



# The District 271 School Bell

"Ringin' Out Pertinent School News From Our District"

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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Welcome back to a new school year. So far, the year looks promising for our students. We have new staff, which have made numerous positive impacts and are in the starting stage of a District Leadership Team tasked to develop plans of action to improve the district and begin the move forward. Both of those are primary factors in my strong belief that Paw Paw Schools are on their way toward a fantastic future.

Typically, when I write for the newsletter, I try to choose a topic which needs to be addressed on a community level. This month and this year, we will be focusing on attendance. There are an enormous number of studies published every year about factors which point to future success in both college and careers. The two factors, which always find their way into the top two, are student GPA and attendance. Of those two, GPA is primarily a result of student/teacher influences, but attendance is often a result of parent support and exemplars.

This all means that improved attendance is very likely to improve GPA and also have a positive correlation to future success. More importantly, this points to how much Paw Paw schools depends on parents to ensure that our students are here every day possible so they can get the most out of their educational opportunities. Excessive absences make it extremely difficult for children to grasp concepts taught during those absences and is also compounded when a child needs to learn the concept and catch up on missed work.

With all of the data pointing to a need for better attendance, we will begin focusing on how to improve student attendance. To that end, some parents may be getting letters throughout the year informing them of a need to have a doctor's note for an excused absence if they have reached, or surpassed, the state mandated definition of a chronic truant, which is a limit of 5% of school days and includes excused absences. That number is currently nine days in the last 365 days. Note this number is not reset each new school year: instead we go back to the same date one-year prior.

Please note: this does not mean children can't miss school. This simply means we are focusing on getting students in a classroom as much as possible. If you have any questions or need clarification, please feel free to call either Mr. Schneider or myself and we will be happy to discuss the issue with you. I look forward to a GREAT school year and watching our children blossom and grow.

**Next School Board Meeting:**  
**Monday, October 19, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Paw Paw High School Media Center**



# Paw Paw Schools



## DRIVEWAY USE

We are asking for your cooperation in keeping our students safe. Parents and staff are asked not to use the driveway between **7:50-8:10 A.M. and 2:50-3:10 P.M.** Students are not to be dropped off in the north/south driveway before school or picked up after school, during those times. The driveway is also a one-way drive. Please enter from the south and exit via the north. Thank you for your cooperation.

### PAW PAW HIGH SCHOOL 2015 HOMECOMING COURT

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for this year's Homecoming Court:

- Queen – Ashley Delhotal
- Senior Attendant – Danyelle Levan-Wiemken
- Senior Attendant – Bibi Dekhkanova
- Junior Attendant – Deona Collins
- Junior Attendant – Cleveland Hollenback
- Sophomore Attendant – Joslyn Hopkins
- Sophomore Attendant – Brandon Heiman
- Freshman Attendant – Riley Oros
- Freshman Attendant – Zac Clayton

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Paw Paw Schools will hold parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, November 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, November 6th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Students will not attend school on Friday, November 6th. Parents who find it difficult to attend conferences are especially encouraged to attend. We hope that all parents will make a special effort to schedule a conference. Conference request forms will be attached to first quarter report cards to be sent home on Friday, October 23rd. If you do not receive a letter, please feel free to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.

### Paw Paw Jr. High 8th Annual Volleyball Tournament

Paw Paw hosted its 8th Annual Volleyball Tournament for the 6/7th Grade & 8th Grade teams on Saturday, September 12, 2015. We had 8 teams participate in each grade level of the tournament. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make this event very successful; we could not do it without you. The concessions did an outstanding job as well. Final standings were as follows:

6/7th grade tournament	8th grade tournament
1st Place – Paw Paw	1st Place – Paw Paw
2nd Place – Harding	2nd Place – Earlville
3rd Place – Newark	3rd Place – Leland
Consolation Champs - - Earlville	Consolation Champs - - LaMoille

In other tournament play, the 8th grade volleyball team took Fourth Place at the Sheridan Volleyball Tournament held on August 28 & 29. Congratulations girls.

### REMINDER:

EARLY DISMISSAL ON  
OCTOBER 2nd AND OCTOBER 23rd, 2015  
WILL BE AT  
11:45 A.M.  
PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE TIME!!

# **PAW PAW HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL**

Congratulations to the Paw Paw High School Varsity Volleyball Team who took Third Place in the Midland Invitational Tournament on Saturday, August 29th. Nice work ladies.

## **PAW PAW HIGH SCHOOL 3RD ANNUAL SOCCER INVITATIONAL**

On Saturday, August 29th the Paw Paw High School soccer team hosted their 3rd Annual Soccer Invitational. Tournament participants were Paw Paw, Newark/Seneca, Serena and DePue. Special thanks to Coach Essmann for organizing the tournament and the many other volunteers who helped make the tournament a success.

Tournament standings: Newark-Seneca – 1st Place, DePue – 2nd Place, Serena – 3rd Place, Paw Paw – 4th Place

## **Student Council**

The Student Council sponsored a Blood Drive on September 14th and thanks to all who donated, we saved 69 lives! The winners of the gift cards that were donated for the September 14th blood drive were Uriel Ortiz, Jeff Westbrook and Madyson Aloisio. Next Blood Drive is November 16th, 2:00-6:00 PM. Call Mrs. Jamroch, 815-627-2971 x224 to set up an appointment! Thank you to all that donated at the September blood drive!

At the end of the school year the class that demonstrates the most spirit will be awarded the Spirit Stick and will receive a reward. Each month there is a competition to see which class has the most spirit. The Spirit Competition for September was won by the Sophomore Class. The next competition is collecting plastic bags for Hope Chest Thrift store that supports victims of domestic violence. The Drive will be from October 26-30.



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### **“GIVE A CHILD A HEALTHY SMILE” DAY**



On Nov. 11th, 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 and Paw Paw must meet the requirement of 15 children for the clinic to come to Paw Paw. 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, 2nd and 6th 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 a bright green permission slip for the mobile dentists. This is a wonderful opportunity to get them preventive dental care in a very easy way.

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

# 67TH ANNUAL GRAND DETOUR ART SHOW

Congratulations to the following students for participating in this year's 67th Annual Grand Detour Art Show. The following students have won awards:

## High School Division

Sarah Cardenas - Judges Choice  
Josef McKee - 1st place  
Anna Pfeiffer - 3rd place

## 7th-8th Grade Division

Ireland Nolte - 3rd place

## 4th-6th Grade Division

JoDee Edwards - 2nd place  
Elizabeth Hemphill - 3rd place  
Jessica Solis - Honorable Mention  
Jacey Smith - Honorable Mention



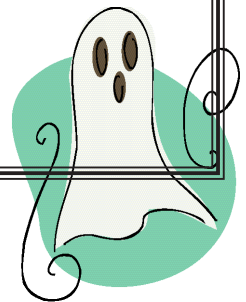
The Art Show opened on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 9:00 a.m. in Grand Detour and awards were presented to all students.

## HAUNTED HOUSE

The PPO is again, sponsoring the Haunted House to be held at the back parking lot shed. Cost is \$3.00 per person. On the first weekend, October 16 & 17, the PPO will be sponsoring a bake sale.

When: Friday and Saturday nights: October 16th & 17th; October 23rd & 24th; and October 30th & 31st.

Time: 7:00 - 10:00 PM each night



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## FROM THE LIBRARIES . . .

*Please continue to clip boxtops and have your student bring them into the libraries!*

*Both H.S. and Elementary libraries received new books over the summer, so encourage your child (children) to check out books.*

*Read for the Fun of It!!*



# October MENU - PAW PAW SCHOOLS

Menu Subject to Change Due to Availability AND School Closings

Milk available at all lunches

Gr. K-6 \$2.10

Gr. 7-12 \$2.35

Adults \$2.65

Extra Milk .35/carton

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			Pizza Lettuce salad Pineapple Choc chip cookie 1	<b>1/2 Day School</b> <b>11:45 Dismissal</b> <b>NO LUNCH 2</b>
Pizzaburger Corn Peaches Brownie 5	Chicken nuggets Tri tators Apple Green beans 6	Breaded pork/bun Baked beans Mandarin oranges Juice box 7	Taco salad with Meat, lettuce, cheese Chips, orange Snickerdoodle 8	Sub sandwich French fries Pears 9 Carrots/p.butter
Corny dogs Savory fries Green beans Applesauce 12	Rib on a bun Tator tots Baked beans Pears 13	Chicken patty Mashed potatoes/gravy Carrots/p.butter Juice box 14	Pizza Lettuce salad Pineapple Cookie 15	Quesadilla Lettuce salad Apple P.B. cookie 16
Hamb.bar-b-que/bun French fries Peaches Corn 19	Grilled cheese Tomato soup Carrots/p.butter Pears, crackers 20	Hot dog on bun Tri tators Baked beans Orange 21	Taco salad with meat Lettuce, cheese, chips Snickerdoodle Juice box 22	<b>11:45 Dismissal</b> <b>1/2 Day</b> <b>School 23</b> <b>NO LUNCH</b>
Sub sandwich Corn chips Apple Carrots/p.butter 26	Creamed turkey over Mashed potatoes Corn Pumpkin bar 27	Hamburger patty/bun Tator tots Green beans Peaches 28	Pizza Lettuce salad Pineapple 29 Dbl choc chip cookie	Burrito Lettuce salad Grapes Juice box 30

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Paw Paw Schools is looking for someone interested in keeping the scoreboard and/or scorebook for home high school boys' and girls' basketball games. Most home games start at 5:45 PM. Please contact Mr. Schneider at 815-627-2671 if interested.

## Upcoming Events

### Dates to Remember

- ~ October 2 - Parent/Teacher conferences, 11:45 dismissal
- ~ October 12 - Columbus Day - School is in Session
- ~ October 16, 17, 23, 24, & 30, 31 - PPO Haunted House
- ~ October 19 - School Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
- ~ October 23 - Report Card Day
- ~ October 23 - School Improvement Day, 11:45 dismissal



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## October



01	5:45 PM	HSVB at Indian Creek
02	4:30 PM	HS SOC w/ Rockford Christian Life
02		P/T Conference - 11:45 AM Dismissal
03	1:00 PM	HS SOC at Elgin Academy
05,06,07,08		HS SOC Little 10 Tour at HBR
05,07,08		JHVB Jr. 10 Tour. at Earlville
05,07,08		JH SOC Jr. 10 Tour. at Somonauk
05,06,08,09		HSVB Little 10 Tour. at Paw Paw
09		HS SOC Regional
09		Lifetouch Fall picture retakes
13	5:45 PM	HSVB at HBR
15	5:45 PM	HSVB w/Newark
16		End of First Quarter
17		HSVB F/S at Sandwich Tour.
19		School Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
19	5:45 PM	HSVB w/Rockford Christian Life
20	5:45 PM	HSVB at LaMoille
23	5:30 PM	JHBBB at Steward
23		Report Cards sent home
23		School Imp. Day - 11:45 AM Dismissal
24		HSVB Var. at AFC Tour.
24		HSVB F/S at Serena Tour.
26		HSVB Regional
26-27-28		JHBBB at Lee Tip Off Tour. TBA (8th Grade)

## 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 year will be prominently displayed on the wall. The money collected for the wall will be used for projects that are permanent. If you are interested in purchasing a paw print, contact Patty Torman at 815-627-2841 x228.

