

# Pershing News

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## Important Dates

*November*

Box Tops Contest

*November 3*

Holiday Craft Fair

*November 6*

**NO SCHOOL**

*November 9*

Picture Retake/ Make Up Day

*November 13*

PTA meeting— **7:45 am**

*November 20*

Fall Fundraiser Pick Up

*November 21, 22 & 23*

**NO SCHOOL**

*December 1*

Christmas Parade—4:30 pm

*December 4*

PTA Meeting—**6:30 pm**

*December 5*

Band, Prelude & Orchestra

*December 11*

Winter Concert—2:00 & 6:30

Bake Sale

*December 24—January 1*

**NO SCHOOL**

## Message from the Principal

Dear Pershing Families,

It is with a great deal of excitement that I welcome everyone to the 2018-19 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 will be offering meetings at different times throughout the year. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 AM in the Art Room. In addition, Mrs. Pipal will be showing parents how to access report cards on Skyward as we have moved away as a district from a paper copy.

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

- Chelsea Crane - School Psychologist
- Ann Dirnbauer – Art Teacher
- Sharon Zeman – Educational Assistant
- Carolyn Hasek – Therapist from Professional Services Group

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. 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. This year we are pleased to add a before school program that runs from 7:00 – 8:30 each morning. 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 for both programs 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.

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

I really appreciate everyone's understanding on this topic, because I know some times 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 continuing to work with each of your children as we are committed to providing each student with the best possible education so that they can be college and career ready. Finally, we will be sending home the Individual Student Results on October 30th for our current 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who took the Wisconsin Forward State Assessment last Spring.

Sincerely,  
Steve Harris  
Principal-Pershing School

## Report Cards

If you have access to the internet your child's Report Card will be posted for viewing on November 13th 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](http://www.wawm.k12.wi.us),  
click on link to Family



## 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—Rindy Hart



## 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!



## 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. Meetings are held in the Art Room. **This year we are trying something new to accommodate more people and will be holding some meetings at 7:45 am and some meetings will be held at our usual time of 6:30 pm.** We look forward to seeing you!

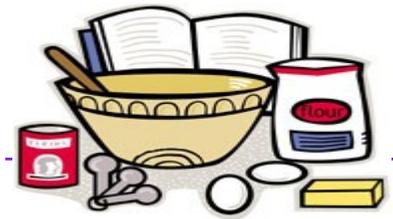
**\*\*Due to the Winter Concert the December PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4th, at 6:30 pm.**

## PTA Fall Fundraiser

Pershing PTA will be having their Fall Fundraiser kickoff on Friday, September 28th. You can sell items through Monday, October 15th, turning in forms on that day. You have the opportunity to raise money for your school and **WIN** great prizes for yourself!

- **September 28th**, start selling
- **October 15th**, turn in order forms
- **November 20th**, pick up fundraiser items

Fundraiser Chairperson—Rindy Hart



## Bake Sale

The Pershing PTA will be hosting a Bake Sale following each of the Winter Concert performances on Tuesday, December 11th. Please stop by the Bake Sale table and purchase some delicious baked goods. If you are able to donate some goods, we welcome you to bring them in the morning on the day of the concert.

Bake Sale Chairperson-Adriana Almada and Rosibel Solis-Gomez

## Daily Schedule

- 7:40 a.m.— Teacher Preparation
- 8:25 a. m.— First Bell & 4K Begins
- 8:30 a. m.— Tardy Bell/Class Begins
- 12:00 noon — 1st Lunch/Recess
- 12:20 p.m.— 2nd Lunch/Recess
- 3:30 p.m.— Student Dismissal



## 25th Annual Holiday Craft Fair

The holiday season is right around the corner, so it's a great time to go shopping at the Holiday Craft Fair! There are over 100 exhibitors, handmade items and a Bake Sale. This event takes place at Nathan Hale High School, 11601 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis. On Saturday, November 3rd, between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. There is an \$3.00 admission fee.

## 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.

## Picture Retake/Make Up Day

Students that have not had their school picture taken, we will be having a make up picture day on November 9th. The group picture for each classroom will be taken that day as well. So bring your smiles!



## Winter Concerts

Join us in our Winter Concerts, the children have practiced and practiced and are ready to perform.

## Band, Prelude, and Orchestra

Wednesday, December 5th  
9:30 am and 2:00 pm

## All School Choirs

Tuesday, December 11th  
2:00 pm and 6:30 pm

## Visitor Badges

Please remember that we do have a visitor's policy and we require all parents to check into the office first! You should have a visitor's badge on at all times when in the school. We will ask you for your cooperation in this matter and please understand that this is done for the safety of the children.



## West Allis Christmas Parade

The West Allis Christmas Parade is an annual holiday tradition, and the only night-time Christmas Parade in Southeast Wisconsin! Enjoy marching bands and live performers, creative floats and vintage vehicles, meet elves, cartoon characters, and of course, wave to Santa Claus himself at the end of the parade! The parade starts at 4:30 pm, following the tree lighting festivities.

## Cold Weather

Our cold winter is not too far off and we are asking parents to dress their youngster as warmly as possible prior to leaving for school. Even though some children get rides, they still will be spending a considerable amount of time outdoors on the playground, especially during the noon hour. Our district policy dictates that when it is not raining or the temperature is 10 degrees or above, students will be outside before school, during recess, and lunch recess times.

