

BULLDOG BARK



September 2021

30+ Years of Service to the Peshtigo School District

During this year's August inservice, many special people were recognized for their service to the children of the Peshtigo School District. From left to right are Clarence Coble, Jill Leslie, Lucy Coble, Tina Schwartz, Jodi VanVooren, Jenny Smith, and Jane Gohr. A roaring round of applause was sent to these seven long term Peshtigo school employees who have each



served thirty or more years!

Join PTSO Today!

Parent involvement is important in making a school successful, and the



PTSO is a key way to get involved. "Parents Rock-Get Connected with the PTSO" was the slogan for the Open

House night. Kids were able to paint rocks while the parents talked to members of the PTSO about upcoming events and sign up for the newsletter to get connected with future activities. PTSO is so much more than fundraising for Peshtigo School District. PTSO creates and sponsors fun events for families and kids to look forward to during the school year such as the winter dance, author visits, reward days, and bounce house day to name a few. More parents are always needed to help organize and lead events. Please contact ptso@peshtigo.k12.wi.us if you are interested in helping!

Seventh Grade Orientation

At the Peshtigo Middle/High School on Wednesday, August 25th, seventh grade students were given their schedules and welcomed by Student Council volunteers. Physical education teachers Tye Schoenebeck and Sherri Morell handed out t-shirts to all of the students.



Principal Chad Sodini welcomed families back to school and reminded parents and students alike that all staff members want to "make sure students feel safe in school." Associate Principal Bill Wickman encouraged all seventh grade students to join a sport or other activity and reviewed all of the opportunities students have. He emphasized that being involved in sports or some other activity really helps students feel a part of the school. Guidance counselor Angie Matykowski emphasized the importance of students to use a school planner or assignment notebook to keep track of assignments and start off the year with successful grades

PELC Open House

At the PELC on Thursday, August 26th, families were greeted by teachers, administration, administrative assistants, the school nurse, PTSO leaders, as well as coaches and leaders of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Students were able to get clothing and school supplies in the Kids Closet thanks to many of the Peshtigo Women's Club volunteers and generous donations from our community.



"Let's go see the caterpillars!" said one student. Teacher Maren Nerat said that the big "draw" for her kindergarten classroom was to check on the monarch caterpillars. Many of the teachers were just as excited as students to see families once again in school. "I'm so excited to see my students' smiles again!" stated speech pathologist Peggy Salzman. Art teacher Kelly Nemece stated "I have six bulletin boards in the hallway that are waiting to be covered with student artwork!"



"I'm looking forward to inspiring and engaging a whole new group of students in a classroom filled with compassion and respect."

Kindergarten teacher Tammy Behnke continued, "I'm excited to promote mistakes as opportunities for growth and to encourage students to celebrate success and to never give up!"

New Staff Spotlight

Mr. Glenn Berry



Mr. Berry is our new high school English teacher. He graduated from UW LaCrosse with honors and had a unique camp counselor position at YMCA Camp Orkila on Orcas Island, Washington! He's looking forward to building relationships with colleagues and students!

Ms. Andrea Cornett



Ms. Cornett is our new middle/high school art teacher. She recently adopted a pet rabbit named Yuna. She student taught in Shawano and worked as a long term art substitute teacher at Hillcrest Primary School. She is excited about working with students in Peshtigo and agrees with Salvado Dali's statement, "A true artist is not one who is inspired, but one who inspires others!"

Ms. Erin Fisher



Ms. Fisher is our new high school guidance counselor. Her fiancé's name is Seth and she's engaged to be married in November. She worked as a counselor for Hortonville high school. She's most excited about getting involved in outside activities and can't wait to work more with students!

Mrs. Elizabeth Koronkiewicz



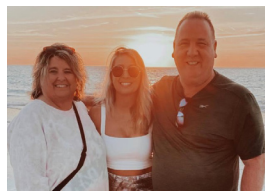
Mrs. Koronkiewicz is our new middle/high school nurse. Her husband's name is DJ and she has a dog named Bella. She has worked as a pediatric and Covid nurse over the past four years. She's excited to be a Bulldog and to care for our students!

Ms. Deanna Fried



Ms. Fried is our new band teacher. Her fiancé's name is Eric and they are getting married next year. She has been in band since fourth grade and previously taught four years in Connecticut. She also has performed in multiple ensembles across the country and is excited about getting to know her students and making music together!

Mrs. Tammy Lesandrini



Mrs. Lesandrini is our new elementary special education teacher. Her husband's name is Scott and she has an adult daughter named Amanda who teaches second grade in Marinette. She has over fifteen years experience teaching special education, most recently in Marinette. She owns a business to help individuals with disabilities obtain integrated community employment. She's excited about sharing her passion of working with students to transition from school to work!

Ms. Beth Rocque



Ms. Rocque is our new technology education teacher. She is a dog mom with a husky and four month old Australian shepherd puppy. She student taught in Peshtigo and most recently taught technology education for two years in Marinette. She's excited to incorporate coding and engineering sketching into the middle school curriculum. She also is excited about helping kids find different pathways to the trades fields!

Mrs. Alison Stauss



Mrs. Stauss is our new special education teacher at the middle/high school. She and her husband, Reggie, have two children, Wyatt and Ivy. She has teaching experience across multiple grades in both the regular and special education settings. She is most excited about getting to know her students. Go Bulldogs!

Mrs. Hanna Wagner



Mrs. Wagner is our new fourth grade teacher. She and her husband, Joshua, have two children, Joshua Roy and Charlotte. She student taught here in Peshtigo in the fall of 2020 then taught middle school science and math this spring before returning to Peshtigo again. She is loving every minute of teaching fourth grade and is excited to raise her children in a community committed to education!

Mrs. Yen Williams



Mrs. Williams is our new first grade teacher. She is married to Brian, who is the district's buildings, grounds, and transportation director. She was born and raised in the Philippines where she taught at both state and private universities for eleven years in political science and applied linguistics. This is her first experience teaching at the elementary level. She is looking forward to getting to know her students and having an exchange of experiences, teaching and learning together!