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Through a collaborative effort and the generosity of AACER Flooring, PELC PTSO, Stalker Flooring, Westy's Trucking, and Polo Plaz Finish, a new floor was installed in the PELC. The wood floor replaces a tile floor in the multi-purpose gym. Our students will benefit from the new floor in Physical Education classes, along with the youth basketball tournaments we host.



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The Peshtigo School District Board of Education is excited to tackle three goals for the 2018-2019 school-year that will address communication, safety, and learning. The goals are ambitious and will be impactful when completed.

- Communication:** to be candid, this is an area the district has fallen short in too frequently. This community newsletter is just one effort to improve our communication with the public. We are expanding our social media presence, improving our website accessibility, broadening communications with parents, and plan to host superintendent and board member meet and greets.
- Safety:** Students learn best in a positive and caring environment. Our efforts to improve school safety center on mental wellness, security, and training. The District received \$120,000 worth of grant money from the Department of Justice to address these three areas. Currently, staff has completed ALICE training and building level evacuations. Also, new cameras and door security measures are being installed. Additionally included in our efforts is the formation of a mental wellness committee to assist and provide guidance to our pursuits of graduating mentally and emotionally healthy students.
- Learning:** Just think, some of our four year-old kindergarten friends will be employed in jobs that have yet to be imagined. It makes the goal of every graduate career and/or college ready daunting. Our local economy needs students entering the workforce who are literate in Reading and Mathematics and have problem-solving, technology, and communication skills. Our community needs graduates who are college and career ready to maintain a thriving community that offers jobs that provide family sustaining wages.

Senior Breakfast

Senior Citizens are welcome to join us for a free breakfast and entertainment the second Wednesday of each month from 9:00 to 10:00am. The first breakfast will be hosted at the Peshtigo Elementary Learning Center on January 9th. Each month; students will share some of their talents with the audience and updates from the District will be shared by Mr. Patrick Rau, Superintendent, with a question and answer period to follow.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Peggy Craney at 715-582-3762 ext. 1310 to help us plan for the event.

Lions Club Vision Screening

One of the Lions Club's main goals is to help with vision health and preventing blindness. To them, vision health is one of their "highest priorities." This program is organized through a collaboration between the club representative and the school. There is no cost to our students or their families. The volunteers are trained to use a SPOT camera, on loan from the county, and they volunteer to do the screening for us.

School Board Meetings

Regular school board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Peshtigo Elementary Learning Center music room. Time for public comment is included at the beginning of each meeting.

School Performance Benchmarks

Public Access to school and district level performance standards can be found on Wisconsin DPI website. Students participate in ACT, ASPIRE, and FORWARD exams. For the latest school accountability report card data follow this link: <https://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Front Row: Dana Osowski, PELC Associate Principal; Julie Williams, Special Education Director; Patrick Rau, Superintendent
Back Row: Jacob Hickey, Choir Director; Shalaine Buehl, Math Teacher; Nicole Bergstrom, Elementary Teacher; Angie Matykowski, School Counselor

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PESHTIGO MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Peshtigo Middle/High School is off to a great start! Students are busy with school work and extra-curricular activities. We have had many exciting events thus far: Homecoming, Band Concert, School Pictures, Veterans Program/Breakfast, etc.

In addition, we have added a NEW Vocational Studies Program. This has allowed us to increase our students' on-the-job training to include a classroom portion focusing on resume and career related skills. A second part to this program focuses on manufacturing related jobs located in Northeast Wisconsin.

The Middle School students have an expanded curriculum to discover and explore more opportunities of growth. Our career exploration class offered in 8th grade allows our students to start exploring different opportunities.

For more up-to-date information, please visit our Peshtigo Middle/High School Facebook® page.

Left Picture: Austin Thome with Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ellis Langjahr, who gave the keynote address at the Veterans Day Assembly.

Right Picture: High School Jazz Band performance on October 25.



PESHTIGO ELEMENTARY LEARNING CENTER

Third Grade Recycling Project

Mrs. Nelson's 3rd Grade class learned about the importance of Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling our Earth's natural resources. Students agreed to reduce their use of straws during breakfast and lunch and to reuse milk cartons to prevent unwanted waste in our landfills. We now recycle the plastic containers that juice and cereal come in, along with all other paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, and metal that we can. We have collection bins in the school to recycle all dried-out markers and unwanted or broken string lights. Students, with the help of a community volunteer Tom Crowley, have also composted approximately 12 pounds of banana peels and apple cores in a classroom vermicompost bin.



Camp Bird

Forty nine years ago, John Brosig started PELC 's outdoor education program now known as Camp Bird. At that time, Superintendent Harold Ries wanted students to experience an outdoor education program like our neighboring districts. The goal of the program was for students to gain an understanding and experience the outdoors through hands on activities. As the staff of PELC has discovered over the years, these activities have instilled much more than just learning about the outdoors. The students gain self reliance, group awareness, and a sense of family during the four days at camp. This unique setting promotes experiences not available to students in a traditional classroom setting.



PUPIL SERVICES

Wisconsin Mental Health Framework Pyramid of Supports

The Pupil Services Department has initiated a Mental Health Committee to develop a framework for mental health services across the district.

Good mental health is critical to children's success in school and life. Research demonstrates that students who receive social, emotional and mental health support achieve better academically. School climate, classroom behavior, on-task learning, and students' sense of connectedness and well-being all improve as well. **Mental health is not simply the absence of mental illness but also encompasses social, emotional, and behavioral health and the ability to cope with life's challenges.** Left unmet, mental health problems are linked to costly negative outcomes such as academic and behavior problems, dropping out, and delinquency.

The Wisconsin School Mental Health Framework created by the Department of Public Instruction states that Wisconsin children will graduate from high school academically prepared and socially and emotionally competent. These proficiencies/attributes come from rigorous, rich and well-rounded school experiences. The Peshtigo School District is committed to this belief and has included this as one of the district goals for this school year.

Having an established framework provides the Peshtigo School District the expectations, means, methods, outcomes, and commitment of mental health supports for our students.



Pictured is the Mental Awareness Committee:
Bottom left: Julie Williams, Mike Fifarek, Tavia Kotchon, Katie Seidler, Pam May

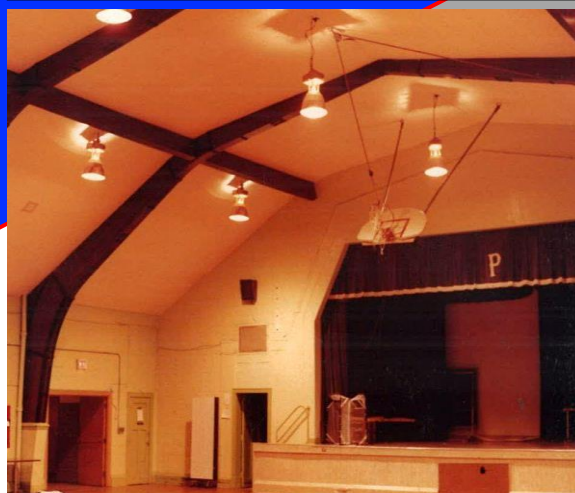
Back left: Chad Sodini, Randy Verkerke, Janet Thibado, Allison Omer, Angie Matykowski, Kathy Bayerl, Leslie Hosten, Frank Akey

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT PMHS:

- Music Concert: 12/17
- Senior Citizen Holiday Lunch: 12/18
- College Symposium: 12/21
- Winter Break: 12/24-1/1
- Early Release @ 1:30pm: 1/17
- No School: 1/18 and 2/11

Remember when this was the gym?



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