stated your child(ren) is eligible for free meals via the direct certification process, **you do not have to complete this application to receive meal benefits.** Households that currently receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) for their child(ren), only have to list the child(ren)'s name and SNAP or TANF case number and sign the application. **Applications listing LINK card numbers cannot be used for free or reduced-price meals.**

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: If a household's income is at or below the level shown on the income scale, children are eligible for either free or reduced-price meal services. Households must provide the following information: (1) the names of all household members; (2) the social security number of the adult household member signing the application, or indicate if the adult does not have a social security number; (3) the amount of income each household member received last month, how frequently it is paid, and where it came from (wages, child support, etc.); and (4) the signature of an adult household member. The information on the application may be checked by school or other officials at any time during the school year.

Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. Households that are not eligible now but have a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, or a household member becomes unemployed, should fill out an application at that time.

Homeless, migrant, runaway youth, Head Start and foster care children are categorically eligible for free meals. Please follow instructions and return form to school.

Households that do not agree with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss it with the school. Households also have the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the following official:

Superintendent
511 N. Chapman St., Paw Paw, IL
(815) 627-2841

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Calendar 2015-2016

Paw Paw C. U. S. D. No. 271

Calendar Subject to Adjustments

August 17, 2015	Teachers' Institute (NO SCHOOL)
August 18, 2015	Teachers' Institute (NO SCHOOL)
August 19, 2015	First Student Attendance Day/Half Day Teacher In-Service 11:45 PM Dismissal
September 7, 2015	Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
September 14, 2015	Open House 6:00 PM
September 18, 2015	Mid-term of First Quarter (24 Days)
September 25, 2015	Mid-term Reports Sent Home
September 25, 2015	School Improvement Day (11:45 AM Dismissal ½ Day)
October 2, 2015	Parent/Teacher Conferences (11:45 AM Dismissal – ½ Day)
October 12, 2015	Columbus Day – School In Session Full Day
October 16, 2015	End of First Quarter (43 days)
October 23, 2015	Report Card Day
October 23, 2015	School Improvement Day (11:45 AM Dismissal ½ Day)
November 5, 2015	Parent Teacher Conferences 5 PM to 8 PM
November 6, 2015	Parent Teacher Conferences 8 AM to Noon (NO SCHOOL)
November 11, 2015	Veterans Day – School in Session Full Day
November 20, 2015	Mid-term of Second Quarter (25 Days)
November 25, 2015	Mid-term Reports Sent Home
November 25, 2015	Early Dismissal @ 2:00 PM
November 25, 2015	Begin Thanksgiving Break
November 30, 2015	Return from Thanksgiving Break
December 18, 2015	End of Second Quarter (43 Days)
December 18, 2015	Early Release @ 2:00 PM begin Winter Break
January 4, 2016	Return from Winter Break
January 8, 2016	Report Card Day
January 15, 2016	School Improvement Day (11:45 AM Dismissal ½ Day)
January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King's Birthday – School In Session Full Day
February 5, 2016	Mid-term of Third Quarter (25 Days)
February 12, 2016	Mid-term Reports Sent Home
February 15, 2016	Presidents Day – (NO SCHOOL)
February 26, 2016	Teacher's Institute (NO SCHOOL)
March 7, 2016	Casimir Pulaski Day – School In Session Full Day
March 11, 2016	School Improvement Day (11:45 AM Dismissal ½ Day)
March 11, 2016	End of Third Quarter (49 days)
March 18, 2016	Report Card Day
March 18, 2016	Spring Break Begins (2:00 PM Dismissal)
March 29, 2016	Return from Spring Break
April 15, 2016	Parent/Teacher Conferences (11:45 AM Dismissal – ½ Day)
April 22, 2016	Mid-term of Fourth Quarter (22 Days)
April 29, 2016	School Improvement Day (11:45 AM Dismissal ½ Day)
April 29, 2016	Mid-term Reports Sent Home
May 19, 2016	Last day of School (2:00 PM Dismissal) – End of Fourth Quarter (45 days)
May 20, 2016	Teachers' Institute (NO SCHOOL)

Emergency/Snow Days Effect on School Year

- 1 Snow day used - Last Day - May 23
- 2 Snow days used – Last Day – May 24
- 3 Snow days used – Last Day – May 25
- 4 Snow days used – Last Day - May 26
- 5 Snow days used – Last Day – May 27

Holidays - School In Session

- Columbus Day – October 12
- Veterans Day – November 11
- Martin Luther King – January 18
- Casimir Pulaski Day – March 7



PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE . . .

Parents, please make sure that female and male athletes planning to go out for sports for the 2015-16 school year receive their physicals NOW! Each sport season we have students attempting to get appointments, with their physicians, at the last moment and are disappointed when they are not able to do so.

Students will NOT be allowed to participate in practices until physicals, participation forms and sports fees have been turned in and/or paid to the school. High school volleyball and soccer will begin on Wednesday, August 12th. Contact your coaches for times. Coach/player/parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00!



VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

All children entering Kindergarten must show proof that they have had a complete eye exam by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist before the first day of school.

At the beginning of the school year, we will be conducting vision and hearing screenings for first through fifth graders and eighth graders.

The school vision test screens for sharpness of vision, farsightedness and muscle balance. If your child does not pass the initial screening, a rescreening will be given to double check the screening results. If your child does not pass the second screening, you will be notified and asked to take your child to an eye doctor for a professional eye exam.

In the hearing screening, several sounds are used to test your child's hearing. If your child did not hear all of the sounds, your child will be retested. Not all children who fail the screening tests have a hearing loss. If your child has a suspected hearing loss, you will be advised to take your child to a doctor.

Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision examination by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo the vision screening if we have on file a completed and signed form from an optometrist or ophthalmologist indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months.

MOBILE DENTIST

THIS FALL, Whiteside County Health Department mobile dental clinic will be coming to Paw Paw School to give dental exams to children whose parents choose to take advantage of this opportunity. This service is available to all children ages 3 -14. The mobile dentists team consists of a dentist, hygienist and dental assistant, who provide dental examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatment and sealants (if necessary) for your child. Whiteside County Health Department is a provider for Medicaid/Kid Care and most insurances. It offers grants to children in need who don't have dental insurance or Medicaid/AllKids. It also has a subsidized fee of \$40 for those not qualifying for a grant.


The State of Illinois has mandated that all students in kindergarten, second and sixth grade must have a dental examination for this school year between May 16, 2015 and May 16, 2016. This will meet that requirement. Watch for your child to bring home an orange permission slip for the mobile dentists. This is a wonderful opportunity to get them preventive dental care in a very easy way.

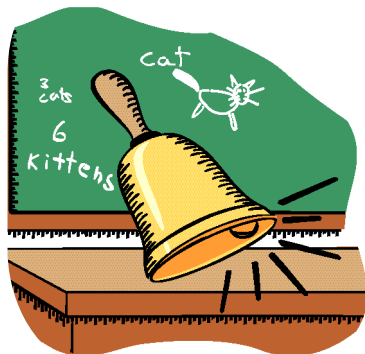
Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade students may also fulfill the state requirement at a dentist of their choice.



AUG/SEPT 2015 - PAW PAW SCHOOLS **Milk available at all lunches**
Menu Subject to Change Due to Availability

Gr. K-6 \$2.10
 Gr. 7-12 \$2.35
 Adults \$2.65
 Extra Milk .35/carton

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Teacher's Institute <i>No School</i>	Teacher's Institute <i>No School</i>	First Day of School <i>1/2 day of school</i> <i>11:45 Dismissal</i> 19	Pizza Lettuce salad Pineapple Oatmeal cookie 20	Quesadilla Lettuce salad Apple Yogurt 21
Sub sandwich Sun chips Green beans Peaches 24	Corny dogs Tri tators Carrots w/p. butter Pears 25	Rib on a bun Baked beans Juice box Rice Krispie treat 26	Taco salad Meat, lettuce, cheese Orange Snickerdoodle 27	Chicken patty/bun Lettuce salad Corn Applesauce 28
Hot dog w/bun Savory fries Baked beans Mandarin oranges 31	Breaded pork w/bun French fries Apple Jello Sept. 1	Hamburger w/bun Green beans Corn chips Peaches 2	Pizza Lettuce salad Pineapple Brownie 3	Quesadilla Lettuce salad Apple Juice box 4
LABOR DAY <i>No School</i>	Turkey & cheese w/bun Savory fries Corn Pudding 8	Chicken nuggets Tator tots Carrots w/p. butter Mandarin oranges 9	Taco salad with meat, Lettuce, cheese, chips Orange Quick oatmeal bars 10	Cheese breadstick Marina sauce Lettuce salad Juice box 11
Corn dog/pickle Baked beans Tri tators Juice box 14	Chicken patty Mashed potatoes/gravy Green beans Applesauce 15	Hamb bar-b-que/bun French fries Corn Peaches 16	Pizza Lettuce salad Pineapple P. butter cookie 17	Burrito Lettuce salad Apple Yogurt 18
Hamburger patty Mashed potatoes/gravy Green beans 21	Rib on a bun Baked beans Carrots w/p/butter Jello 22	Corny dogs Tri tators Green beans Juice box 23	Taco salad with meat Cheese, lettuce, chips Orange Snickerdoodle 24	NO LUNCH <i>1/2 Day of School</i> <i>11:45 Dismissal</i> 25
Ham & cheese w/bun Sun chips Corn Apple crisp 28	Creamed turkey over Mashed potatoes Corn Pumpkin bar 29	Grilled cheese Tomato soup/crackers Carrots w/p. butter Pears 30		



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 * **MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL** *
 * **ATHLETES** *
 * **AND THEIR PARENTS:** *
 * **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015 - 6:00 PM.** *
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Upcoming Events

Dates to Remember

- ~ August 5th - Registration for 2015-16
- ~ August 6th - Registration for 2015-16
- ~ August 11th - Mandatory meeting for all athletes and parents 6:00 p.m. - H.S. gym
- ~ August 17th - School Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
- ~ August 19th - First day of school,
11:45 DISMISSAL
- ~ September 7th - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- ~ September 14th - OPEN HOUSE 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
- ~ September 18th - Mid-term of first quarter
- ~ September 21st - School Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
- ~ September 25th - Mid term reports sent home
- ~ September 25th - School Improvement Day - 11:45 dismissal

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

**Monday, August 17th - 7:00 P.M.
Paw Paw High School Library**

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, graduating class year, former board members, etc., 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.