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Pilgrim Park Middle School Newsletter

PPMS SCHOOL CALENDAR JUNE

- 6/1 8th Gr. Choir Dress Rehearsal @ Carroll College, 8:00am-11:00am
- 6th Gr. Medieval Feast 9:55am-2:30pm
- 8th Gr. Choir w/BEHS Choir Concert/Shattuck Auditorium Carroll College-7:30pm
- 6/2 6 Gr. Band Rehearsal/WCA 7:45am-10:00am
- Last Senate Meeting/Outside 12:48-1:34pm
- 6 Gr. Band & Chorus Concert WCA-7:00pm
- 6/3 Creative Design Play Lab Adventures with Colors/E-8 9:00am-12:00 noon
- 6/3 8th Gr. Farewell Dance 7:00-10:00pm
- 6/4 7th & 8th Gr. French Students return from Lambesc, France
- 6/6 & 7 Express Yourself Performances/Stage, 7:18-8:25am
- 6/9 **Last Day of School for Students**
- 6P & 6R EOY FT to Discovery World, 8:45am-1:20pm
- 7B EOY FT to Cool Waters-Greenfield Park, 8:45am-1:20pm
- 7G EOY FT to Fox Brook Park 9:00am-1:30pm
- 7R EOY FT to Zoo 9:00am-1:30pm
- 6A EOY FT to New Berlin Bowl, 9:15am-1:15pm
- **8th Gr. Promotion Ceremony** Gym, 11:15am-12:45pm Reception to follow in the school cafeteria.
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- Diversity Team (W)/U-14 12:19-12:44pm
- Intramural Table Tennis/Balcony 2:30-4:30pm, 6/1, 6/3, 6/6, 6/7
- Boy Scout Troop #156 Meeting (T) Café, 7:00-9:00pm
- Jr. Spartan Girls Basketball Practice Gym, 5:00-6:30pm-6/6
- Jr. Spartan Girls Basketball Practice Gym, 5:30-7:00pm-6/1 & 6/6



2011-2012 School Year Registration Scheduled for August 10

Pilgrim Park Registration for the 2011-2012 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10. You will be receiving additional information about our registration day this summer (see insert in this newsletter) and the forms needed will be posted online by mid to late July. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Main Office at 262-785-3920.

Important End-Of-Year Reminder from the Health Room



All medication that is administered by the Health Room must be picked up by the last day of school, Thursday, June 9. In accordance with district policy, unused medication (prescription and non-prescription) will not be returned to a student and will be discarded by school personnel if not picked up by a parent. **No medication will be returned to students or transported on the bus (with the exception of epipens and inhalers).**

Medieval Days

The 6th grade Medieval Day Festival took place Wednesday, June 1. Students experienced numerous hands-on activities ranging from leather stamping, embroidery, juggling, and calligraphy, to competing in checkers and chess tournaments. A medieval feast was served and students enjoyed entertainment common during the Middle Ages. This included a live juggling performance and an educational presentation about knighthood, complete with authentic armor



Auf Wiederseh'n! Au Revoir! ¡Hasta la vista! Valeté!



The Foreign Language teachers hope all students have an excellent summer! We know that the 8th graders are prepared to enter the Level 2 classes at the high school—you've completed one of your first high school level classes! Seventh graders - next year we'll see you every day instead of just alternate days, and you will be amazed at how much you learn and are able to speak in another language. Sixth graders - we look forward to you joining us for your first formal foreign language experience when we'll see you 4th or 5th hours every other day as 7th graders. You will be learning basic get-to-know-each-other expressions and ways to describe the world around you with numbers and time, dates and weather, family members, likes and dislikes and descriptions of people.

Special best wishes go out from Madame Dove and Señor Stark, who are retiring this year. Thanks to all of the students and staff who have made their teaching careers full of the fond memories they will carry forever.

Athletic Corner



There are a few June dates left for intramural table tennis. Come one, come all! Be a part of the tournament in the upper gym. Check out the dates on the school website or on the calendar on the first page of this newsletter.

The Administrators' Corner

Principal's Corner - Mr. Mike Sereno

As I write this article, I'm finding it hard to comprehend that another school year has come and gone. While the days and weeks seem to pass at the speed of light, I am encouraged by all of the success we've experienced during the past nine months. We are truly blessed with an incredibly talented group of students, caring and supportive families, and a kind and dedicated staff.

Senate News S.O.S.!

(Save Our Subscriptions)

Please be sure to read the flyer attached to this newsletter about our upcoming fall fundraiser. The Senate's Magazine Fundraiser kicks off on Wednesday, September 28. Please think of PPMS when you start to get renewal notices on your favorite magazines. A substantial portion of the subscription price funds many items and activities throughout the school year. Thanks for your support!



I want to express my best wishes to our 8th grade class – you truly are a special group of students. During your three years at Pilgrim Park you have been integral in developing a school culture based on respect, integrity, striving to succeed, and excellence. You have left a legacy for all of our future students. To our 6th and 7th grade students – I hope you enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing each of you when you return in the fall.

Thank you to all of our parents for everything you do. Your efforts at home and here at school are immeasurable. We are fortunate to have an active PTO that provides us with volunteers who allow our school to function at a high level and remain focused on student learning. I would especially like to acknowledge all the work of our PTO Board, including outgoing president Maureen Browne and outgoing treasurer John Schroeder.

It truly takes a community to ensure our success. Thanks to each of you for all you have contributed to another successful year at Pilgrim Park Middle School!

GO PANTHERS!

Mike Sereno

Associate Principal's Corner - Mr. Mark Peperkorn

I can hardly believe that this school year is almost over. It seemed that just a few days ago I was meeting everyone at Registration, Adventures in Middle School and getting used to my new job. I cannot tell you how honored I am to have worked with Mr. Sereno, an incredibly dedicated group of teachers and teaching assistants, a fantastic trio of guidance counselors, the always patient and kind main office, health room and guidance staff, and the miracle-working custodians. Without their support, my year wouldn't have gone as smoothly as it did.

I feel this has been an incredibly successful year. As I have continually mentioned in these articles, we have seen a significant decrease in behavior referrals – which allows our teachers to focus more on educating and inspiring every student to think, to learn, and to succeed. Our reduction in referrals would not have been possible if it weren't for the relentless efforts of our teachers to reinforce our theme of RISE (respect, integrity, strive, excellence) and the cooperation of the parents. And let's not forget the key ingredient, the students.

As the year progressed, the student body at Pilgrim Park Middle School continued to impress me. Whether it was an act of RISE, an athletic contest, the talent show ("Squirrels..."), the concerts, the musical, or learning from a mistake – our students rose to the occasion. And this was only year one for me. I can't wait for year two.

As always, thank you for your continued support of PPMS. This school would not be as high functioning if it wasn't for your cooperation and the dedication you have to your child's education. For those of you who have your last student passing through PPMS, I wish you and your son/daughter the best of luck. For those of you who have a son/daughter coming back to PPMS next year, I'm looking forward to another great year! Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Mark Peperkorn



Music Department Notes

The Music Department would like to congratulate the following students for being accepted into the Wisconsin State Music Honors program. Only the very best musicians from across the state are able to achieve this honor. Hundreds of musicians audition for these groups and only a small number of students make it in. That means that these students are some of the best musicians in the entire state of Wisconsin. Congratulations! You will represent us well! This year's winners from Pilgrim Park are:

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| Choir - Leila Goodrum | Orchestra - Julia LeFond |
| Band - Jacob Holiday | Orchestra - Sarah Liu |
| Band - Austin Kelm | Orchestra - Josh Lukas |
| Band - Cameron Suino | Orchestra - Libby Sukowatey |
| Band - Manasi Mohan | |



Thank you to all the parents for your support of the Music Department and involvement at PPMS. Thank you for chaperoning events, volunteering on various committees and encouraging your child to continue their participation with music! We have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and your children and look forward to another very successful year of music for the 2011-2012 school year!

Stay tuned for next year's musical announcement - auditions for the musical will be held in October! Auditions for Pilgrim Pizzazz will be held at the beginning of September.

Music lessons are being offered through the school district this summer. Please consider the fine opportunities that the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center offers as an option for your child, should they have musical interests. Please see the following website for further information: <http://www.wilson-center.com/>

Have a wonderful summer!

Looking Ahead To The 2011-12 School Year

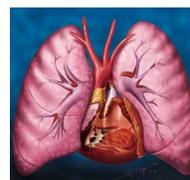


- 8/10** Registration Day
9:00am-1:00pm
& 4:30-6:30pm
- 8/24** Adventures in
Middle School for
6th Graders
AM Session:
9:00-11:30am
PM Session:
12:30-3:00pm
- 9/1** Classes Begin
First Day of
School
- 9/9** Student Picture
Make-up Day
7:00am-12:00pm
- 9/14** PPMS PIN Night
(Parent Information
Night)
6:00- 8:30pm
- 9/28** Magazine Kickoff
Assembly/Gym
7:18am -9:55am

Walk/Run for Kids' Lung Health

Hello All,

The fifth annual "3K Walk/Run For Kids' Lung Health" at PPMS, co-sponsored by the Chest Foundation, was a huge success! We had perfect weather and an enthusiastic group of participants. Brookfield East High School's SADD club students gave a presentation on lung health and the harmful effects of tobacco on health to the 6th grade students. The teachers and staff supervised the 3K Walk/Run. Each student received a red "Love Your Lungs" wrist band as a reward for their participation and a reminder of the importance of lung health. This event was made possible by the help and support of many people. I would like to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to all who were involved in this event, including but not limited to:



- *The Chest Foundation - for sponsoring this event and providing the "Love Your Lungs" wrist bands that our students received!*
- *The PPMS administration - Mr. Michael Sereno and Mr. Peperkorn, along with all the 6th grade teachers who volunteered their time to help to supervise and run this event!*
- *The office staff and Carol Kern - for answering all my questions!*
- *The custodians and Monty - for hanging up the W/R banner and aiding in the set-up and clean-up during and after this event.*
- *Mrs. Jodie Faust and members of the BEHS SADD club, Kate, Maikia, Kendra, Alaska - for the wonderful, informative presentation.*
- *The American Lung Association of Wisconsin - for providing the pig lungs.*
- *The Brookfield Police Department and Officer Carol - for providing the brochures on "Tips For Teens on Tobacco."*

None of this could have been accomplished without your help and support! Thank You All!

Monir Almassi, R.N.
Ambassador, The Chest Foundation

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SAFE AND
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SUMMER
VACATION!**



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Daily student announcements are on the website too!

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

THANK YOU FROM THE PTO!

We have many, many people to thank for all their contributions to our school in 2010-11. Our parent volunteers organize summer registration, produce the student directory, sell spirit wear, organize house and classroom helpers, put on faculty appreciation dinners, student activities and dances, help in the library and photocopy rooms, and eat out and shop to support our passive fundraising efforts. PPMS simply would not be the same without them! A special thanks to:

- My fellow PTO board members - Leslie Dehn, who is the incoming PTO President, John Schroder, Judy Klatt, Patti Hoff and Monica Barnes. Our best wishes to the Schrodgers as they move to Madison. The board needs a treasurer and a vice-president, so let us know if you are interested!
- All those who chaired PTO committees: Leslie Dehn, Lisa Bowers, Catherine Laughlin, Yogita Mohan, Susan Schwarz, Christine Fenzl, Lisa McTaggart, Lisa Hansen, Kris Woods, Jeanmarie Ruehl, Pam Haselow, Katy Merkel and Andrea McCall.
- The 8th grade farewell committee, chaired by Jeanmarie Ruehl, which is in the home stretch of an enormous effort to give our graduates a magnificent and memorable send-off.
- All parents who helped out with any of these endeavors!

It's never too late to get involved. It is a great way to meet other parents and to become more familiar with your child's school. Thank you to Mr. Mike Sereno and Mr. Mark Peperkorn for providing such a welcoming environment for parents and for working so collaboratively with us. The front office staff and custodial staff support us, often at the last minute or beyond, and always with a smile - we appreciate it more than you know! And last, but not least, thank you to all the faculty who make Pilgrim Park such a great academic and extracurricular environment for our middle-schoolers.

Have a wonderful summer!

Maureen Browne, President
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Pilgrim Park Middle School Registration 2011-2012

Dear Parents,

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year for all students will take place on **Wednesday, August 10, 2011**, and will follow the schedule listed below:

Registration Schedule

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

(Please note that the building will be closed between 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm)

Parents and students can arrive anytime during the two Registration sessions to pay school fees and pick up your student's schedule and "House" placement. **Student I.D. pictures are also taken during Registration, so please bring your student with you, appropriately dressed for picture taking.** If your child is unable to attend registration with you on Wednesday, make-up pictures will be taken *during school* the morning of **Friday, September 9, in the Library**. If you are unable to attend Registration on August 10 due to another conflict, you can register your child any time **after** August 10 in the Main Office at Pilgrim Park Middle School with the Pilgrim Park summer secretary during normal office hours, which are 8:00 am-2:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. The phone number is (262) 785-3920. You can pay your school fees and receive your child's schedule and "House" placement at that time.

School supply lists for each grade are posted under "School News" on the PPMS website. School supplies can be purchased at any time **or** may be ordered through the School-Pak program via this direct link: [control click here to open](#). School-Pak will shop for you and mail your supplies to your home address prior to Registration. Your student can bring their supplies with them on Registration Day to store in their school lockers, as lockers will be assigned at Registration.

The "**Adventures in Middle School**" session for 6th grade students will take place on **Wednesday, August 24, 2011**. There are two sessions offered: the morning session runs, 9:00 am-11:30 am and the afternoon session runs, 12:30 pm-3:00 pm. If you have already registered your child, you will receive your session time shortly. If you would still like to register your child, contact the PPMS Office at (262) 785-3920.

Open House/PIN Night is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 14, 2011**, from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm. Mark your calendar for this school event.

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!!
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

*****Note:** All Registration information will be posted on the school website by mid to late July. No packets will be mailed out; however, once the information is posted, you may stop by and pick up a packet from the summer secretary during normal summer hours, listed above. You will receive a letter in mid to late July notifying you when the documents are available for viewing.



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(Save Our Subscriptions)

Please think of Pilgrim Park Middle School when those early renewal notices start to arrive in the mail! By waiting to renew through our school, your service will still be uninterrupted. **Our magazine fundraiser will take place the early part of the school year for Fall 2011.**

A substantial portion of the subscription price stays at our school to fund many needed items and activities throughout the year. If we can count on your support this upcoming Fall, we are sure to have a successful fundraiser!

You might want to start reminding your relatives, friends, and business associates that you would appreciate their ordering selections from our school through the upcoming sale. Don't forget the customers who ordered on-line. (This way, the school won't lose the profit to the publishers.)

Keep in mind that magazine subscriptions make great gifts!

**YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS
GREATLY APPRECIATED!**