



# RAIDER REPORT

PULASKI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

January 2018

## A culture of continuous improvement

Greetings from PCSD! The Pulaski Community School District proudly continues on our journey of continuous improvement.



Our district received a rating of "Exceeds Expectations" on the District Report Card issued in November by the Department of Public Instruction, however, we are a district that strives to innovate and provide the highest quality education that we are able to so that we may best serve all of our students.

If you talk to educators within our school system, you will start to hear the words "professional learning communities" and, perhaps, you are wondering what it is all about.

Professional Learning Communities are about our culture. This isn't something that we do, but it's a way of doing business and an attitude about learning and teaching.

As our philosophy states: We believe that a community's and a nation's greatest resource is its people, especially the students of our schools. At Pulaski Community School District, the student is the nucleus of the school system and our education decisions are guided by what we consider to be best for every student. We maintain that the student should be given reasonable opportunity to realize his/her best self.

The Pulaski Community School District is on a journey to become a Professional Learning Community (PLC). Over the past year, our district has committed to professional development around PLCs. PLCs involve collaboration among staff and focus on learning.

### The Big Ideas of a PLC ...

Ensure that all students learn at high levels by focusing on four critical questions.

1. What do we want students to learn?
2. How will they know if they learn it?
3. What will we do if they do not learn it?
4. How can we enrich those who do learn it?

This cultural evolution is founded in the belief that **all** students can learn at high levels, which directly aligns with our district philosophy.

As a Professional Learning Community, we will focus on four critical questions as shown above to best reach all students as learners.

Our staff will work in collaboration with colleagues around these questions to inform their practice. This is no small task or short journey, but we will continue on this journey together and look forward to continuing to serve the learners of our community.



Bec Kurzynske, Superintendent  
Follow Bec on Twitter: @beckurzynske #RaiderStrong

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: [www.pulaskischools.org](http://www.pulaskischools.org)

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Search #RaiderStrong on Twitter.

Search Pulaski Community School District on YouTube and Flickr.

See a complete guide to PCSD social media at: [www.pulaskischools.org/resources/social-media-directory](http://www.pulaskischools.org/resources/social-media-directory).



### PCSD

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### SCHOOLS

PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL	920-822-6700	@PCSD_PHS
PCMS	920-822-6500	@PCSD_PCMS
FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY	920-899-6300	@PCSD_FV
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY	920-822-6200	@PCSD_SS
LANNYOY ELEMENTARY	920-865-6400	@PCSD_LN
HILLCREST ELEMENTARY	920-272-6900	@PCSD_HC
GLENBROOK ELEMENTARY	920-822-6100	@PCSD_GB

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL



The Global Education Achievement Certificate candidates recently ran a project to help aid the hurricane victims in Puerto Rico. They sold puzzle pieces of a map of PR to homerooms to raise money; the idea was to put Puerto Rico back together again. The pieces sold out in two days. Over \$750 was collected and is being donated to United for Puerto Rico. Taylor Walter's homeroom bought the most pieces and received the PHS "Piece" Prize.



Join a club or a sport to stay active.



ACT for juniors is Feb. 27. ACT Prep Saturday is from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 24. Free pizza, raffle for Apple watches and the second-annual Knowledge Bowl are planned for that day.



A PHS student receives help in a one-on-one writing conference.

*Jeremy Pach is principal of Pulaski High School.*

### PCMS



Capturing the complete Pulaski Community Middle School student, whether in the classroom or participating in co-curriculars, our students continually exhibit The Raider Way, which is to: "Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Your Best."

At PCMS, we can't wait for the second half of the school year!

*Patrick Fullerton is principal of Pulaski Community Middle School.*

### FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY



**ABOVE:** Third-graders created musical instruments from materials they found at home as part of their science unit on sound. **MIDDLE:** A play date was recently held for pre-school-aged children. Next events will be Feb. 16 and May 4. If you have a child aged 0-4 and would like information, call Fairview School at 899-6300.

**RIGHT:** Fairview first-graders created golden wheat ornaments for the state capitol's Christmas tree. The theme of the Christmas tree this year was the Capitol's 100th birthday.



*Nichole Napralla is principal of Fairview Elementary.*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### GLENBROOK ELEMENTARY



*Kurtis Sufka is principal of Glenbrook Elementary.*



We are excited to share the many ways learning has been taking place at Glenbrook Elementary this year! Breakout EDU activities, grade-level challenges, guest speakers, field trips, hands-on activities, classroom transformation and themed days. Learning is taking place everywhere!

### HILLCREST ELEMENTARY



*Kris Wells is principal of Hillcrest Elementary.*



Thank you to Colin Abendroth's class as these students take learning to a new level and display the Hillcrest flag while traveling with their families.

### LANNOYE ELEMENTARY



**LEFT:** Students use mixed media in art. **BELOW:** Students learn about rhythm by playing a hand-clapping game. **RIGHT:** Students use virtual reality to ride a roller coaster while learning about ramps in science.



*Jennifer Sommers is principal of Lannoye Elementary.*



# SCHOOL NEWS

## SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY

Creating, exploring and engaging are all words to describe the hour of code. This national program ties to computer science education week.

Throughout the week, our students have the opportunity to spend time, along with students across the globe, programming through coding on our various devices.

It is amazing to see the creativity, problem-solving skills and technological skill sets that our students possess. What an amazing event and opportunity!



Marc Klawiter is principal of Sunnyside Elementary.

## INFORMATION TECHNOOGY

In August, Phase I of a transition of third- to fifth-grade teachers from Windows laptops to MacBooks began.



All staff are offered training to help with the transition and improve their skills. Phase II began in December with kindergarten to second-grade teachers receiving their Macbooks. PHS and PCMS staff members' laptops will be replaced in the next replacement cycle.

MacBooks have been easy for our teachers to adjust to because they work a lot like their iPads. They use them to collaborate with students and use Airplay to display students' work on teachers' screens. It also allows teachers to easily share data with other staff members and with their own devices.

We believe that MacBooks along with iPads are the best educational tools that we can provide staff and students.



Tina Caelwarts is PCSD information technology coordinator.

## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Our schools are celebrating Computer Science Education Week!



It's great to see the students be able to jump right into learning activities because of the knowledge they gained through our K-5 Coding Curriculum.



See students across the district participating by putting their math and literacy skills to practice through a variety of coding activities.

The student on the top left is "driving" a Sphero robot from the Drive app. Other students are using the Codespark app to program Snoopy to win a snowball fight. Finally, the student in the bottom right is writing blockly language to program Anna and Elsa to skate in a snowflake pattern!

Amy Uelmen is PCSD instructional technology coordinator.

## DISTRICT NEWS

### 4K/EARLY CHILDHOOD



Here are highlights from the PCSD 4K program. Registration for the 2018-19 school year will begin in February 2018.



*Kris Wells is PCSD 4K coordinator.*

### FOOD SERVICE



The PCSD Food Service Department is growing each year. Our new interactive menus are live. Check the NutriSlice menus out for each building and meal service or download the app called NutriSlice and find PCSD Food Services menus to have available on the go.

Use Nutrislice to check allergens, carbohydrates, calories, fat and more in our school breakfast and lunch. Go to: [pulaskischools.nutrislice.com](http://pulaskischools.nutrislice.com)

If you are considering applying for free or reduced lunch and are not sure if you would qualify -- we can help. Call 920-822-6009 for assistance applying for free or reduced price meals.

In the summer of 2018, for the second straight year, PCSD Food Service will offer *free* breakfast and lunch for all kids 18 years and younger at Pulaski Community Middle School.

The meal service will coincide with summer school dates. You do not have to attend summer school to participate in our free summer meal program. No sign-up or registration is necessary. Join us each day for free breakfast and lunch at Pulaski Community Middle School.

*Caitlin Harrison is PCSD Food Service director.*

### STUDENT SERVICES

Pulaski Community School District is partnering with Oral Health Partnership (OHP). This is a no-cost dental group that serves children from ages 0-19.



OHP accepts children on BadgerCare as well as uninsured children. OHP dental team will set up a mobile clinic in the school that can include exams, X-rays, cleaning, fluoride, sealants, fillings, crowns, extractions as well as nutritional counseling with all families that come through the doors. Contact your school nurse for more information or Student Services at 920-822-6021.



**Left:** Students work out at Bode Boot Camp. **Below:** Red Raider Cafe provides employability skills.



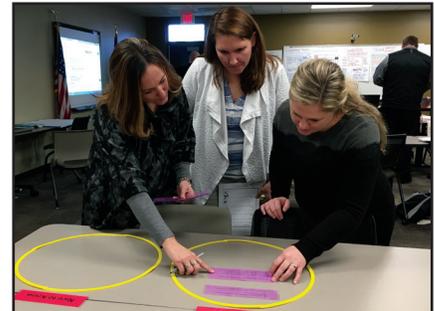
*Nicole Borley is Student Services director.*

### LEARNING SERVICES

District Learning Leaders work on a Professional Learning Community (PLC) activity related to prioritizing Power Standards in English Language Arts and mathematics by sorting them into categories of "Nice to Know" and "Need to Know".



Power Standards refer to standards and benchmarks that are critical for student success based on readiness, endurance, assessments and leverage.



PCSD educators continue to work on answering one of the four critical PLC questions of "What do we want our students to know and be able to do?"



*Jennifer Gracyalny is director of Learning Services.*

### FACILITIES

The PCSD Board of Education adopted a resolution authorizing \$8.5 million in energy savings projects for the district over the next few years under the Energy Efficiency Revenue Limit Exemption.

The Facilities Department, Administration and Board of Education researched, planned and worked through this process in order to fund maintenance projects at each site in our district in order to create a reduction in energy usage, operational savings, or both. Many of the projects were included in our long-range facilities plan.

Funding for these energy savings projects is provided through a 10-year borrow and the energy savings from the projects must be used to pay down the debt. Moving forward with this process is financially advantageous for the district and responsible to the public at this time due to the retirement of debt from when Pulaski High School was built and the ability to realize energy savings while protecting our tax-payers investment in our facilities.

In following the process outlined in the law allowing for these projects, much research was conducted by

*Kevin Bahr is PCSD Facilities director.*

school officials and shared publicly with the Board of Education and community, an informational session and public hearing was held, and an Energy Services Company was selected. H&H Energy Solutions LLC of Madison was chosen and will be involved with the project management, bidding, and energy savings evaluation and reporting requirements of these projects. The planning, design, engineering and bidding processes are in process now and many of the projects will be completed in 2018.



All district buildings will undergo some improvements and energy efficient upgrades as part of this process.

Projects that will be performed include:

- Building weatherization and insulation updates
- HVAC upgrades
- Kitchen upgrades
- Replacement of aging roof areas
- Window replacements

To learn more about these projects in the Pulaski Community School District, please visit our website at [www.pulaskischools.org/facilities](http://www.pulaskischools.org/facilities).

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### TRANSPORTATION

With snow-covered roads, ice and frigid temperatures, the Transportation Department would like to provide some winter weather safety reminders. Bus drivers will depart earlier than normal to allow extra precaution and plenty of time.

Therefore, the students at the beginning of the route may be getting on earlier, however, the students at the end of the route may be picked up later than normal. Bus drivers will remind students as needed to be on alert and prepared.

All students need to be watching for the bus and be dressed appropriately. Preventive measures are taken to avoid problematic situations, however, breakdowns

and delays can happen, so dressing for weather and in layers is important. Children must be prepared as buses cool off quickly.

In the event of an emergency or early release due to potential bad weather, please make sure your child is prepared. Check the local news, the PCSD website or the district alert system for any delays or cancellations.

This is the time of year that school mittens, hats and boots. Drivers keep all lost articles on the bus, so please have students check with the bus driver if they are missing any items.



*Tracey Szymanski is PCSD Transportation supervisor.*

## DISTRICT NEWS

### PACE



We are pushing the PACE full steam ahead. We have contacted East R. Bunny and we are on his calendar, Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m., Saputo Stadium.

PACE has also sent teacher applications for summer school, and we are organizing classes as you read this.

*Mark Heck is PACE director.*

## DPI DISTRICT REPORT CARDS

One of the Pulaski Community School District's seven schools received a five-star (significantly exceeds expectations) ranking while four others earned four-star (exceeding expectations) rankings in the state Department of Public Instruction's 2016-17 School and District Report Cards. The PCSD as a whole was deemed to exceed expectations.

The DPI creates a report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. They are ranked from five star (significantly exceeds expectations) to one star (fails to meet expectations). PCSD school results are as follows:

- Receiving a five-star rating and significantly exceeding expectations was Hillcrest Elementary.
- Receiving four-star ratings and exceeding expectations were: The Pulaski Community School District and Fairview, Glenbrook, Lannoey and Sunnyside elementary schools.
- Receiving three-star rankings and meeting expectations were: Pulaski High School and Pulaski Community Middle School.

Report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to target improvement efforts to ensure students are ready for their next educational step, including the next grade level, graduation, college and careers

The report cards measure:

- student achievement proficiency in reading and math on state assessments,
- student growth measured by year-to-year improvements in achievement,
- closing gaps in performance for specific groups (English Language Learners, low-income students, students with disabilities,

and members of a racial or an ethnic group); and

- on-track and post-secondary school readiness (Attendance, test participation, and dropout rates).

Besides the star rankings, schools are assigned a score from 0 to 100 that is not a "percent correct" measurement but a formula that combines the four priority areas.

Those rankings are: Hillcrest Elementary, 85.5; Lannoey Elementary, 81.6; Fairview Elementary, 76.2; Glenbrook Elementary, 75.9; Sunnyside Elementary, 75.8; PHS, 71.9 and PCMS, 69.1. PCSD had an overall score of 74.4 (Exceeds Expectations), which ranked third highest in the Fox River Classic Conference.

"I am proud of the achievement of our students and the efforts and dedication of our staff which is reflected in the report cards as a one of many indicators of student and system success," said Bec Kurzynske, PCSD superintendent. "The PCSD will continue to focus using assessment for learning, of learning and as learning to enhance our professional practice and student learning."

The 2016-17 report cards use data from a variety of sources, including information reported through WISEdash and two years of Forward and one year of Badger testing as well as three years ACT Plus Writing and Dynamic Learning Maps testing for growth calculations.

Report cards can be found on the Department of Public Instruction's Office of Accountability School and District Report Card webpage, <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

January '18						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30	31			

February '18						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28			

March '18						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April '18						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

May '18						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26

June '18						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

### January 2018

- 1 = No School
- 2 = Classes Resume
- 19 = End Q2 (43 days)
- 22 = Prof. Development

### February 2018

- 22 = All Staff Prof. Development
- 23 = No School

### March 2018

- 9 = Prof. Development
- 26-30 = No School

### April 2018

- 2 = Prof. Development
- 6 = End Q3 (45 days)

### May 2018

- 28 = Memorial Day

### Jun-18

- 8 = Early Dismissal/ Last Day of School (44 days)

### Key:

No School

Professional Development Day/No School

Early Dismissal/Professional Development

## THINGS TO KNOW

### HEALTH AND FITNESS

The PCSD offers memberships to its swimming pool (at PCMS) and fitness center (at PHS) to the public. For information go to:

**Pool:** <http://www.pulaskischools.org/community/community-swimming-pool.cfm>.

**Fitness center:** <http://www.pulaskischools.org/community/community-fitness-facility>.

### AWARD

The Pulaski Community School District was recently honored by the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association (WSPRA) with a Spectrum Award of Merit for its work in school communications.

WSPRA presented the Spectrum Awards at its recent conference in Elkhart Lake. PCSD earned an Award of Merit for its district fact sheet and folder projects. The folders and fact sheets are used to promote the district, especially to prospective families and to those who have open enrolled out of the district. They are a collaboration between leadership staff and district communications.

This year, this statewide competition honored 40 school districts with awards.

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### Paying back to community

Saputo Stadium has positive impact

**JACOB MILLER**  
PULASKI NEWS

The full economic impact of the Field of Dreams is an increasingly relevant topic as a specific dollar amount, rising well from the field, has the much wider effect for the community already seen as a requirement.

The new stadium alone has had a positive impact on the local economy. From the start, the stadium has had a positive impact on the local economy. From the start, the stadium has had a positive impact on the local economy. From the start, the stadium has had a positive impact on the local economy.

PHOTO COURTESY: SAPUTO STADIUM

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### Ripleys stayed active in area while raising family

**TRIVOR RIFE**  
PULASKI NEWS

Ripleys and Trivor stayed active in the area while raising their family. The couple moved to the area near the stadium in 1990. They have been active in the community ever since. They have been active in the community ever since. They have been active in the community ever since.

PHOTO COURTESY: TRIVOR RIFE

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# Field of Dreams entering Phase II

Many people, businesses, corporations and civic groups have donated to the Red Raider Field of Dreams project to push it through Phase I and into Phase II.



Belongia

One person who saw the value of contributing to the project is 2017 PHS graduate Hunter Belongia, who has pledged at the bronze level, or \$1,000 total,

over the next five years.

Belongia is in the first of a two-year manufacturing operations management program at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. He goes to school by day and works full-time on the PHS custodial staff at nights.

He decided to donate at the bronze level after his parents, Blake and Melissa Belongia, both PHS grads, did the same.

“I wanted to give back to the community,” he said. “I wanted to see the district grow for current and future students.”

Belongia didn’t directly benefit from Phase I of the Field of Dreams project, but his brother, Bailey, was a member of the PHS junior varsity football team this year.

“I’d encourage people to donate,” Belongia said. “It’s a great cause.”



Softball, baseball, tennis and soccer will benefit from Phase II of the Field of Dreams project.

Belongia said contributing is a way to support the district that has supported him both educationally and through summer and now full-time employment.

“I enjoy working for the district,” he said.

Phase I was completed the fall of 2016 at a cost of \$3.2 million. Money was raised to pay off Phase I two months later. The Pulaski Community School District Board of Education recently gave the go-ahead for Phase II. Bids are being let and shovels will start digging this spring. So far, \$500,000 of the \$2.7 million for Phase II has been raised.

PHS athletic director and member of the Red Raider Field of Dreams steering committee Janel Batten said for those who are considering

donating to the project, the time is now.

“We’re breaking ground in the spring of 2018,” she said, “but we’d also like to complete fundraising as quickly as possible after that.”

**ENGRAVE A SEAT:** Seats at Saputo (stadium, band seating), and the PCMS Soccer Stadium are available to buy engraved seats.



Costs vary from \$100 to \$300 depending on location. These seats make great gifts for holidays, birthdays, graduations, etc.

They are also a great way to honor alumni, retired teachers and coaches, and Pulaski community members. Be a part of the legacy ... purchase your seats today! To see how you can donate, go to [www.redraiderfuture.org](http://www.redraiderfuture.org).

# VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULES

The following are remaining Pulaski High School varsity winter sports schedules and spring sports schedules as of Jan. 5. Schedules are subject to change. Go to: [www.pulaski-schools.org/athletics/schedules](http://www.pulaski-schools.org/athletics/schedules) to view the most current schedules.

## Winter sports

### Boys swimming

Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m., Ashwaubenon  
Feb. 3, 9 a.m., FRCC meet at Sheboygan South  
TBA, Regional

### Boys basketball

Jan. 16, 7 p.m., Bay Port  
Jan. 19, 7 p.m., Sheboygan North  
Jan. 23, 7 p.m., at Green Bay Preble  
Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Sheboygan South  
Jan. 30, 7 p.m., Ashwaubenon  
Feb. 2, 7 p.m., at Manitowoc Lincoln  
Feb. 6, 7 p.m., at Notre Dame  
Feb. 9, 7 p.m., De Pere  
Feb. 13, 7 p.m., Green Bay Southwest  
Feb. 16, 7 p.m., at Bay Port  
Feb. 22, 7 p.m., Sheboygan North  
TBA, Regional

### Girls basketball

Jan. 19, 7 p.m., at Sheboygan North  
Jan. 23, 7 p.m., Green Bay Preble  
Jan. 26, 7 p.m., at Sheboygan South  
Jan. 30, 7 p.m., at Ashwaubenon  
Feb. 2, 7 p.m., Manitowoc Lincoln  
Feb. 6, 7 p.m., Notre Dame  
Feb. 9, 7 p.m., at De Pere  
Feb. 15, 7 p.m., at Green Bay Southwest  
Feb. 20, Regional, TBD

### Wrestling

Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m., at Green Bay Preble  
Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m., at Sheboygan North  
Jan. 27, 8 a.m., Pulaski Invitational  
Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m., Bay Port  
Feb. 10, TBD, Regional, Green Bay West  
TBA, WIAA competition



## Spring sports

### Boys and girls track

March 13, 5 p.m., Boys Varsity Invitational, Kolf Sport Center Fieldhouse (UW-Oshkosh)  
March 26, 5 p.m., Girls Varsity Invitational, Kolf Sport Center Fieldhouse (UW-Oshkosh)  
April 5, 4 p.m., at Bay Port  
April 9, 4 p.m., at De Pere  
April 17, 4 p.m., vs. De Pere  
April 19, 4 p.m., Bay Port  
April 23, 4 p.m., at Manitowoc Lincoln  
April 26, 3:30 p.m., PHS Invitational  
May 1, 4 p.m., FRCC Relays at Bay Port  
May 3, 4 p.m., at Seymour  
May 8, 4 p.m., at Marinette  
May 15, 4 p.m., FRCC meet at PHS  
TBA, WIAA competition

### Softball

April 3, 4:30 p.m., at Bay Port  
April 5, 4:30 p.m., Sheboygan South  
April 10, 4:30 p.m., at Manitowoc Lincoln  
April 12, 4:30 p.m., Notre Dame  
April 14, 11 a.m., De Pere  
April 17, 4:30 p.m., at Sheboygan North  
April 19, 4:30 p.m., at Ashwaubenon  
April 21, 11 a.m., tournament at Wilmont  
April 24, 4:30 p.m., Green Bay Preble  
April 26, 4:30 p.m., Bay Port  
April 28, 10 a.m., Pulaski Invitational  
May 1, 4:30 p.m., at Sheboygan South  
May 3, 4:30 p.m., Manitowoc Lincoln  
May 5, 11 a.m., at Green Bay Southwest  
May 8, 4:30 p.m., at Notre Dame  
May 10, 4:30 p.m., Sheboygan North  
May 15, 4:30 p.m., at Green Bay Preble  
May 17, 4:30 p.m., Ashwaubenon  
May 19, 11 a.m., tournament at Ashwaubenon  
TBA, WIAA tournament

### Baseball

March 27, 4:30 p.m., West De Pere  
March 29, 4:30 p.m., Seymour  
April 5, 4:30 p.m., Notre Dame  
April 7, 11 a.m., at Merrill  
April 7, 2:30 p.m., at Antigo  
April 10, 4:30 p.m., Green Bay Preble  
April 12, 4:30 p.m., at Sheboygan North  
April 13, 4:30 p.m., Bay Port  
April 14, TBD, at Oconomowoc  
April 16, 4:30 p.m., Sheboygan South  
April 19, 4:30 p.m., at Ashwaubenon  
April 20, 4:30 p.m., at Manitowoc Lincoln  
April 23, 4:30 p.m., at Wausau West  
April 24, 4:30 p.m., at De Pere  
April 26, 4:30 p.m., Green Bay Southwest  
May 1, 4:30 p.m., at Notre Dame  
May 3, 4:30 p.m., at Green Bay Preble  
May 4, 4:30 p.m., Sheboygan North  
May 7, 4:30 p.m., at Bay Port  
May 10, 4:30 p.m., at Sheboygan South  
May 15, 4:30 p.m., Manitowoc Lincoln  
May 17, 4:30 p.m., De Pere



May 18, 4:30 p.m., at Green Bay Southwest  
May 21, 4:30 p.m., Luxemburg-Casco  
May 22, 4:30 p.m., Ashwaubenon  
TBA, WIAA Tourney

### Girls soccer

March 27, 6:30 p.m., Seymour  
March 29, 6:30 p.m., at Shawano  
April 3, 4:30 p.m., at Menasha  
April 5, 6:30 p.m., Hortonville  
April 10, 6:30 p.m., Marshfield  
April 12, 6:30 p.m., at Appleton Xavier  
April 17, 6:30 p.m., De Pere  
April 21, 9 a.m., away vs. Wausau East and Wausau West  
April 24, 6:30 p.m., at Notre Dame  
April 28, TBA, at Merrill  
May 1, 6:30 p.m., Green Bay Southwest  
May 3, 6:30 p.m., at Sheboygan North  
May 8, 6:30 p.m., Ashwaubenon  
May 10, 6:30 p.m., at Sheboygan South  
May 15, 6:30 p.m., at Bay Port  
May 17, 6:30 p.m., Manitowoc Lincoln  
May 22, 6:30 p.m., at Green Bay Preble  
May 24, 6:30 p.m., at Green Bay East  
TBA, WIAA Tourney

### Boys tennis

April 17, 4 p.m., at Notre Dame  
April 19, 4 p.m., Bay Port  
April 24, 4 p.m., at Green Bay Preble  
April 26, 4 p.m., at Sheboygan North  
May 1, 4 p.m., Sheboygan South  
May 3, 4 p.m., at De Pere  
May 8, 4 p.m., Manitowoc Lincoln  
May 10, 4 p.m., Ashwaubenon  
May 15, 4 p.m., at Green Bay Southwest  
May 17, 4 p.m., rain date for makeup matches  
TBA, WIAA tournament

### Boys golf

To be announced

## MILESTONES

### Golden Apple

With a revised process the past few years from the Partners in Education and based upon school enrollment, the Pulaski Community School District was able to forward one representative for each of its elementary buildings and two from each PCMS and PHS.

Out of about 140 teachers nominated, the following will be submitting additional application materials to be considered for recognition as a Teacher of Distinction and Golden Apple Award:

**Fairview:** Craig Piczkowski, fifth grade

**Glenbrook:** Intellectual Disability (ID) Team: Shannon Bishop, Dori Rettler, Jessica Cappeart and Robert Sobieck

**Hillcrest:** Corinne Galligan, music

**Lannoye:** Linda Gantz, third grade

**Sunnyside:** Jessica Rosenberg-Fredrickson, art

**PCMS:** Char Wilson, special ed; Energy House Team: Sandra Schmidt, Kathryn Schlueter, Paul Ford, Carilyn Burch, Kerrie Van Schyndel and Kyle Christiansen

**PHS:** Dan Anderson, science; Elizabeth Moehr, FACS

On Jan. 28, the names of the 40 Teachers of Distinction will be released. In February, surprise visits will be made to narrow the finalists down to the six Golden Apple Award recipients with media visits to recipients schools occurring in March for the six finalist. The Golden Apple Event will be held on April 18 and will be televised by WLUK - Fox 11.

The Pulaski Community School District has a proud history of incredible educators who have been recognized with a Golden Apple Award. Since the inaugural year of the awards, 1993, the Pulaski Community School District has had over 40 current or former educators who have been recognized with this award.

### New PCSD IT leader

Tina Caelwarts is the new PCSD information technology coordinator.



Caelwarts, who has worked 20 years for the PCSD as a computer technician and software systems analyst, has an associate's degree in micro computing from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

She is excited to assume her new role with the district. "I think we have a good team and I'm looking forward to continue to grow with that team and will move our district forward in our 1:1 and MacBook transitions."

Tom Krause, PCSD director of Personnel and Employee Growth, said, "We want to build on the foundation that is there and create the right technology environment for the Pulaski Community School District to serve our students, staff and district families."

In her new role, Caelwarts will collaborate with Amy Uelmen, instructional technology coordinator, to bring the district's technology environment to the next level to serve the educational community.

Caelwarts lives in Suamico with her significant other, Brian, and his son. She has two adult children, both married and both of whom live in the district. She has three grandchildren with another on the way. In her spare time, she likes yoga, swimming, fishing, camping and spending time in northern Wisconsin.

**DID YOU KNOW?:** The PCSD regularly posts photo galleries of students' activities? Check them out at: [www.flickr.com/photos/pulaski/albums](http://www.flickr.com/photos/pulaski/albums). As an added bonus, the photos are fully downloadable so you can save or print photos of your favorite Red Raiders. Also, go to Twitter hashtag #RaiderStrong to see district photos and updates.



## How learning looks

Learning takes place in many ways in the PCSD, dependent on how a student best learns. Sometimes, learning happens while participating in a group or special project. Oftentimes, it happens in a classroom setting. And, sometimes, it is by plugging away on an assignment by yourself. Below are a few examples.



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## DISTRICT INFORMATION

### KEY DATES\*

Key dates on the PCSD calendar are:

- Jan. 22 -- Staff development day, **no school**
- Jan. 24 -- Board of Education meets
- Feb. 7 -- Board of Education meets
- Feb. 21 -- Board of Education meets
- Feb. 22 -- Staff development day, **no school**
- Feb. 23 -- **No school**
- March 7 -- Board of Education meets
- March 9 -- Staff development day, **no school**
- March 21 -- Board of Education meets
- March 26-30 -- **Spring Break**
- April 2 -- Staff development day, **no school**
- April 4 -- Board of Education meets
- April 25 -- Board of Education meets
- May 2 -- Board of Education meets
- May 16 -- Board of Education meets
- May 28 -- **No school**
- May 30 -- PHS graduation
- June 8 -- **Last day of school**

\*The Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. at the District Offices, 143 W. Green Bay St., Pulaski.

NOTE: To see an updated District Calendar that includes school events, go to: [www.pulaskischools.org](http://www.pulaskischools.org) and select "events" at the top of the page.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION



Pulaski Board of Education members are, front, from left, Sara Mangold, Barb McKeefry, Trina Townsend; and, back, Mark Wernicke, Michael Voelker, Brian Vanden Heuvel and Mark LeMere. For information on the Board of Education, go to: <http://www.pulaskischools.org/boe/>.

**School Bells:** The Pulaski Board of Education would like to answer your questions about how a School Board must operate and other related topics. Send questions to: [schoolbells@pulaskischools.org](mailto:schoolbells@pulaskischools.org). See an archive of columns at: [www.pulaskischools.org/boe/School-Bells](http://www.pulaskischools.org/boe/School-Bells).