



# The District 271 School Bell

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

### *PaRCC STATE TESTING*

There has been a shift in State mandated testing that will occur at Paw Paw Schools in March (beginning the week of March 9) and again in late April/May of this year. The PaRCC March testing consists of three English Language Arts tests and two Math tests (approximately 55-75 minutes each). The April/May testing consists of one less English test for a total of four tests. PaRCC testing is a doubling of testing time from the ISAT and more than double for high school students.

Students will be testing in grades 3-8, high school students enrolled in English III and the standard level of Algebra II. The test administration is a complete shift from paper/pencil to an online format. Note, although the ACT test is no longer a component of state testing, Paw Paw has elected to administer the ACT test to interested juniors on March 3, 2015 so they may have an ACT score if needed for college admissions. This would be the last year the State of Illinois will offer the ACT for schools to administer for students. The March testing will be the first time the majority of schools in Illinois will log into the testing system which will stress the technology of the test provider and schools. We will do our best to be prepared for testing but also know that there may be times that test sessions will be interrupted. Please visit the PaRCC site and contact the school if you have any questions.

### ***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 or Emmy 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.

### **NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:**

**Monday, March 16, 2015 7:00 p.m.**

**Paw Paw High School**

**Media Center**



# Paw Paw Schools



## Student of the Month *January*

Kindergarten, Mrs. Williams - Addelyn Hanson  
1st grade, Mrs. Nelson - Bethany Odle  
2nd grade, Mrs. Grzanich - Bella Mateja  
3rd grade, Mrs. Moorehead - Lilliane Brower  
4th grade, Mrs. LeMat - Kaylin Bedford  
5th grade, Mrs. Marks - Destiny Ness  
Mrs. Siemers/Title I - Rilen Blankenhagen.



## PAW PAW HIGH SCHOOL WYSE TEAM

Congratulations to Matthew Swed for advancing to the Sectional WYSE competition at NIU in both Mathematics and Physics. He earned 2nd Place in both subjects. John Hoelzer won 3rd Place in Mathematics. The team, which consisted of: Seniors - Orestes Franco, John Hoelzer, James Sensenbrenner; Juniors - Matthew Swed, Patrick Wiley, William Zeman; Sophomores - Anna Pfeiffer, Sarah Cardenas (alternate); Freshmen - Julia Hoelzer, Joe McKee, Samantha Ladson, and Josh Mateja, won 3rd Place in Division 300. They are sponsored by Mr. Hoelzer. Congratulations and job well done!

Congratulations to the quiz bowl team for their effort, professionalism, conduct, and representation of themselves and Paw Paw High School at the competition, held in Rockford on Sunday, February 8th. Although they were not victorious over Rockford Auburn, they kept their composure and strove to do well. Additionally, the team earned a pizza party at Giordano's Pizzeria for correctly answering the Giordano's bonus question. The QUIZ Bowl members are: Seniors - Orestes Franco, John Hoelzer, James Sensenbrenner; Juniors - Matthew Swed, Patrick Wiley, William Zeman, Alee Marshall; Sophomores - Sarah Cardenas; Freshman - Julia Hoelzer and Joe McKee.

Mr. Hoelzer and Mrs. Wiercinski were the sponsors on this trip.



## GRADUATION/PROMOTION DATES ARE ANNOUNCED

**Class of 2015 -  
Friday, May 29, 2015- 7:00 PM  
Paw Paw High School Gym**

**Eighth Grade Promotion  
Thursday, May 28, 2015 - 7:00 PM  
Paw Paw High School Gym**

## ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission recently named two students at Paw Paw High School as Illinois State Scholars. One is recognized as a State Scholar by scoring high on the ACT and earning a high GPA. Only 5% of all high school graduates in Illinois are deemed Illinois State Scholars. We are proud to announce our Illinois State Scholars: John Hoelzer and James Sensenbrenner.

# SPRING PICTURE DAY WITH LIFE TOUCH

Grades K-8  
Thursday, March 19, 2015

Send no money now – you will be given the opportunity to review your portrait package. Should you choose to purchase you simply return payment for the pictures or return the portrait sheets to the school.



## SPORTS

Mark your calendars: The Jr. High/High School winter sports award ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Paw Paw Schools hosted a 6th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament on Saturday, January 17th in the High School Gym and Jr. High Gym that hosted seven teams. The following teams placed:

First Place- Cornerstone  
Second Place – Paw Paw  
Consolation Champ- Harding

Paw Paw Schools also hosted an 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament on Saturday, January 24th in the High School Gym and Jr. High Gym that hosted eight teams. The following teams placed:

First Place- Amboy  
Second Place –Paw Paw  
Third Place- Somonauk  
Consolation- Ashton Franklin Coop

Thank you to everyone who helped with these tournaments and the 8th Grade Class for a wonderful job with concessions.

## VFW – VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARD WINNER

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the VFW's premier scholarship program. Students compete by writing an essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme was, Why Veterans are Important to our Nation's History and Future.

This year John Hoelzer submitted an essay and was awarded 2nd place in the contest from Mendota VFW Post 4079.

Congratulations John, on this award.

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# FFA AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015  
PAW PAW HIGH GYM  
SERVING 5:00 P.M. - ?

RIBEYE SANDWICH  
PORK CHOP SANDWICH  
BAKED BEANS  
POTATO SALAD  
DESSERT & DRINK

\$ 8.00 DONATION

KIDS MEAL:  
\$2.00 DONATION

AUCTION  
SILENT AUCTION 5:00 P.M. - ?  
LIVE AUCTION 6:30 P.M.

# STUDENT COUNCIL



The Crush Pop Valentine Fundraiser was a success. Over 200 cans of strawberry, grape, and orange pop were sold. Proceeds will be used for the rewards program for the winner of the Spirit Stick in April. Student Council appreciates all those that supported this fundraiser.

On March 16th there will be a Blood Drive at PPHS from 2:00-6:00 P.M. Each donation saves three lives and we receive scholarship money for a deserving senior. Please donate on March 16th in order to help the community and a senior. Call Mrs. Jamroch to make an appointment at (815) 627-2671 ext. 224.

## BULLDOG POWER

In January the K-5 students were busy making an effort to improve. Many student earned Bulldog tickets. Prize winners were: Abby Benson, Hayden Carlock, Hank Hickey, Nick Hoffer, Mackenna Hawbaker, Bethany Odle, Liam McLaughlin, Liam Bemis, Colin McLaughlin, Aaron Ness and Jacob Alderson.

For February the students will earn tickets for showing kindness. Keep it up! Bulldog Power!

## Accelerated Reader Update

The following students met their January reading goal: First Grade –Lexie Alderson, Rilen Blankenhagen, Logan Edwards, Hannah Gonzalez, Hank Hickey, Mason Hoadley, Nick Hoffer, Kate Hoffer, Lukas Johnston, Jaelynn Mathis, Jayden Ness, Matthew Ness, Bethany Odle, Logan Schrader, Paytan Wolgast. Second Grade – Alexis Adkins, Adriana Allen, Liam Bemis, Paloma Cardenas, Christian Cooper, Blake Goodbred, Zenobia Hollenback, Ryden LeGrand, Bella Mateja, Liam McLaughlin. Third Grade –Dayton Alderson, Abigail 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, Saul Cardenas, Tess Clayton, Cayden Hopkins, Victoria McCannon, Ruby Reyes. Fifth Grade – Finn Clayton, Kelly Fairchild, Jillian Hanson, Samantha Katschke, Shai-ley Mathis, Triston McLaughlin, Matthew Miller, David Negrete, Destiny Ness, Hannah Nitz, Shayne Prodzenski, Grant Schlorff, Jordan Wilkinson, Aiden Znaniecki.

ALL students in the first, second, and third grade classes met their monthly reading goals this month! Congratulations to Rilen Blankenhagen, Nick Hoffer, Jaelynn Mathis, Bethany Odle, Logan Schrader, William Bemis, Christian Cooper, Blake Goodbred, Landon Schrader, Jayla Taylor, and Shayne Prodzenski for meeting their yearly goals during the month of January.

Top individual AR point winners for January include:

First Grade: Kate Hoffer, Hank Hickey, Hannah Gonzalez

Second Grade: Liam McLaughlin, Paloma Cardenas, Christian Cooper

Third Grade: Ava Volkert, Abigail Benson, Dayton Alderson

Fourth Grade: Ruby Reyes, Victoria McCannon, Jacob Alderson

Fifth Grade: Grant Schlorff, Aiden Znaniecki, Finn Clayton

Junior High: Kern Zeimetz, Caytlin Prodzenski, Jacob Pierce.

PAW PAW HIGH SCHOOL THEATER DEPARTMENT  
PROUDLY PRESENTS THE SPRING MUSICAL



Mark your calendars, shine up your boots, grab your cowboy hats and “mosey on down to the box social” as the PPHS Theater Department presents one of the finest classic musicals ever to hit the Broadway stage! Set in 1907 Oklahoma, this year’s musical tells the story of Laurey and Curly surrounded by the timeless characters of Ado Annie, Will Parker, Jud, Aunt Eller and the people of the Oklahoma territory. Audience members will delight in the classic libretto of songs such as “Oh What a Beautiful Morning,” “Surrey with the Fringe on Top,” “People Will Say we’re in Love,” and “The Farmer and Cowman” escalating to a lively all-cast rendition of the title song “Oklahoma.” Appropriate for all ages, “Oklahoma” is the perfect answer for the winter blues and will be presented on stage March 6 at 7pm., March 7 at 7pm. and March 8 at 2pm. Tickets are available each performance at the door for the following ticket prices: Adults \$7, Students and Senior Citizens \$5 and Children 10 and under \$3. Yeehaw – can’t wait to see you at Aunt Eller’s Ranch!



“Read Across  
America”  
March 21, 2015

*Upcoming Library  
Events:*

*BOGO Book Fair*

*National Library Week*



**Happy Birthday  
Dr. Seuss**


**Happy 111th Birthday  
March 2nd**



## MARCH MENU - PAW PAW SCHOOLS

Non fat chocolate and 1% white 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 b-b-que/bun French fries Corn Peaches <b>2</b>	Chicken nuggets Tator tots Carrots/p. butter Juice box <b>3</b>	Brd, pork on a bun Mashed potatoes/gravy Green beans Pears <b>4</b>	Taco salad with Meat, lettuce, cheese Orange Snickerdoodle <b>5</b>	Cheese breadstick Marinara sauce Lettuce salad Apple <b>6</b> P. butter cookie
Rib on a bun Savory fries Corn Juice box <b>9</b>	Hot dog on a bun Sun chps Baked beans Peaches <b>10</b>	Hamburger/bun French fries Carrots/p. butter Mandarin oranges <b>11</b>	Pizza Lettuce salad Pineapple Choc chip cookie <b>12</b>	<b>1/2 DAY</b> <b>11:45 Dismissal</b> <b>13</b>
Corny dogs Tri tators Baked beans Mandarin oranges <b>16</b>	Grilled cheese sand. Tomato soup Carrots/p. butter Pears <b>17</b>	Chicken patty Mashed potatoes/gravy Juice box Pumpkin bar <b>18</b>	Taco salad with Meat, lettuce, cheese Orange Snickerdoodle <b>19</b>	Cheese quesadilla Lettuce salad, Fruit Oatmeal cookie <b>20</b>
S P R I N G B R E A K				
Chicken nuggets Tri tators Pears Juice box <b>30</b>	Corn dog on a stick French fries Baked beans Quick oatmeal bars <b>31</b>			

## Calendar of Events

# MARCH



02	JHGBB Jr. 10 8th Grade Tour. TBA	14	FFA Auction
03	4:15 PM Academic Bowl @ HBR	16	7:00 PM School Board Meeting
05	4:15 PM Academic Bowl @ Paw Paw	16	Student Council Blood Drive - 2:00 pm
05	JHGBB Jr. 10 8th Grade Tour. TBA	17	Market Day
06	7:00 PM High School Musical	17	4:30 PM HSBB & SB at Amboy
07	7:00 PM High School Musical	18	6:00 PM JH/HS Winter Awards Ceremony
08	2:00 PM High School Musical	19	Lifetouch K-8 Spring Pictures
10	LTC Band Festival @ Serena	20	Spring Break Begins - 2:00 PM Dismissal
12	Academic Bowl Tour. @ Earlville	20	Report Card Day
13	End of 3rd Quarter	23	4:30 PM HSBB & SB at Streator Woodland
13	School Imp. Day - 11:45 AM Dismissal	30	Return from Spring Break

# Upcoming Events

## Dates to Remember



- ~ March 13 - School Improvement Day,  
11:45 Dismissal
- ~ March 13 - End of Third Quarter
- ~ March 16 - School Board Meeting-7:00 PM
- ~ March 20 - Report Card Day
- ~ March 20 - Spring Break Begins,  
2:00 PM dismissal
- ~ March 30 - Return from Spring Break

*MARKET DAY:  
Tuesday, March 17, 2015  
Paw Paw High School Cafeteria*

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

***Early dismissal - Friday, March 13, 2015***

***11:45 AM***

***Spring Break - starts March 20th -***

***2:00 PM dismissal***

***Return March 30th!***



## 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.