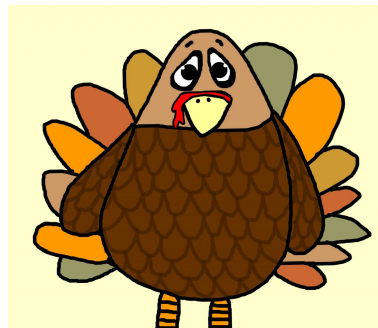


Happy Thanksgiving!

November 1, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. With the chill in the air and the falling leaves, Autumn has come with a beautiful presence. I hope you have had time to warm yourself in the sunshine, enjoy a bike ride, go hiking, or enjoy the outdoors as you most like.



Quarter 1 comes to an end November 3. Students are busy with after school activities and homework. It's a lot to balance. Please help them with the balance of it all and include time for sleep, a good meal, and time to just be who they are. As a parent, I struggle with family schedule and balance on a daily basis. Sometimes the kids have the remind me that it's time to slow down, take a break, or get to the next activity. We lead busy lives. Whenever possible, we need to break for rejuvenation. This is my Thanksgiving wish for you.

With Thanks for the Opportunity to Work Together,
Principal Carey Johnson

Upcoming Dates of Note:

- November 3: Last day of Quarter 1
- November 3: Panther Parents Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Media Center
- November 4: No School
- November 7: Teacher workshop- NO STUDENTS
- November 8: First day of Quarter 2
- November 11: Veterans Day program at PPHS, 9:00 a.m.
- November 24-25: No School Thanksgiving
- November 28: 7:30 p.m. Fall Sports Awards Ceremony & Cake Reception

Panther Parents @ PPHS

Panther Parents has expanded to include the High School this year. If you are a parent, guardian, or grandparent wishing to help out, give voice to the school, contribute to the school, or have a new idea for the school, please join us. We plan to meet on a regular basis around the school calendar. Our next meeting is **NOVEMBER 3, 2016, 7:00 p.m.** in the Media Center. Please join us! A very special thank you to the Panther Parents who contributed for the meal during conferences for the teachers. What a wonderful, much appreciated gift it was. Thank you!

Attendance Goal for Quarter 1

At the beginning of the school year, we set an attendance goal as a building for attendance to be the best attendance we have had since the 2011-2012 school year. WE HAVE SOME

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GOOD NEWS TO SHARE! For the month of September, our attendance rate was up almost a full percentage point from September 2015. We are on our way to meeting this goal! Month by month, we will make this happen.

Attendance is the backbone of every successful endeavor for students. It can be the indicator for many factions of life, from elementary school through graduation. Studies show that attendance is the largest factor in predicting how a student will do in high school while missing key components in specific disciplines like math and reading, how a student will fare in courses beyond school, and how a district will do on state testing. Congratulations for taking the challenge seriously. Thank you for putting strong attendance on the priority list for this school year. It is definitely paying off.

effects. Missing a lot of school throws students off track to success." --Robert Balfanz

Spectatorship at PPHS Games

As we move from fall into winter athletics, it's a good time to remember what it means to be a spectator at the games. As spectators, it is our job to positively support the teams, both of them, cheer in a positive manner, and refrain from attention seeking activities. The Toutles, Washington School District website has the 10 Commandments of Spectatorship. With their school district's permission, the commandments have been included below.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SPECTATORS

1. Show courtesy and respect to visiting teams. Recognize and appreciate skill in performance regardless of affiliation. Applause for an opponent's good performance is a demonstration of generosity and goodwill.
2. Remember that the games are for the players. They are here because they want to play and enjoy the experience. Your good Sportsmanship will enhance this educational experience.
3. Refrain from distracting the players during play.
4. Treat the officials with respect before, during, and after the contest. We cannot play the game without officials, as they are an integral part of the game, and they should be considered impartial arbitrators. Remember that your view of the game could be quite different from that of the official.
5. Display good conduct. Even though you paid for your admittance, the management has the authority to remove any spectator who does not conduct themselves respectfully. Abusive language is to be avoided.
6. Recognize the fact that, as a spectator, you represent the school, as do the athletes.
7. Respect, cooperate, and respond enthusiastically to cheerleaders.
8. Remember that an athletic contest is only a game - not a matter of life and death.
9. Make sure your child knows that, win or lose, scared or heroic, you love them, appreciate their efforts and are not disappointed in them.

10. Show support for the coach and the program. Be careful about making negative comments about other players or coaches. "Just Play Fair".