

# Pershing News

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## Important Dates

*October 9*

Vision Screening

*October 13*

Picture Day

*October 18*

Parent/Teacher Conference

*October 19*

PBIS Field Trip

*October 26*

Halloween Parade-1:30PM

*October 27*

NO SCHOOL

*October 30*

Fluoride Treatment

*November 2*

Parent/Teacher Conference

*November 7*

NO SCHOOL

*November 10*

Report Cards

*November 17*

Picture Make Up Day

Dance

*November 22—24*

NO SCHOOL

## Message from the Principal

Dear Pershing Families,

It is with a great deal of excitement that I welcome everyone to the 2017-18 school year. The Pershing staff is in full swing and providing high quality instruction to each student on a daily basis. We have already had our first PTA sponsored event, the Back to School Barbeque, which is always a great way to bring families together to start the year. The PTA does a wonderful job when it comes to supporting the work of our teachers by providing the students with many unique opportunities throughout the year. The PTA is always looking for new families to join as we hold our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the art room. We hope to see you at our next meeting which will be held on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pershing really does have a terrific staff that puts children at the center of the learning process. This year we have staff members either new or returning to Pershing that will help solidify our team. Please join me in welcoming:

- Ms. Bergman – SPED Lead teacher
- Mrs. Drake Hames - Art
- Mr. Kaczorowski – 4/5 Teacher
- Ms. Kelling – Reading Interventionist
- Ms. Kopshinsky – Occupational Therapist
- Ms. Merkel – Band
- Mrs. Pipal - 3 Teacher
- Mrs. Schowalter – School Psychologist
- Ms. Schultz – Orchestra
- Mrs. Young – Special Education teacher
- Mr. Beutin – Math Interventionist
- Mrs. Daniels – Building Substitute

I would like to remind parents that it is very important that students are on time to school every day. We have had many tardies so far this year and it really disrupts the positive flow of the class.

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Principal, Steve Harris  
Academic Dean, Nicole Blohm  
Secretary, Janice Schwasinger

In addition, it can be very difficult for the tardy students to get into the swing of the normal day if they are playing catch up right away. I also wanted to remind families that we have an after school program (Action 330) formerly known as SAFE that you can sign your child up for if you are unable to arrive during the 3:30 dismissal. The paperwork can be completed at our recreation department at 1205 S. 70<sup>th</sup>. The Action 330 program has a building permit which gives them access to the playground from 3:30-5:30, so parents should not have children wait for them on the playground much past 3:30, because it is difficult for the Action 330 workers to have their students follow instructions when unsupervised students are playing in the same area. I really appreciate everyone's understanding on this topic, because I know sometimes after school pick up can be a stressful situation when work schedules and other obligations arise. We just want to make sure students are safe and if they are unsupervised it is impossible for us to assure their safety.

On behalf of the Pershing staff we look forward to working with each of your children as well as your families as we are committed to providing each student with the best possible education so that they can be college and career ready.

Sincerely,

Steve Harris  
Principal-Pershing School

## Report Cards

Look for your child's Report Card to come home with them on November 10th.

## Box Tops Contest



We will be having a "Box Tops for Education" competition during the month of **November**. The classroom that collects the most Box Tops will win an ice cream party! Just look for the box top logo on many different everyday items you are already buying from the store. Cut them out and bring them to school—**our school earns 10¢ for each one!** Family, friends and neighbors are more than welcome to help you on the hunt for Box Tops!

Box Top Chairperson—Jacenia Ledezma

## PTA Fall Fundraiser

Pershing PTA will be having their Fall Fundraiser kickoff on Friday, September 29th. You can sell items through Monday, October 16th, turning in forms on that day. You have the opportunity to raise money for your school and **WIN** great prizes for yourself!

- **September 29th**, start selling
- **October 16th**, turn in order forms
- **November 21st**, pick up fundraiser items

Fundraiser Chairperson—Kimberly Szmanda

## Back to School BBQ

WOW, what a wonderful evening we had for the Back to School BBQ. It was so nice to see all of our Pershing families enjoying their hot dog dinners and getting to know fellow Pershing families. Dinner was provided by our PTA and served by our dedicated staff. We would like to give a big thank you to all that helped make the night a great success!

Back to School Chairperson—Jennifer Pawlak

## Free Immunizations and Flu Shots

The West Allis Health Department is offering FREE Flu and other age appropriate Immunizations:

For: WAWM School age students grades 4K-12

When: During the month of November

Where: West Allis Health Department  
7120 West National Avenue

- Regardless of insurance
- By appointment only
- Call 414-302-8600 for an appointment
- Parent/Guardian need to be present to sign consents.

## PTA Meeting

The Pershing PTA would like to invite you to join them at a PTA meeting. It's a great way to learn about our district and our community. It's also a wonderful way to hear about what might be going on in your child's class and meet other Pershing families. We would love for you to become a PTA member, but it isn't necessary. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, at 6:30 PM in the Art Room. We look forward to seeing you!

## PBIS Milwaukee Wave Game

All Pershing students that have displayed positive classroom behavior will have the opportunity to go to a Milwaukee Wave game on Thursday, October 19th beginning at 11:00 AM. and will be returning to school around 1:30 PM. If your not familiar with PBIS, it is the promotion and recognition of good behavior for all students.



## Dance

Pershing's PTA will be hosting a school dance on Friday, November 17th. Come dance, eat and see your friends, it's going to be a fun filled evening. The dance will be in the Pershing Gym from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM with a \$1.00 per person entrance fee. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Dance Chairperson—Maria Garcia

## Reporting School Absences 24 Hour Hotline

24 Hour Hotline- Dial 414-604-4600, press 1 to reach the attendance Hotline.

The importance of calling in your child's absence cannot be stressed enough. In order to maintain accurate attendance records, **all student absences must be called in to the system before 8:45 am on the day of the absence.** Please notify us of every day absent. Parents are contacted for confirmation of the absence at home or work by school attendance personnel if the parent has not called to report the absence to the school. Any absence not reported by note or phone call within 24 hours of a student's return will be recorded as **Unexcused**. It is important to know the whereabouts of all our students for their own safety. If your child misses three or more days, a doctor's excuse is needed to admit your child back to school.