



RAIDER REPORT

PULASKI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021

Great optimism for the future

It feels awesome to say “hindsight is 2020” because for the great majority of us we were happy to see it pass! Though, I believe we would all agree 2020 brought struggles and uncertainty, it also brought the gift of time with family, service opportunities and resilience to emerge stronger than we have ever been before.



Allison Space

When first investigating the communities that make up PCSD, it was very apparent that this was a community that worked together. I was so excited about this as this lies at the heart of all great school communities!

Knowing that no matter where I looked or who I talked to, there was boasting of your work together on the Field of Dreams, pride spoken about the staff of the district and the home-town feel of the businesses made me feel assured this was the place I wanted to be! I am so happy I am here!

Since March of 2020, we have lived in a collective trauma with the onset of COVID-19. On any level, on any given day we all were experiencing an impact of the virus, whether we were ill, lost work, our child was quarantined, our neighbors were struggling, we had family members who were front line or we were lonely for our family members. On those days we did what we do best, we made choices through our actions. Through collective moments of kindness, PCSD-aligned organizations helped out community members and families who were in need, community members as well as school

employees went above and beyond the call of duty! And although at times it felt like we were all just surviving, those who chose to work together know now, we actually were striving, by putting others before ourselves, learning new ways to serve the community and in the end making a collective commitment to make this community stronger together!

The transition into the school year as the new leader of the district was certainly not what I had envisioned a year ago, when the interview process began, but emerging stronger on the other side has taught me that my single thought wasn’t nearly as important as what we were able to do together through these times. This time for decision making together allowed us to put aside our own narratives and be present in honest tactical conversations about what is best for our students, our staff and our community all at the same time! Being there and listening to each other created many ideas, the main one being keeping a positive mindset during a time that didn’t feel so positive!

As we move forward into the second half of our year, I have great optimism for what is to come! It is time for us to refocus and align to our vision that: “Everyone succeeds as they learn, grow, serve and inspire the world.” It is time to once again commit to moving forward together, emerging stronger than ever before!

I look forward to continued connections and conversations yet this year

— Allison Space, PCSD superintendent

SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: 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.



PCSD

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SCHOOL NEWS

PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL

ONE ACT PLAY: Congratulations to PHS teacher Amy Tubbs and the one-act play cast. The cast of the play, *Me, My Selfie & I* received the Critic's Choice Award for their production, representing an elite level of achievement at the State Festival. Additionally, the production earned: Directing Award, Ensemble Award, Outstanding Acting - Grayson Rondou as "Mirror Boy, Commercial Kid".

"SPRING" SEASON: Pulaski High School will hold a spring season for sports that were postponed last fall due to COVID-19: Girls tennis, girls swimming, boys and girls cross country, girls golf, boys soccer and girls volleyball. Check out schedules at: www.pulaskischools.org/high/athletics. The link in the third item down in the left-hand column.

USUAL SPRING SEASON: The usual spring sports season will start a bit later to accommodate the fall sports being played in spring. Some of those home events in both seasons will be broadcast on <https://striv.tv/channel/pulaski/>.



Congratulations to Pulaski FFA SAE grant winners are:

- Kaylee Ferfecki - \$1,000 from National FFA
- Landon Holewinski - \$1,000 from Wisconsin FFA
- Emily Skala - \$400 from Wisconsin FFA



Spencer Van Donsel was among PHS students who were able to come in on Wednesday afternoons to work on labs or special projects while school was virtual. Here, Spencer is beginning the process of building a gingerbread house.

Jeremy Pach is principal of Pulaski High School.

PCMS

On behalf of everyone at PCMS, we want to take this opportunity to thank our students, parents, guardians, caregivers and teachers for all that you have accomplished and supported over the past months. Our students are so fortunate to have such a powerful support network. A huge thank you to all of you.



The staff at PCMS is extremely excited and grateful to have our students coming back to our hallways this winter and spring. The Facilities Department is getting the finishing touches ready to have our hallways and classrooms energized with students. We will continue with our mitigation practices of masking, cleaning in and out, and social distancing awareness.

Let's have an awesome 2021!



PCMS students do a variety of art projects in classes taught by Sara Hoffman and Lindsey Przybylski. Check out a photo gallery at: www.flickr.com/photos/pulaski/albums.



The PCMS Hub was recently re-organized so fiction books were arranged by topic so students can more easily find books they would like to read.

Patrick Fullerton is principal of Pulaski Community Middle School.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Staff members at PCSD elementary schools were, once again, excited to welcome students back to school for in-person learning! We want to thank all of the students, families, teachers and staff for all of the hard work and patience that took place during virtual learning. Although we're following our masking guidelines, we KNOW there are BIG SMILES under them!



Principals



Marc Klawiter
Sunnyside



Niki Napralla
Fairview



Jennifer Sommers
Lannoye



Kurtis Sufka
Glenbrook



Kris Wells
Hillcrest

DISTRICT NEWS

FOOD SERVICES

It took a huge effort to provide meal service while students were learning from home.

On average, the district provided around 11,200 meals a week and about 800 students received the bulk meal box per week.



Caitlin Harrison is PCSD Food Service director.

As you may have noticed, our School Nutrition Department has been busy! Our team has been working hard to provide meals to our community during the various learning models we have seen. Curbside, hybrid or face to face — our team has been serving through it all.



Meals continue to be served free. No matter what learning format we are in, breakfast and lunch will continue to be served free to all kids age 18 and younger for free through the summer months of 2021. This applies to students at every building in PCSD as well as any curbside meal opportunities.

We are hiring! If you or someone you know is interested in part-time work in our department, please visit our website for more information.

FACILITIES

Since the introduction of our COVID-19 cleaning protocols, I often reference back to some of our tools we use to disinfect and clean the buildings. We have been very proactive in obtaining these different types of equipment to provide the clean environment desired for students and staff.

Electrostatic Sprayers

All seven of our schools now have electrostatic sprayers in the buildings. Filled with a disinfectant solution, these sprayers add a positive charge to the liquid when it's being applied to surfaces. The positive-charged disinfectant attracts to the negatively charged surfaces allowing a more thorough application. We are able to cover a lot of square feet in a short period of time but cannot operate these sprayers with anyone in the room.



Restroom Cleaning Systems

We have had restroom cleaning systems in the district for a few years now, but we are using them more frequently with COVID-19. This system is comparable to a pressure washer but for bathrooms. This indoor pressure washer injects cleaning chemicals into the wash solution for a more complete cleaning process. After washing is complete, the units are equipped with a vacuum system to control the waste water and drying the fixtures. These units clean every aspect of the bathroom but are very noisy, not allowing us to do this process with students in the building.



Fun Fact

The PCSD went to great lengths to prepare buildings for staff and students to return. About 1,000 hand-sanitizing stations and about 4,500 various decals were installed district-wide prior to the start of the school year.

Nick Phillips is PCSD Facilities director.

STUDENT SERVICES

During this pandemic time, Student Services continue to provide support for students in all areas. Our staff are busy with Google meets, individual meeting times, therapy sessions, direct instruction via online and in-person learning for some students. Services have continued and we have found innovative solutions to help students continue to progress during these unprecedented times.

Family Engagement Indicator 8 Information

Parents are an important part of their children's education. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures that parents have the opportunity to participate equally with others on Individualized Education Program teams. This year, the Pulaski Community School District will be working through the Family Engagement Indicator 8 survey process. This survey is required by DPI and is a confidential survey. Its purpose is to help our school district understand what services are working and where our schools need to improve on with family engagement. Families that are involved in the special education process may receive a parent survey from the Department of Public Instruction in late January with directions on how to access the survey.

It is important to note that as always:

- Parents are invited to participate in any meetings about their child's identification, evaluation, and educational placement as a child with a disability, and any meetings about the provision of a free appropriate public education for their child.

- Parents' rights and procedural safeguards are explained during evaluations and each family receives a copy of the parents' rights at the beginning of each school year.



Borley

The WI Department of Public Instruction must evaluate how schools facilitate family engagement in a sample of school districts and report it on the State Performance Plan.

Please take the time to complete the survey for the district so we can continue to make improvements to our programming and offer the best services possible for our students.



Kuchenbecker

Pulaski Community School District Special Education Procedural Handbook regarding specific information in relationship to all special education evaluations, services and support can be found on our district website at <https://www.pulaskischools.org/boe/policies>.

As we continue to work our way through these unprecedented times, please continue to reach out to our school counselors and the student services department. We are all here to support and work together as a team to problem solve, gather resources, and collaborate on all of our students, families and community needs.



This school year, students have had the opportunity to learn in a variety of ways including in-person, virtually, individually, and small groups. With students having all of these opportunities to continue their growth and progress, they have shown their resilience and adaptability while still thriving in all school settings and environments.

Nicole Borley is director of Student Services. Lara Kuchenbecker is assistant Student Services director.

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY



While there is much to be said about how the pandemic has required us to think differently and be prepared for just about anything, there is even more to be said about how PCSD was ready!

While many school districts around the country scrambled for devices, software, learning management suites, training, and more, PCSD did not scramble. Instead, we excelled!

Let's take a moment to celebrate all we have done over the past five to eight years to make the transition to hybrid and virtual learning a manageable one:

-  • Our staff have been engaged in training on both technology tools but, most importantly, strategies to use technology to enhance learning
-  • Our staff have been putting their learning into practice and integrating technology into all curriculum for more meaningful learning experiences
-  • We have always focused on the need for balance — balancing time on devices with hands-on practice, discussion and active learning
-  • All K-12 students and staff were familiar with Google Apps, Seesaw and Canvas — allowing us a familiar platform to deliver instruction and resources in virtual learning
-  • All K-12 students had a district-issued iPad — allowing a device for students to take home to participate in virtual learning
-  • Our Technology Department has built a robust network resulting in limited down time, filtering at home and well-functioning programs
-  • Our library media specialists, digital learning specialists and technicians provide top-notch technology support to students, staff and families



Finally, let's celebrate what the pandemic has brought:

-  • PCSD is one tech-savvy community! Ask any student, parent or staff member and I bet they could tell you a good app for creating, how to join a Google Meet or how to update an iPad's iOS and apps or even how to troubleshoot wi-fi issues!
-  • Our students and their parents/guardians have had lots of dialogue about what they are learning and how they are learning it

Well done, PCSD community! Everyone deserves a pat on the back!
Amy Uelmen is PCSD instructional technology coordinator.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Providing technical support to students and families during the online learning process has been no easy task.

Whether it was help with login and password issues, connecting to the Internet, being kicked out of Google Meets, repairing cracked screens, or iPads batteries that would not hold a charge, the technology staff went above and beyond to provide our children, families and staff with the support needed to attend their classes virtually.

We have worked with many students and parents during this time and appreciate their patience while we worked through issues with them over the phone or waiting for a return call because all technicians were assisting others at the time of their phone call.

We are proud to work for the Pulaski Community School District and support our students and families.



The Technology Team includes six staff members who are very knowledgeable in their fields. Pictured above from left to right starting in the back row: Bill Nisporic, district technician, David Bikowski, district technician, Lincoln Kaszynski, Technology Intern, Eric Rouse, Network System Specialist. Front row: Sandy Boring, Technology Administrative Assistant / Helpdesk, Sarah Brown, Mobility Specialist.

Tina Caelwarts is PCSD information technology coordinator.

LEARNING SERVICES

For the 2020-21 school year, Pulaski Community School District has offered a Full Online Learning Program for students to opt-in for Kindergarten through Grade 12. In our K-12 online learning program enrollment for Semester 1 was 331 students and Semester 2 is about 400 students.

The PCSD Full Online Learning Program differs from our face to face, hybrid and virtual learning scenario and looks as the following:

GRADES K-3: Students engage with the PCSD curriculum created and facilitated by PCSD teachers. The PCSD teacher facilitates and works with students from across our district in English language arts, math, science and social studies using our district-adopted resources. PCSD teachers create and post course content both synchronous (online at same time) and asynchronous (at own pace), grade student work, communicate with students and provide assistance as needed. The teacher is from our current staffing and will cover all students who have signed up for online learning from across all five elementary schools. Each section may have a capacity of 25 students.

GRADES 4-12: Students engage in Acellus curriculum facilitated by PCSD teachers. The PCSD teacher will facilitate and work with students from across our district in English language arts, math, science and social studies and two specials of their choice. Our teachers facilitate the learning through the Acellus curriculum and platform by grading, assisting students with questions and doing student progress checks and connections. PCSD teachers will not be creating course content, but will be using that of Acellus which is Common Core Standards aligned. With the Acellus program, learning is more self-directed and self-paced with benchmarks for completion. Each teacher will facilitate Acellus for about 50-60 students each.

Our teachers have done a wonderful job of creating our full online learning program. Take a look at all the opportunities they are providing for our students who opted into the program.

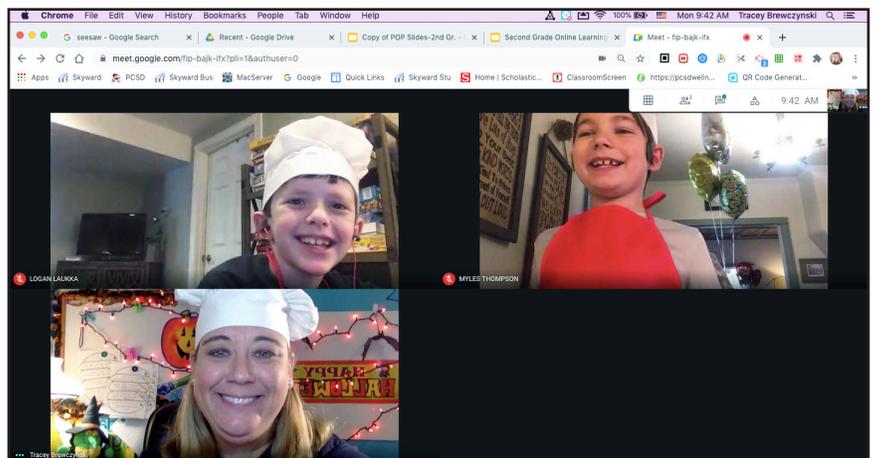
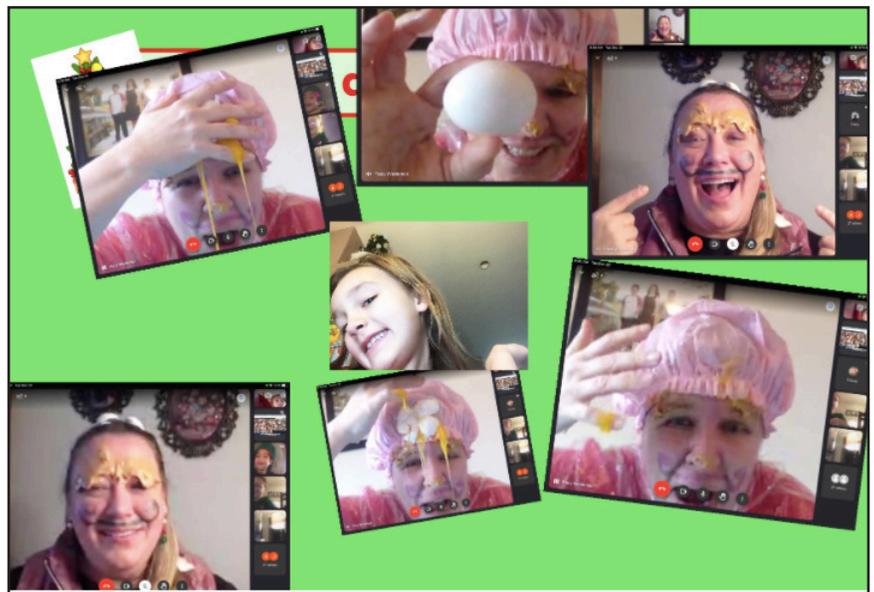
Jennifer Gracyalny is director of Learning Services. Lindsey Mathys is assistant director of Learning Services.



Gracyalny



Mathys



Full Online Learning Program teachers work hard to make lessons fresh and exciting for the students. See related photos on Page 8.

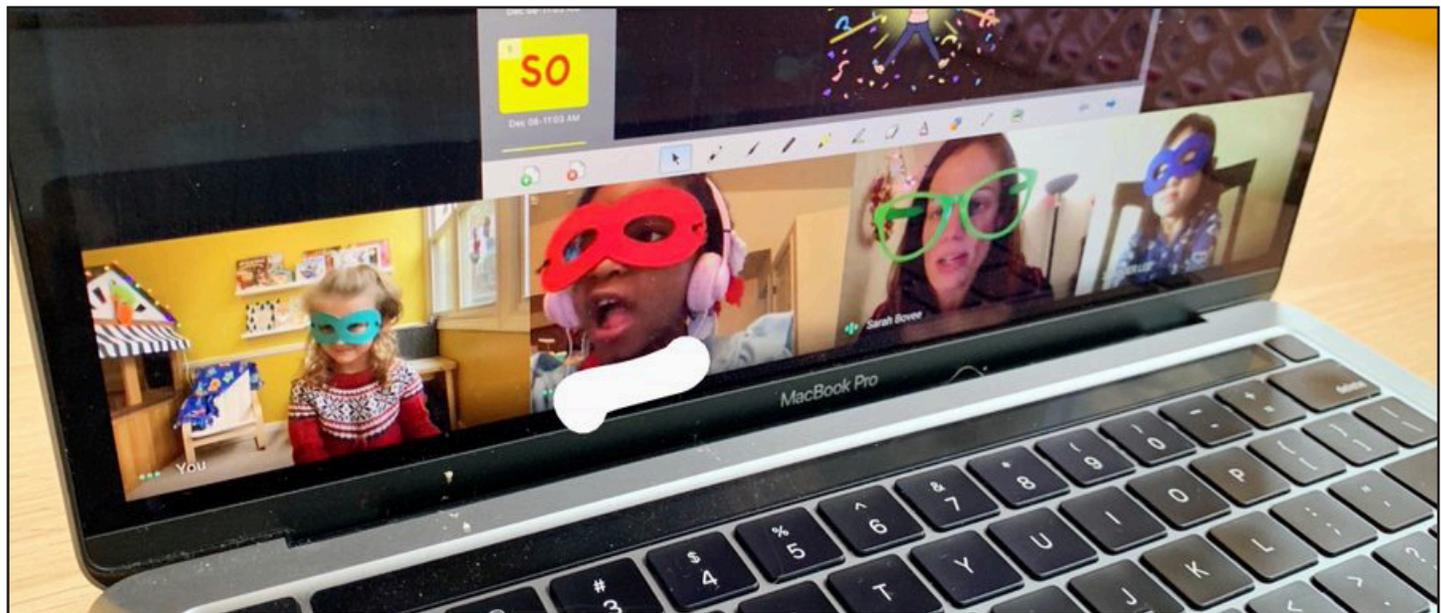
LEARNING SERVICES



Teachers use a wide variety of methods to make the PCSD's Full Online Learning Program fresh for students. TOP LEFT: Virtual teacher Tracy Wiedeman used a detective costume when students have a lesson on inferring. TOP RIGHT: Virtual teacher Jennifer Schwittay had students create a bitmoji of themselves and then, using the app smash, made class photos since they are never all together to get a class photo taken. MIDDLE RIGHT: Wiedeman used whipped cream as a teaching device when students learned about author's purpose and played PIE face (Persuade, Inform and Entertain). BOTTOM: Sarah Bovee's kindergarten virtual students are readers. The students have mastered Live Meet reading groups. They practice sight words, reading books at their level and enjoying talking about what they are reading as a group. They have really become "SUPER" readers!



Take a smiling selfie!

A purple rectangular graphic containing a "Pie Face!" game box on the left, a text box with "Take a smiling selfie!" in the center, and two video call screenshots on the right. The first screenshot shows a child with a dollop of whipped cream on their nose, and the second shows a young boy smiling broadly.

DISTRICT NEWS

PACE

We have a lot of exciting things going on. As our new normal begins to look more like our old normal, we hope to unveil two great additions to our community. First will be a community ice rink. We are working hard with the village, local service groups and local businesses to make this dream come to life this spring/summer. We are also working with the FFA, the Vincentians and the Community Pantry to introduce The Pulaski Community Gardens. If everything stays on track, you will see these projects beginning in late spring.



Garden Plots Now Available at the NEW PULASKI COMMUNITY GARDEN!

Available Sizes:
 20' x 30' - \$40 per year
 10' x 30' - \$20 per year
 4' x 8' raised - \$20 per year

Tilled in early spring & late fall.
 Water available.

Plots are located at Pulaski Community Park just north of the Polka Grounds.

To Reserve a Plot, please call the PACE Office at 920-822-6050

*Plots are free if you plant, maintain and give free produce to the Community Pantry of Pulaski.



Mark Heck is PACE director.

4K/EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Pulaski Community School District will offer 4-year-old kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year. The enrollment window opened Feb. 1.



Enrollment for the 4K program will be done online through the 4K website at www.pulaskischools.org/4k. As part of the enrollment process, you will be asked to complete the 4K enrollment form, an Ages and Stages Questionnaire, and a health history form.

If you do not have computer access to the online forms or need assistance filling out the forms, please call Alissa Tetzlaff at 920-822-6021.

Depending on where we are at with the current situation, we are hoping to go back to the traditional 4K schedule with sessions being held on Monday-Thursday and Fridays being the scheduled day off. More information will come.



Kris Wells is PCSD 4K coordinator.

DISTRICT NEWS

TRANSPORTATION



Tracey Szymanski is PCSD Transportation supervisor.

Winter challenges! Snow-covered roads and the cold weather slows us down. What happens when your child's bus is running late?



During the winter, bus routes will start off earlier than normal in the morning; however, by the end of the route, they may be running late, depending on road conditions.

After school, your child may arrive home later than the estimated time. The PCSD will make every effort to send out alert messages as soon as possible in the event a bus route is running extremely late during the winter.

PCSD Teachers of Distinction named



Anvelink



Bovee



Landers



Wied



Brewczynski



Wiedeman

Six Pulaski Community School District teachers have been named Teachers of Distinction in the 2021 Greater Green Bay Chamber's Golden Apple Awards.

They were among 42 individuals and five teams comprised of 20 individuals who were given the honor.

From this pool of area educators, 2021 Golden Apple award recipients will soon be selected and surprised in their classrooms with the award.

PCSD teachers who were selected are: Ashley Anvelink, Sunnyside Elementary; Sarah Bovee, Fairview Elementary; Dave Landers, PCMS; Danielle Wied, Sunnyside Elementary and Tracey Brewczynski and Tracy Wiedeman, second grade, full online learning team.

Teachers of Distinction and Golden Apple recipients will be recognized April 21. Recognition will be televised 6 p.m. April 21 on CW14 and 5 p.m. April 25 on Fox 11.



Since its inception in 1994, 48 PCSD teachers have been awarded Golden Apple awards including two current teachers who won while teaching at different districts.

Check out past PCSD Golden Apple winners at: www.pulaskischools.org/achievement/pcsd-golden-apple-winners.

PCSD has two new department directors

The Pulaski Community School District has new faces in two top administrative positions.

Alyson Tress is the new Human Resources director. She recently replaced Claire Denz, who served for a year. Mark Logan started as Business Services director in July. He replaced Jill Bodwin, who served for three years.



Tress



Logan

“It’s a district that has been of interest to me since I graduated,” she said. Tress is looking forward to meeting district staff and community members.

Logan previously served in a similar capacity with the Southern Door County School District for four years. Prior to that, he was a finance manager for GMR Marketing for a decade in Milwaukee.

Tress is a graduate of Peshtigo High School. She earned a bachelor’s degree in human resources and finances from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and an HR certificate from the Society for Human Resource Management.

She is married to Austin Tress. The couple have a son and a daughter, ages 3 and 5. They live in Howard.

Tress worked for CESA 8 the past six years and the Merrill Area Public School district for three years prior to that. She loved her job with CESA 8, but wanted to get back to where she could be in school buildings.

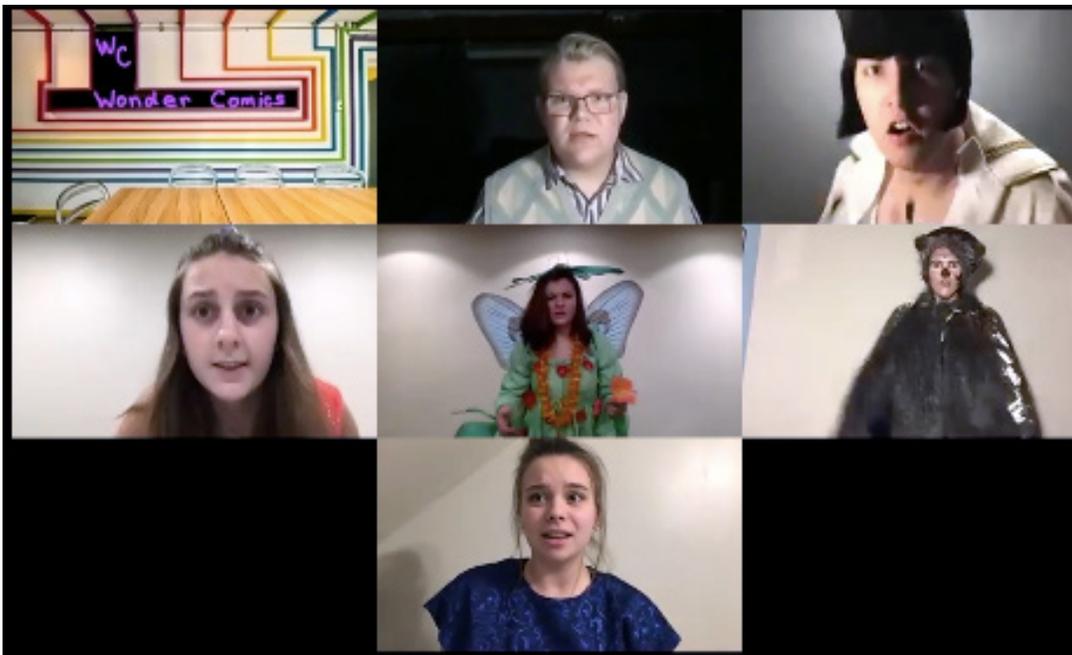
Tress has deep roots in the district. She has two nieces who attend school in the district and her mother’s side of the family grew up here and attended school in the district. Her mother, Lori (Wesolowski) Eparvier, is a 1979 PHS graduate.

“I spent time in the marketing industry and just decided to make a switch,” he said. “School finance was a really good fit for me.”

Logan said he had heard good things about the PCSD from staff members who have worked in both districts.

“The one thing I found in common with the Door County area that attracted me, is there is the sense of community and citizenship. You don’t see that in every community. You don’t see that in every field. The Pulaski district really bears that out,” he said.

Logan is a graduate of Milwaukee Marquette High School and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He lives in Green Bay with his wife, Diana, and their three sons.



VIRTUAL MELODRAMA:

PHS students recently finished zoom recording their melodrama production of *Comic Book Artist*. Students wrote and performed their own comedy skits as part of the production. The storyline featured a special drawing pen that brought characters to life, including the evil Dr. Shock Clock and the fabulous four superheroes Stanley drew to defeat her. Normally, the play occurs in April; however, the melodrama and musical switched time slots to give the musical a better chance to be performed on stage instead of virtually. The show was streamed Feb. 12-14.

PCSD, Hobart partner on crosswalk



Students cross Hillcrest Drive to get to school last fall on a new crosswalk to help improve student safety.

In 2019, Hillcrest Elementary parents inquired about creating a partnership with the village of Hobart to install a crosswalk across County Road FF (Hillcrest Drive) and Concord Way.

The Public Works Committee asked Hillcrest principal Kris Wells to gather data regarding who would use the crosswalk and how often it would be used to determine if this project was a priority for the village.

A survey was given to parents in spring 2020 during parent-teacher conferences, and it was also shared with community members who live east of the school.

The Pulaski Community School District Board of Education in April approved \$30,000 toward the project. The village of Hobart approved funding the remainder (\$44,100) of the \$74,100 project.

The project includes button-activated rapid-flashing lights, a sidewalk to the school and speed bumps.

The village of Hobart spent the majority of the summer working on the crosswalk, which was finished by the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

PCSD has two contested board races

A primary election was slated for Feb. 16 to pare the field from four to two for the April 6 election for a member-at-large seat to the Pulaski Community School District's Board of Education. Incumbent Dawn Clark opted not to run after serving three years on the board. Check out the *Pulaski News* for results.

Candidates for the member-at-large board seat were:

- Jamie Barke: 1728 Surrey Trail, Green Bay
- Dan Nowak: 6136 Black Walnut Way, Sobieski

- Megan Mills-Koehler: 7266 Marissa Circle, Sobieski
- Nora Leisner: 131 White Clover Court, Pulaski

In the expiring Zone 2 seat, incumbent Jeromy J. Delebrea, 7663 Breeze Lane, Pulaski, is challenged by Jaclyn Fradette, 1138 State Highway 32, Pulaski.

In the expiring Zone 5 seat, incumbent Sara Mangold: 4774 Potters Crossing, Pulaski, is running unopposed for re-election.

PCSD has wide variety of job openings

The Pulaski Community School District needs substitute teachers, bus drivers, paraprofessionals and food service staff to help maintain adequate staffing levels so the district can offer face-to-face learning during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

PCSD is asking local residents to consider taking positions to help:

- Transport students to and from school and athletic and extra-curricular trips;
- Prepare and provide nutritious meals to students;
- Assist teachers in the classroom, and
- Fill in when full-time teachers are not available.

"Without proper staffing levels, the district cannot operate safely and effectively," said Mark Logan, PCSD Business Services director. "It is crucial that the district have substitutes available to fill open positions within the district."

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: The Pulaski Community Board of Education recently raised the daily amount paid to substitute teachers to \$150 per day for short-term subs and \$190 for long-term subs. After 20 days of substitute teaching in the PCSD, new subs working to obtain their license can be reimbursed up to \$300 for substitute teacher courses and license fees. To qualify for a three-year short-term substitute teacher license, participants must have an associate's degree or higher in any field and complete training to prepare potential substitute teachers for working with students in the classroom. A virtual course is offered by CESA 7. Find out more at: www.cesa7.org. From the home page, select the SERVICES

tab and scroll down to teacher licensing/certification. Substitute teachers help maximize students' face-to-face learning opportunities when regular staff is unavailable.

TRANSPORTATION: You can earn \$16 per hour as a bus driver if you hold a Commercial Driver's License and \$14 per hour as a van driver without a CDL. Bus drivers transport authorized students for routes and trips, complete pre- and post-trip inspections of school buses and are expected to observe all mandatory safety regulations for school buses and traffic laws, applicable school board policies and administrative procedures. Pre-employment work physical and school bus physical are required and are paid for by PCSD. Drivers could be randomly screened for alcohol and drug use by the DOT. CDLs are required to drive a bus. However, PCSD provides paid training on site and reimbursement for license and road test. Hours are Monday through Friday with opportunities to pad your income with extra weekend hours.

PARAPROFESSIONALS: Academic and special education paraprofessionals work in district classrooms to help provide valuable assistance to teachers including more one-on-one time with students as well as assisting in large-group settings. They are paid \$12.20 per hour.

FOOD SERVICE: Food Service personnel help prepare nutritious meals for students as well as assist in preparing bulk and daily meals for pickup by families when schools are virtual. Cooks earn \$12 per hour while cashiers earn \$11. Hours are typically 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. except for preparation for and distribution of bulk meal orders.

To find out more about these or any other PCSD job opening, go to: <https://www.pulaskischools.org/hr/employment-opportunities>.

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULES

SLOW ROLLOUT: PHS winter sports started with a slow roll taking steps to mitigate spread of COVID-19. Fall sports — which were postponed — are scheduled to be played in March and April prior to the spring season. Schedules are subject to change. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/PCSDsports> to view the most current PHS athletic schedules.

(Basketball and swimming photos by Aaron Sperduto.)



RED RAIDER FIELD OF DREAMS

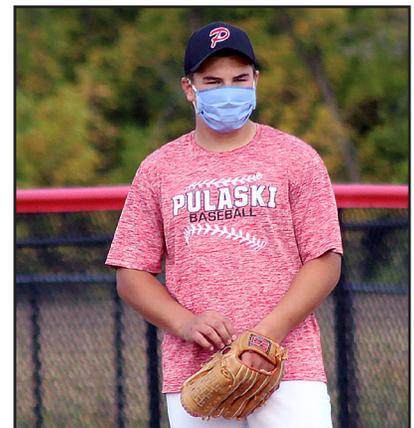
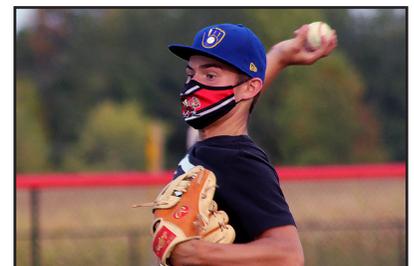


THIRD TIME THE CHARM?: Three years ago, ground was broken for Phase II of the Red Raider Field of Dreams project, which included a complex featuring two softball diamonds and two baseball diamonds.

The initial hope was the complex would be ready for play the spring of 2019. However, rainy weather the summer before hampered construction as well as grass growth. Opening play was pushed back to the spring of 2020. Then COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the 2020 spring season.

PHS baseball and softball players, however, had the chance the fall of 2020 to practice on the fields for a few days giving them a taste of what it will be like playing on the fields this spring.

(Photos by Aiden Van Schyndel of the Pulaski News.)





POSTAL CUSTOMER

DISTRICT NEWS

Students back in the buildings

Students are back in classrooms in all Pulaski Community School District schools.

Pulaski High School and Pulaski Community Middle School students returned Feb. 8 to five-days-a-week face-to-face learning with an early release day on Wednesdays to allow Facilities staff to deep clean buildings. The early dismissals on Wednesdays will last through Spring Break at the end of March.

Elementary students have been back in school five days a week with an early dismissal on Wednesdays since Jan. 11.

While the district will be open for face-to-face learning, Supt. Allison Space said at the Jan. 20 PCSD Board of Education meeting that the community, parents and board need

to understand that this does not mean business as usual back within the school buildings with full curriculums and activities.

“If anything, this means we need to be more cautious now.”

Students and staff members will continue to be quarantined as needed.

Physical distancing at both PHS and PCMS will be a challenge.

“It’s going to be tight in the classrooms,” Space noted. There will be just 2 feet in some areas. “I’m being very, very transparent with you about that we cannot ensure 4 to 6 feet within class-room settings for our students,” Space said. “It’s a big difference going from 18 chairs to 40 in some of those classrooms.”

KEY DATES

- Feb. 17:** Board of Education meets*
- Feb. 18:** Professional Development Day, no school
- Feb. 19:** No school, staff and students
- March 3:** Board of Education meets*
- March 17:** Board of Education meets*
- March 26:** End of third quarter
- March 29-April 2:** Spring Break, no school
- April 5:** Professional Development Day, no school
- April 7:** Board of Education meets*
- April 21:** Board of Education meets*
- May 5:** Board of Education meets*
- May 19:** Board of Education meets*
- May 31:** No school, Memorial Day
- June 2:** Board of Education meets*
- June 8:** Last day of school
- June 16:** Board of Education meets*

*As needed
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