

Pershing News

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Important Dates

January 8

PTA Meeting-7:45 am

January 14

Pershing Spelling Bee-1:30 pm

January 16

4K Parent Information Session

January 21 & 22

NO SCHOOL

January 22

4K Parent Information Session

January 25

Fundraiser

January 28

Report Cards

January 31

District Spelling Bee-6:30 pm

February 1

4K Enrollment Begins

February 12

PTA Meeting-6:30 pm

February 18 & 19

NO SCHOOL

Message from the Principal

Dear Pershing Families,

I hope everyone had a very nice holiday and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. Right before the holiday break we were fortunate enough to be chosen by the DECA club from the Oconomowoc School District. These students and their families generously purchased presents and winter wear for every single student at Pershing. We appreciate their spirit and overall generosity as they spent the majority of the day playing and mingling with the Pershing students on December 19th. As one of our first grade students said, "it was a truly spectacular day."

Once again I am reaching out to families to join our PTA and become part of a special group of people who do so much to support both our students as well as our staff. The annual membership is only \$7.00 and goes right back to helping support activities that benefit the Pershing students. Our PTA meets the second Tuesday of every month in the Pershing art room at 6:30. I hope to see you at our next meeting. The PTA sponsors many school wide events such as High Interest Day, Back to School Barbeque, and the Urban Ecology Center just to name a few.

I am pleased to report that Pershing Elementary School is Exceeding Expectations on the latest version of the Department of Public Instruction's State Report Card. We scored a very impressive 82.4 which happens to be the best score in the entire West Allis-West Milwaukee School District. In fact, we were less than one full point away from the highest category (Significantly Exceeding Expectations). Our students and staff work extremely hard, and along with the help of our parents, we continue to make sure that Pershing students receive a high quality education. More information about our State Report Card can be found on our school website as well as our Facebook page.

Please join me in advocating that our students have their best year ever in 2019. As a staff we are always working to enhance instruction and provide our students with meaningful learning experiences both in the classroom and outside of our walls as well. Our 5th grade students will be participating in an overnight camping experience during the end of February where they will be interacting with the environment and learning about the ecosystem.

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

This trip was made possible through the generosity of one of our local partners, The Urban Ecology Center as they continue to support Pershing by offering an outdoor classroom for our students to explore and learn more about the environment surrounding them.

Sincerely,
Steve Harris



Report Cards

If you have access to the internet your child's Report Card will be posted for viewing on January 28th after 5:00 PM on Skyward. You can also change phone numbers, Email addresses, pay school fees, submit food service payments and much more. Please go to www.wawm.k12.wi.us, click on link to Family Access on Skyward.

Box Tops Contest

Mrs. Pagenkopf's class were the winners of the Box Tops contest and received an ice cream party! Great job class! 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



Free Dental Care

Free dental care is available at your school! Is your child in need of dental care? DentaMed Healthcare will provide dental screenings and restorative dental care to any student, regardless of whether the student is uninsured or insured by another organization.

- Dental Screening (evaluation of teeth)
- Dental Cleaning (cleaning teeth, providing sealant)
- Dental Restoration (filling cavities, minor extractions)

To sign your child up for free dental care:

- Pick up each Consent and Medical History Forms (School Office)
- Complete forms and return them to school office
- Once the forms are received, parents will be notified.

If you have questions, please contact the District Nursing Department 414-604-4000 ext. 1107 or your school Main office.

4K Parent Information Sessions

- Wednesday, January 16, 2019
6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Hoover Elementary School
- Tuesday, January 22, 2019
6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Horace Mann Elementary

4K Enrollment

4K enrollment begins on Friday, February 1, 2019. To enroll your child in the WAWM School District visit the Enrollment Center-5th floor, 1205 S. 70th Street, West Allis. Monday through Friday 7:30 am-4:30 pm. **Bring-Child's original birth certificate and proof of residency.** Questions? Contact Enrollment@wawmsd.org or (414) 604-3014.

PTA Spring Fundraiser

Pershing PTA will be having their Spring Fundraiser a little earlier this year. The kickoff will be on Friday, January 25th. You can sell items through Monday, February 11th, turning in forms on that day. You have the opportunity to raise money for your school and **WIN** great prizes for yourself!

- **January 25th**, start selling
- **February 11th**, turn in order forms
- **March 7th**, pick up fundraiser items



Bake Sale

The Pershing PTA would like to thank everyone who took the time during the busy holiday season to bake items for the Bake Sale. Everything looked sooo yummy. Proceeds go to help support all the wonderful PTA activities here at Pershing, so thank you to those who purchased baked items also.

Bake Sale Chairperson-Adriana Almada

Spelling Bee

Pershing's Spelling Bee will be on January 14th at 1:30 pm, in the Gym. Parents are welcome to Pershing and watch our 4th and 5th graders compete for a seat at the district level Spelling Bee that will be held on January 31st, 6:30 pm at Central High School. Good luck boys and girls!



Community Closet

Ms. Maria Garcia manages a store called Horace Mann Community Closet. It's location is at a West Allis school (Horace Mann Elementary), 6213 West Lapham Street. They have an abundance of items such as clothing for all ages, winter gear, food and much more. Items are free to any students and families in need. If you have a request or would like to donate items please contact Maria at Garcia@wawmsd.org or 414-604-3912.

Mercy Mat Bag Contest

The winner of the Mercy Mat bag contest is Mrs. Spangenberg's class! Great job kids! The goal for Pershing was to bring in 1,400 plastic bags. After three weeks of collecting bags, the grand total for the whole school was over 16,000 plastic bags collected. Wow, that's incredible! They will be used to make approximately 23 Mercy Mats. Mercy Mats are made entirely from recycled plastic bags. They provide a cushion for a person to sleep on, keep warm and dry, can be easily washed and are safe from parasites that can live in cloth type blankets. Mats are then donated to homeless people in our community. This wonderful project was lead by Mrs. Arkin, Mrs. Spangenberg, Mrs. Groth, Mrs. Dragolovich, Mrs. Pipal and students from Pershing's Service Learning Club.