



Panther Prints

Pilgrim Park Middle School Newsletter

Jim Jelinske to Speak with Students, Parents

Jim Jelinske, a nationally recognized speaker, will be at Pilgrim Park Middle School on Monday, February 21, to speak with students and parents. Student presentations will occur during the school day and will provide students with an empathic understanding of the effects that occur from bullying and harassment, as well as provide clear, simple and retainable skills to use in a bullying situation. Mr. Jelinske will also hold a parent presentation at 6:30 p.m. that evening. The evening presentation will provide parents with a realistic look at bullying behavior, its effect on children, and signs to be aware of in their own children. You can obtain more information about Mr. Jelinske by visiting his website at www.creativeed.net.

At Pilgrim Park Middle School, our goal is to continue to work together with parents and the community to provide a safe and respectful environment for all of our students. This event provides us another opportunity to work collaboratively to achieve this goal. All of our parents are invited and encouraged to attend this event!



Pilgrim Park "Souper Bowl" a SUPER SUCCESS!

In the week leading up to the BIG GAME, Pilgrim Park was engaged in its own "Souper Bowl" with South Fayette Middle School, located just outside of Pittsburgh. The two schools challenged each other in a food drive, and the response from Pilgrim Park students and families was SUPER! Pilgrim Park students donated a total of 4,533 items to benefit the Food Pantry of Waukesha County. The 7 Green house donated the most items and was rewarded by our Student Senate with a SUPER pizza party for their SUPER efforts. While our total fell just short of our competitor's, our families did a SUPER job of supporting the needs in our community! A SUPER thank you goes out to all of the SUPER families that supported our food drive during the past week!

GO PANTHERS and GO PACKERS!

Bus Update For Second Semester

During the first two weeks of second semester, all students who ride the bus will be attending assemblies to review the PPMS bus behavior expectations and the consequences for not following those expectations. They will also have the opportunity to select new preferred seats.

New to second semester, all bus riders were given a Bus Safety Pledge to bring home and review with their parents. The students and a parent/guardian should both sign the Bus Safety Pledge and the student should return it to the Guidance Office.



PPMS SCHOOL CALENDAR
February

2/7 Gr. 8 Yearbook House Reps Planning Session, 2:30-3:15pm
2/8 Gr. 7 Yearbook House Reps Planning Session, 2:30-3:15pm
2/8-10 Express Yourself Performance Cafeteria, 7:18-8:09am
2/9 **PTO Meeting/LMC, 1:00pm**
----- Park Palooza Auditions/Gym 2:30-5:00pm
2/10 Wrestling Meet @ Longfellow MS, 4:15pm
2/11 8th Gr. Dance/Activity Night Gym & Cafeteria, 7:00-9:00pm
2/12 Musical Rehearsal-Main Characters, 9:00am-4:00pm
2/14 Musical Crew Rehearsal WCA, 10:00am-2:30pm
----- Gr. 6 Yearbook House Reps Planning Session, 2:30-3:15pm
2/16 Lunch w/Principals 9:59am-12:15pm
----- Wrestling Meet @ PPMS vs Whitefish Bay-4:15pm
----- Musical Dress Rehearsal & Yearbook Photos/WCA 2:10-6:45pm
2/17 Musical @ WCA-7:00pm
2/18 Math Meets, 2:45-4:00pm
----- ELL Meeting/Café, 6:30-8:30pm
----- Musical at WCA-7:00pm
2/19 Musical at WCA-2:00pm
2/21 Bullying Assembly/Gym 7th & 8th Gr. 8:15-9:15am
6th Gr. 9:45-10:45am
----- Bullying Speaker for PPMS Parents/Gym, 6:30-8:00pm
2/22 & 23 8R In-House Bioluminescence Lab/L16, 8:13am-12:15pm
2/23 Wrestling Meet @ PPMS vs West Milwaukee-4:15pm
2/24 & 25 8Y In-House Bioluminescence Lab/L16, 8:13am-12:15pm
2/25 Forensics Meet, 3:30-9:30pm

Diversity Team (W), 12:19-12:44pm
Intramural Co-Ed Basketball, 2:30-4:00pm (2/1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 15, 18, 21, 22, 28)
Wrestling Practice/Café & Balcony (M,T,W, F), 2:30-4:30pm
Chess Club, 6:00-7:40pm (2/3, 11, 24)
Musical Rehearsal-Cast & Crew 2:30-5:00pm, (2/4, 7, 8, 9, 11)
Musical Rehearsal at WCA, 2:10-6:45pm (2/14, 15, 16)
Drumline Club, 2:30-4:00pm (Mondays: 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28)
Panther Jazz Band (T), 2:30-3:45pm
Pandemonium Jazz Band (W) 2:30-3:45pm

Yearbook News



The 2010-11 Yearbook is off to a great start! Thirty-five enthusiastic students will represent their various houses. These hardworking team members will spend the next few weeks taking pictures of fun and interesting activities in their house, the cafeteria, etc. Our goal is to photograph every student in the school enjoying some quality time at school with friends. Once we have a good store of photos, we can begin to build the collage and house pages.

Each yearbook rep will receive a lanyard with a special ID to wear as they photograph fellow students. All work will be done on-line and each rep has their own user name and pass code for the website. Please watch the school calendar for dates and times of house rep work sessions. They will be held after school and usually by grade levels exclusively.

****THERE'S STILL TIME TO ORDER A YEARBOOK! DEADLINE - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11****

JANUARY RISE NAMES

RESPECT

- Evan Solie
- Ben Maro
- Mitch Mikulsky
- Anthony Michaels
- Donovan Lutz
- Megan Laughlin
- Sean Glatch
- Andrew Bullen
- Shea Dugall
- Olivia Jenkins
- Jacob Weber
- Kelsey Davis
- Emily Hoff

INTEGRITY

- Mary Benetti
- Will Ikpi
- Nikki Tsakonas
- Taylor Jenkins
- Madison McDonald
- Megan Laughlin
- Stephanie Howland
- Ciarra Davis
- Carissa Woolman
- Kenn Larson
- Riley Brien
- Tesora Harold
- Kelly Ward

STRIVE

- Claire Denton
- Madison Lecher
- Kevin Jeatran
- Maxwell Zupke
- Kara Dellemann
- Christopher Selzer
- Elizabeth Carollo (twice!)
- Sami Stublely
- Brian Wilson
- Alex Winghart
- Murad Jaber
- Colin Grandlich

EXCELLENCE

- Apoorva Selvaraj
- Elizabeth Smurawa
- Donovan Lutz
- Gage Hockerman
- Luke Profio
- Noah Haselow
- Hannah Aslin
- Allison Spencer
- Ryan Wolff
- Aaron Keech
- Melissa Torbey
- Sarah Bachmann
- Ling Shi

The Administrators' Corner

Principal's Corner - Mr. Mike Sereno

Dear Parents,
 As you know, our students' safety is always our first priority. To that end, we have regular conversations with the Village of Elm Grove Police Department to ensure that we are working collaboratively to care for our students and community. Unlike many area districts, we do not currently have a police liaison officer in our building, yet our conversations have focused on the benefits of greater police visibility in our communities' schools. Thus, the police department has offered to conduct periodic walkthroughs in our school. While an obvious benefit of the walkthroughs may be a greater feeling of security, it also provides officers with a greater familiarity of our school's unique layout, and students with a greater familiarity and comfort with the men and women who serve our community.

If you have any questions or concerns about these walkthroughs, please do not hesitate to contact me. Jim Gage, Chief of Police for the Village of Elm Grove Police Department, is also happy to answer your questions and can be reached at (262)786-4141. We are excited about our ongoing relationship with the police department and their willingness to work proactively with our school, students, and community.

Sincerely,
 Mike Sereno

Associate Principal's Corner—Mr. Mark Peperkorn

As we begin second semester, let's take some time to reflect upon the successes of first semester. Overall, we have seen a significant reduction in office referrals as compared to last year – including close to a 60% reduction in bus misconduct. We have also seen a significant reduction in cafeteria misconduct – fueled by the desire to win a free ticket to the front of the lunch line on Friday and potentially a Bakers Square pie if their lunch table is selected by the lunchroom supervisors. We had almost 90% of our students qualify for an incentive period that was held on Friday, January 28. During this incentive period they could relax, listen to their iPod, and enjoy an ice cream sandwich hand delivered by the administration and staff members. To qualify, the students had to meet specific behavior criteria set forth by the administration at the beginning of second quarter. Mr. Sereno and I are looking forward to working with you to ensure that second semester will be as successful as first semester, if not more. As always, thank you for all of your support.



Staff Rise Awards

PILGRIM PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
 STAFF RISE AWARD



New to 2010-2011, Pilgrim Park Middle School has instituted the Staff RISE Award. The goal of the Staff RISE Award is to recognize PPMS employees who make a positive impact at the school in the areas of Respect, Integrity, Strive and Excellence. Staff members are nominated by their peers and a Selection Committee selects winners on a monthly basis. The following is the list of this year's winners:

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| <i>October:</i> | Ryan Jensen/Computers | <i>December:</i> | Ron Fenske/8Y Science |
| | Nancy Schlotzhauer/Data Processing | | Claire Metro/Healthroom |
| <i>November:</i> | Jeff Stark/Spanish | <i>January:</i> | Brian Balfany/Band |
| | Paulette Brooks/Guidance | | Barb Wood/8G Social Studies |



Musical Tickets On Sale!

Don't miss out on purchasing tickets for this year's PPMS high energy musical, HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL!

**Thursday and Friday, February 17-18, 7:00 p.m., Saturday, February 19, 2:00 p.m.
 @ theWilson Center**

Ticket prices are: \$6/Students (17 & younger); \$6/Senior Citizens (65 & older); and \$8/Adults
 Purchase tickets at the Wilson Center - Go to:
www.wilson-center.com or call the Box Office at 262-781-9520

Athletic Corner



Get your free throw on at **intramural basketball** in February. Boys and girls of any age may participate for one session or all ten. Athletes should meet in the gym wearing gym gear and court shoes after school. Rides should be here by 4:00 p.m. The dates are February 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 15, 18, 21, 22, 28.

Foreign Correspondence

A special reminder for 6th grade parents that 7th grade is entry level for foreign language. Research shows that foreign language students improve their skills in language arts, reading, math and general cognitive abilities, like divergent thinking. The Elmbrook School District offers classes in French, German, Latin and Spanish starting in 7th grade and continuing through 12th grade. Many students who start in 7th grade progress to the CAP classes, Level 5, which receive college credits through the UW system. Many top universities look for that 5th year of languages in the highly competitive selection processes we're seeing today. Madame Dove, Frau Jaessing, Magister Tess, Señora Chalmers Señora Matter and Señor Stark encourage all 6th graders to pick the language in 7th grade that they think they will enjoy the most, and stay with it through high school!

News From Our French Classes -



French students always have much to celebrate! Did you notice any student wearing a crown in early January? They were the “king” or “queen” for the day, celebrating “3 Kings Day!” Of course, the French enjoy exchanging cards for St. Valentin on February 14. Ask your friends to share their favorite French Valentine’s saying! And watch for Mardi Gras celebrations in March this year.

Senate News

Student Senate continues to add richness and excitement to the learning experience at PPMS. On January 21, the Senate sponsored its first ever dodgeball tournament during our 6th grade activity night. Ben Davidson and Eleni Tongas successfully organized this event that helped increase our activity night’s attendance to over 150 students. The Senate was also involved in helping our school compete in a “Souper Bowl” – a food drive competition with a school outside of Pittsburgh. PPMS successfully brought in over 4500 items of food for our county’s food pantry.

Looking ahead, the Student Senate will be holding its annual “Lip Sucker” sale during lunches February 14-18. The suckers will be 75 cents each and all proceeds will go toward purchasing a new vending machine. This is an important purchase as proceeds from our vending machine help pay for field trip costs for our students with financial needs.

Upcoming events:

- Friday, February 11 - 8th Grade Dance & Activity Night—NEW DATE!
- Monday, February 28 - 2011-12 Senate Officer Applications Available

Notes From The Music Department

Solo and Ensemble Festival

The Pilgrim Park Band, Choir and Orchestra students are diligently preparing for the 2011 WSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival. This year the event takes place at Brookfield Central High School on Saturday, March 12, and is free to anyone who wishes to come and listen to some terrific music performances. Many Pilgrim Park students will be participating in solo, as well as small and large group performances. We have over 200 events entered! There are many special ensembles that will be performing that day, so please plan on attending this musical day!

Spring Music Concert Schedule (7:00 p.m., Wilson Center, unless otherwise noted)

March 9	All District Orchestra Festival (Select Groups)
April 19	7 th & 8 th Grade Band and Jazz Band Concert
May 21	8 th Grade Chorus Trip (and possibly 8 th Grade Band) to Great America
May 24	6 th , 7 th & 8 th Grade Orchestra Concert
May 25	7 th & 8 th Grade Chorus Concert w/Pilgrim Pizzazz
May 30	7 th & 8 th Grade Band perform in the Elm Grove Memorial Day Parade
June 1	8 th Grade Chorus Concert with BEHS at Carroll College-7:30 p.m.
June 2	6 th Grade Band & Chorus Concert



Homework Club February & March

Mondays:

February 7, 14, 21, 28
March 7, 14, 21

Wednesdays:

February 2, 9, 16, 23
March 9, 16, 23

Students should sign up in the front office the week before they will attend Homework Club.



Attention Parents: The Art Department needs YOU!

We need help with putting up art displays in our school, preparing artwork for competitions, and updating the Artsonia web pages for PPMS.

If you would like to help, please contact Julie Stockinger or Walt Akert @ (262)785-3920, x189.

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Looking Ahead to March



- 3/1 Spring Parent-Teacher Conf., 4:00-7:45pm
- 3/3 Spring Parent-Teacher Conf., 3:00-6:45pm
- Wrestling @ New Berlin MS-4:15pm
- 3/4 Math Meets/LMC 2:45-4:00pm
- 3/8 Wrestling @ PPMS vs Whitman-4:15pm
- 3/9 PTO Mtg./1:00pm
- SDE Orchestra Fest WCA-7:00pm
- 3/11 Park Palooza Crew Rehearsal, 2:30-4:30pm
- 3/12 Solo & Ensemble Fest 8:00am-4:00pm

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Daily student announcements are on the website too!

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

News and Notes From The PTO at PPMS

Our next PTO meeting is Wednesday, February 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the Library. Please join us!

Thank you so much to all the parents who have volunteered their time and resources to the PTO this year. The school and the students really appreciate and benefit from your support. The volunteer forms for next year will be coming out soon and there are opportunities for different levels of time commitment. Thank you to the many board members and committee chairs who are returning next year. We will be looking for a board vice-president and for chairs for Registration 2011, Spirit Wear, Eighth Grade Farewell, Library, Faculty Appreciation and 6th & 7th Grade Activity Nights. Most of these positions have time-limited and/or well defined responsibilities, with lots of helpers. If you might be interested or have questions about any of them, please contact a current board member or the chair of the specific committee, as listed on the inside cover of the directory. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Summer School for K-8 Begins at PPMS on Monday, June 20, 2011

Summer School will begin on Monday, June 20, 2011. The K-8 session will be held at Pilgrim Park Middle School through July 18, 2011. Registration begins Monday, March 14, 2011. K-8 students will receive summer school registration information no later than the first week of March. Registration ends April 15, 2011.

Find additional summer school information on the district website: www.elmbrookschoools.org under programs and services tab or visit us directly at <http://www.elmbrookschoools.org/elmbrook-school-district/summer-school.html>

Students Mix It Up

Students participated in “*Mix It Up*” on January 13 in an effort to bring awareness to common adolescent issues such as loneliness, social boundaries, and acceptance among peers.

A nationally recognized initiative, Mix It Up is an activity where students are randomly assigned to tables during lunchtime in hopes that they will reach out and make new connections with peers. It is believed that these connections promote a more accepting community, causing there to be less bullying and rejection.

While participating in Mix It Up during lunch, students were given the opportunity to do an activity together that allowed them to focus on their similarities and differences. This activity encouraged students to reach out and come closer together as a large peer group. They were able to see that although they may look very different at first glance, many characteristics and interests were common among the peers at their assigned table. During Mix It Up, students had the opportunity to challenge themselves for a very important purpose.
