



RAIDER REPORT

PULASKI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

March 2017

District works hard to share information

Those of us who work for or attend school in the Pulaski Community School District know firsthand of great things going on in the district.



But not everyone living in district boundaries has students in school or knows district staff.

That is why you're holding in your hands the first "Raider Report," a newsletter that will be published two times each year and sent to district residents.

This newsletter is just one way for you to stay connected with and informed about the PCSD. Inside, you'll find information from district department heads and principals highlighting efforts to provide high-quality learning and growth opportunities for our students.

We hope it will help pique your interest for more information because this isn't your only

opportunity to learn about the district.

For example, Mark Heck, director of Pulaski Area Community Education (PACE), and I are in the midst of attending meetings of each local government operating in the district to share pertinent information as well as answer a wide variety of questions related to your schools.

And throughout the school year, a series of Coffee and Conversations events are held at local businesses across the district where the public can come, enjoy a cup of coffee on us and ask questions about the district. I hope you'll be able to join me!

Remaining sessions for this school year are set for 7 to 8:30 a.m. on:

- April 18 at Mountain Bay Coffee and Gifts, Pulaski; and
- May 16 at Hillcrest Elementary School.

We're also active on social media such as Twitter, Facebook and Flickr. Look for the Pulaski Community School District accounts



Superintendent Bec Kurzynske visits with Pulaski resident Ken Uhland at a Feb. 21 Coffee and Conversation at McDonald's.

to see frequent posts from staff around the district. You can also find us on the web at www.pulaskischools.org.

We have a great stories to tell, and we are working hard to share them with you, our district residents, through whatever means we have available to us.

I look forward to connecting with you and sharing what makes our district #RaiderStrong!

**Bec Kurzynske,
Superintendent**



**Follow Bec on Twitter:
@ bec kurzynske**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Pulaski Community School District, a district with a rich tradition of community pride and a commitment to educational excellence, is to ensure that each student becomes his or her best self and displays noble character, intellectual development, personal growth, and is a contributing member of the local and global community, through offering all learners a rich variety of academic, co-curricular, real-life and personalized experiences with the foundation of caring families, a committed staff, and a supportive community.

PCSD

Founded on Tradition and
Pride, Focused on Excellence!

SCHOOLS

<u>PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>920-822-6700</u>
<u>PCMS</u>	<u>920-822-6505</u>
<u>FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>920-899-6302</u>
<u>SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>920-822-6200</u>
<u>LANNOYE ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>920-865-6402</u>
<u>HILLCREST ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>920-272-6900</u>
<u>GLENBROOK ELEMENTARY</u>	<u>920-822-1600</u>

SCHOOL NEWS

PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL



Left: Nursing assistant students get hands-on training for a certification test.



Middle: Dawn Mroczkowski practices welding.

Right: PHS student Erika Drake paints a window during PHS Community Day.



Jeremy Pach is principal of Pulaski High School.

PCMS



The PCMS auditorium is getting a makeover! Although fundraising efforts continue, the middle seat section has been replaced with funds already raised just in time for the upcoming production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella". Cast, crew, and directors have been working diligently to put on a show-stopping performance.



Critical thinking, problem solving, and creative minds were intertwined as the seventh-grade science students worked on their Rube Goldberg projects.



Patrick Fullerton is principal of Pulaski Community Middle School.

FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY



Green Bay Blizzard players, left, read to Fairview students on March 2 for Read Across America Week. They also answered questions about playing football and discussed the importance of being a good student. Fairview's third-grade class will sing the national anthem at the March 26 Blizzard game.



Fairview is offering two play dates this spring for children ages birth through five who live in the school's attendance area. This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, or sitters to offer peer play activities in a safe and organized environment. Staff will also be on hand to give families strategies to use at home to help ensure school readiness. The first play date "Spring is in the Air" is 10 to 11 a.m. March 24 and will focus on the theme of growth during the spring. Families must pre-register for these play dates. Contact Anne Powers at 920-899-6300 for information and to register.

Nichole Napralla is principal of Fairview Elementary.

SCHOOL NEWS

GLENBROOK ELEMENTARY

New to Glenbrook Elementary this year, is a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) School Store.



The store has been a big hit with Glenbrook students and allows them to use PBIS tickets that they have earned demonstrating “respectful, responsible, and safe” behaviors to purchase everything from small items like pencils, silly whistles, and stickers, to larger items such as Raider Gear, giant Beanie Babies, and even digital cameras.

Glenbrook is extremely grateful for all of the donations it has received this year; from staff and community members, to local businesses and our PTO, so many people have come together to make the new store such a huge success.



Kurtis Sufka is principal of Glenbrook Elementary.

HILLCREST ELEMENTARY

Hillcrest Elementary School prides itself on building a community of learners. This year on March 1, 24 high school students visited Hillcrest for their community service project. These volunteers along with all elementary students participated in a variety of activities highlighting Dr. Seuss and Read Across America.



It was a neat experience to see their excitement about coming back and visiting previous teachers who have made an impact on their learning. Half of the volunteers attended Hillcrest.



Kris Wells is principal of Hillcrest Elementary.

LANNOYE ELEMENTARY



First graders in Susan McMahon's class, left, celebrated Valentine's Day with a Breakout EDU activity. In Breakout EDU games, players work collaboratively to solve a series of critical thinking puzzles to open locked boxes. This group of brilliant first graders was able to solve the thinking puzzles in just under 21 minutes.



Also, students at Lannoye Elementary celebrated 100 days of learning on Feb. 9. Heather Lindahl's fourth-grade students decided to wear a collection of 100 items each! From clothespins to inches of yarn to stickers these students had a blast reflecting on what they have learned in the first 100 days of school and are looking forward to what the rest of the school year has in store for them!

Nichole Napralla is principal of Lannoye Elementary.

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY



Marc Klawiter is principal of Sunnyside Elementary.



The smiles tell the story.

This year at Sunnyside we have transitioned to positive office referrals to celebrate the positive choices students are making around the building.

Students can receive the referral for excelling at expectations that fall under being safe, respectful, or responsible.

With the referral, the students earn a spirit stick and the positive write-up from the staff member who turned it in. It is an amazing way for our students to get their day going.

THINGS TO KNOW

FIELD OF DREAMS

Funding for Phase I of the Field of Dreams Project has been secured. Phase I included Saputo Stadium and the Bob and Betty Van Lannen Family Track.

Efforts to fund Phase II (baseball, softball, tennis, and soccer additions and renovations) have begun.

Estimated costs for Phase II are approximately \$2.5 million. Want to donate or help with the process? Please visit www.RedRaiderFuture.org or email jmbatten@pulaskischools.org for more details or like us on Facebook at "Red Raider Field of Dreams."



Engrave a seat to support the cause

Seats at Saputo (stadium and band seating), and the PCMS Soccer Stadium are now available to purchase engraved seats.

Costs vary from \$100 to \$300 depending on location (see reverse side for details.) 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!



KEY DATES*

- Key dates on the PCSD calendar are: April 5 -- Board of Education meeting April 13, 14 and 17 -- No school April 19 -- Board of Education meeting May 3 -- Board of Education meeting May 10 -- Staff recognition banquet May 15 -- No school May 17 -- Board of Education meeting May 31 -- PHS graduation June 1 -- Eighth-grade promotion June 6 -- Last day of school June 7 -- Board of Education meeting June 21 -- Board of Education meeting

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

HEALTH AND FITNESS

The Pulaski Community School District offers memberships to its swimming pool (at PCMS) and fitness center (at PHS) to the public. For info, go to:

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

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

DISTRICT NEWS

4K/EARLY CHILDHOOD

The PCSD 4K Program is an academically and socially appropriate learning environment open to all four year old children. Our program offers an engaging, play-based experience for your child.

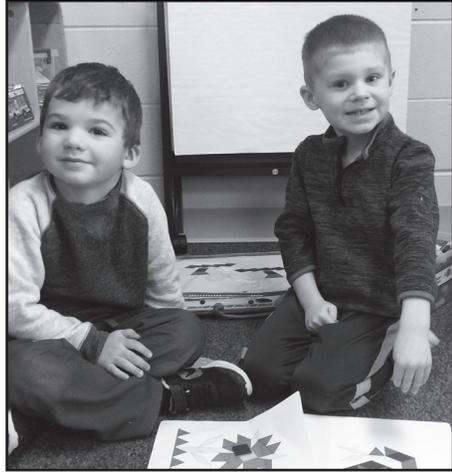


4K enrollment is currently open and available online for the 2017-18 school year.

To learn more about the 4K program and the various sites and locations, please visit

www.pulaskischools.org/4K/ or contact Kris Wells, 4K coordinator at kdwells@pulaskischools.org.

Kris Wells is PCSD 4K coordinator.



FOOD SERVICE

Here in Pulaski, we offer not only our school breakfast and lunch program throughout the school year, but all the way through the PACE Summer School as well.



We offer lunch at each school and breakfast at six out of our seven district schools. All of our breakfast and lunch offerings include whole grains, lean proteins -- including low fat and fat-free dairy choices -- and fresh fruits and vegetables in meals that students love!

We have grown a strong Farm to School Program, offering monthly nutrition education classes conducted by our staff. Students learn about where their food comes from and how to make healthy choices. We also highlight local food on our menus throughout the month, a specialty local menu on the second Wednesday each month called Wisconsin Wednesdays! The menu features locally sourced items to highlight what our community has to offer and helps support local economics.

Caitlin Harrison is PCSD Food Service director.

STUDENT SERVICES

Spring is in the air and the seventh-annual Goody Triathlon is just around the corner!



On May 12, Pulaski special education students and their peer mentors, along with students from 12 other school districts, will put their training to the test as they swim at the middle school, and bike and run through the village of Pulaski.

Organized by adaptive PE teacher Kare Goodness, and many of our special education staff, this culminating event is a perfect demonstration of our belief in inclusion and providing great opportunities for all children.



For more information visit <https://sites.google.com/a/pulaskischools.org/goody-triathlon/home>

Lisa Misco is PCSD director of Student Services.

PACE

Over 50 students take part in monthly Preschool Playdates during the school year. Adult and multi-generational community education classes are offered throughout the year. The PACE-Setter group for actively involved adult citizens organizes numerous events, educational opportunities and trips each year.



Also, Community Pantry of Pulaski helps those with food insecurity. The Pulaski United Foundation serves residents of the Pulaski Community School District by assisting families in need and funding projects throughout the community. The STEP program for senior citizens provides property tax relief while also giving them the chance to volunteer in our schools.

Mark Heck is PACE director.

DISTRICT NEWS

TRANSPORTATION

The Pulaski Community School District is now hiring drivers.

- Good driving record required
- Background checks required
- Commercial Drivers License with school and passenger endorsement needed
- District does onsite training
- Valuable benefits

Apply online at: http://www.pulaskischools.org/news/Now-Hiring-Bus-Drivers.cfm?grp_id=16477.



Tracey Szymanski is PCSD Transportation supervisor.

TECHNOLOGY

Since the November rollout of about 2,600 iPads to students in grades 5-12 and staff K-12, our classrooms and offices are integrating, supporting and talking about technology. Students are finding the best apps for their learning tasks through our Pulaski App Store and using the iPads for learning and showcasing their learning.



Students discuss how iPads help with learning:

- "We get to pick out books and customize our character"
- "I can upload my video so my parents can see what I am doing in class"
- "Helps us learn from online textbooks and research"
- "I missed the lecture, so I could catch up in my own time"

Listen to more comments from K-12 students at www.pulaskischools.org/dlp/Photo-Gallery.cfm

Amy Uelman is interim director of technology and instructional technology coordinator.

LEARNING SERVICES

Elementary classrooms were recently featured in the *Green Bay Press-Gazette* and WBAY for the K-5 coding curriculum.



Students use Code.org as well as various coding devices such as Bee Bots, Sphero sets, Ollies and Osmos.

Coding in our classrooms help support the 4C's (collaboration, critical thinking, creating and consuming content) of our digital learning plan.

Computer science is becoming a top-paying career with high demand for employees. In Wisconsin, there are almost 10,000 jobs available each year with only about 800 graduates. That is 12 jobs for every one student!

Next year the district will continue planning a scope and sequence for computer science/coding curriculum with grades 6-12.

Jennifer Gracyalny is director of Learning Services.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Looking for a great atmosphere, with great people?



Join our #RaiderStrong Team in Pulaski! We are always looking for great people to help as bus drivers, custodians, paraprofessionals, food service workers, and substitutes. Please look for openings on our website at www.pulaskischools.org and click on the Employment link.



Tom Krause is PCSD director of Human Resources.



Wetzel wins PCSD's 40th Golden Apple

Lannoye Elementary School kindergarten teacher Kendra Wetzel, pictured at left, is a 2017 Greater Green Bay Chamber Golden Apple award winner.

This year, nearly 80 PCSD teachers received Golden Apple nominations. Of those, five were named Teachers of Distinction. In addition to Wetzel, they are:

- Amy Wright, PCMS choir teacher
- Marissa Steffel, PCMS FACS teacher
- Ben Otto, PHS business and PBL teacher
- Jeff Gosse, PHS science teacher

THINGS TO KNOW

PCSD summer school booklets to be mailed

Summer school booklets will soon be delivered to district homes and online registration begins April 5.

Summer school will be held at PCMS this year and will start with a one-week session followed by two two-week sessions and ending with a one-week session.

Afternoon classes will also be now be available for students.

Some new classes this year are iPokemon Pulaski, Babysitting Clinic, Learning to Officiate, Engineering the Future and many more.

On June 7, an open house is planned to allow students and parents to get acquainted with teachers and classroom locations.



Day in the District photo gallery

Pictures say a thousand words. Cliche, yes, but true. So how many words are a couple hundred photos worth?

Find out by viewing the PCSD's "Day in the District" photo gallery. Staff from around the district snapped photos Feb. 21 to represent a typical school day from beginning to end.

Go to: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/pulaski/> albums to see the fruits of our labor. It's possible you'll see someone you know! While you're there, check out other district photo galleries from this school year.

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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 LaMere. 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.