



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Bullying Prevention and Education

Over the past three months, Rick Cram and Jessica Klingerman of the Merrimack County Juvenile Justice Program met with each class in grades 4-12 to educate students on bullying, the impact of bullying behavior, and what someone can do if they observe bullying or other destructive behaviors. Additionally, this past fall, Bethany Cottrell of the Merrimack County Advocacy Center, shared an internet safety presentation with students in grades 6-12 that also included an overview of cyberbullying. These presentations are part of a year-long focus on preventing bullying and promoting safe and positive behaviors. This spring we will be considering opportunities to extend curriculum to our K-3 students, as well as reinforce positive behaviors district wide.



PTO Literacy Night

The PTO is continuing to promote literacy with PES students by bringing fun events to the school to celebrate "Read Across America." On March 16 at 6:00 p.m. the PTO will host a culminating event to the weeklong focus on reading with snacks, crafts, and community guest readers. To be a guest reader or to support with snacks and crafts, please contact pto@pittsfieldnhschools.org. We hope you can join us on March 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the PES cafeteria!

IMPORTANT DATES

National Honor Society: Induction Ceremony

PMHS Lecture Hall
February 21, 2018, 5:30 PM

Suncook Valley Rotary Club: Wintervest Movie Night

PMHS Lecture Hall
February 24, 2018, 5:30 PM

Pittsfield Listens: Meet the Candidates

PES Gymnasium
March 5, 2018, 6:00 PM

Stand Up Pittsfield

PMHS Library
March 6, 2018, 5:30 PM

PTO Meeting

PES Library
March 13, 2018, 6:30 PM

School Board Meeting

PMHS Library
March 15, 2018, 5:30

PTO Literacy Night

PES Cafeteria
March 16, 2018, 6:00 PM

Class of 2021: MS/HS Dance

PMHS Café/Gymnasium
March 16, 2018, 7:00 PM

The district calendar is available at:
www.pittsfieldnhschools.org

Meet Ms. Hillsgrove

Kate Hillsgrove was born and raised in Concord, NH. After graduating from Concord High School, she attended St Michael’s College in Vermont, graduating with a Bachelor’s degree in History and Secondary Education. During her time at St Michael’s, Ms. Hillsgrove was a substitute teacher and student teacher at Colchester Middle School. When she is not spending time at history museums, Ms. Hillsgrove enjoys singing, doing arts and crafts, and hiking. She looks forward to working with the students and staff at Pittsfield Middle High School as the new 11th and 12th grade social studies teacher.

School Safety

Several tragic episodes of school violence in the past two months have caused schools across the nation to refocus on school security and emergency preparedness. Our schools are discussing the proper precautions to take and practicing lockdown procedures in an active shooter situation. We are approaching these conversations and drills with the utmost sensitivity to student ages. Lockdowns are one of seven different types of emergency drills that we practice within a given school year. Additionally, students are more frequently looking to parents and teachers for guidance on how to talk about these situations. Enclosed with this month’s newsletter, and posted on our school’s website, are tips for talking with students of all ages.

PMHS Receives New Guitar Rack



Tammy Rollins donated a guitar rack to the Music Program in memory of her son, Jacob Rowell, a 2006 graduate of PMHS, who recently passed away.

PARENTS CORNER

Morning Meeting

This month’s whole school morning meeting at PES is on February 21 at 8:15 a.m.

This month the second grade and ½ multiage classrooms are leading the assembly. February 21 is also an early release date.

February Break Office Hours

February Break is February 26 – March 2.

School will reopen on March 5. The PES office will be closed the week of February Break. PMHS will be open Monday to Thursday from 7:00-3:00.

Varsity Boys Basketball

The Varsity Boys Basketball Team has completed the season with a 17-1 record.

The boys will host the preliminary round of the state tournament on Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 if they don’t receive a bye in the first round. The quarterfinal round is Friday, March 2 at 7:00.