

# Back-to-School News for Pellston Elementary School



October 2015

From Mrs. Tami Pichla, Pellston Elementary Principal (231) 539-8421

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## Important Dates to Remember

September 16-October 14	- Walking Wednesdays*
October 9	Progress Reports Sent Home
October 12	Title I Informational Night
October 14	School Picture Day
October 30	Halloween Parties
November 4	No School-Teacher In-Service Day
November 6	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period
November 11	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30pm
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 12	Half Day/Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:00-4:00pm
November 25	Half Day/Thanksgiving Break
November 26-27	No School Thanksgiving Break

\*Volunteers are needed. Please call Mrs. Weitzel-Bailey @ 539-8421, ext. 250.



## Walking/Biking Wednesdays

Every Wednesday morning September 16-October 14 we will walk/bike to school. We will meet at the Masonic Lodge at **7:35 AM**. Parents or buses may drop off students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> who would like to participate. Shoe tokens or random prizes will be awarded weekly. Adults are needed to help walk/bike with students.

Please call or email Mrs. Weitzel-Bailey if you are interested in volunteering: 231-539-8421, ext 250 or [mweitzel@pellstonschools.org](mailto:mweitzel@pellstonschools.org).

Please come and join us in promoting a healthier community!



## Pellston Elementary School's **MOM-TO-MOM Sale** and Community Health Fair

Saturday, October 3, 2015  
8:00am -12noon  
Pellston Elementary School

\$2.00 Admission  
Food & Drink available

### **Booths to include...**

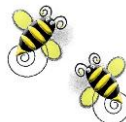
Pellston Fire Department, Mann Food Project,  
Great Start Coalition and much more!

#### Seller Information

\$10.00 per space – bring your own table

\$20.00 per space – includes large table

Set Up: Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30pm or Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30am -8:00am. For more information contact Emily Matelski at [ematelski@pellstonschools.org](mailto:ematelski@pellstonschools.org)



## Little Hornets Preschool News

Little Hornets Preschool is a FREE preschool for qualifying 3 and 4 year old children! Call **539-8421, ext. 222** today for more information!



## Wear Orange to Support Our Anti-Bullying Efforts

Pellston Schools has entered into a friendly competition with Alanson Schools again to rally the students within the district to speak up and show their support against bullying. We are encouraging all students and staff to wear orange on the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 22
- Thursday, October 22
- Monday, November 23
- Friday, December 18
- Friday, January 22
- Monday, February 22
- Tuesday, March 22
- Friday, April 22
- Monday, May 23



**NO SCHOOL – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015 – TEACHER PD**

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## Halloween Parade and Parties

Pellston Elementary School's annual Halloween activities will be on Friday, October 30. The parade will begin at 1:30 and children will march on the sidewalk around the Middle School/High School (weather permitting). Parties will follow the parade in the children's classrooms.

All costumes should be safe and appropriate for school. NO weapons (including toy weapons) are allowed at school.



## Title I Informational/Parent Night

A Title I Informational/Parent Night will take place on **Monday, October 19, 2015 at 3:30pm in the elementary library**. Parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about the Title I services offered at Pellston Elementary/Middle School.

## Parents Right to Know-Title I Part A

Parents may request and the school will provide information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers and any paraprofessional who works with the children. Parents may also request information on the level of achievement of their child in each of the state academic assessments. Please contact the elementary office (538-8421) for more information.

## Halloween Safety Alert: NO Parking

Please do not park in front of the school on Friday, October 30 in the afternoon. This request is for the Halloween safety and security of ALL elementary students and their families.

## Important Parking Safety Reminder!

For the safety of ALL children, **DO NOT** park in front of the school during the following times:



**7:30 AM-8:15 AM**

**2:30 PM-3:20 PM**

Parking is available in the south parking lot or across the street in the MS/HS parking lot.

*PLEASE NOTE: All vehicles parked in front of the school during NO PARKING times (listed above) are subject to being towed away at the owner's expense.*

## FREE Breakfast & Lunch

If your family wasn't eligible for free or reduced lunch in September, **please reapply** if household income levels are changing. Eligibility is based on the previous month's income. Forms are available in all district offices.

## SIMPLE Strategies that Promote Success in School

- **Attendance** – It is vital for academic success that students attend school every day. Lessons gradually build in complexity and absences create gaps in the learning process.
- **Punctuality** – Students who are on time have access to all parts of the lesson. Students who arrive late frequently feel rushed, less prepared, and often miss the critical beginning steps of the lesson.
- **Sleep** – Children need a good night's rest every night in order to have optimal concentration at school. According to the National Sleep Foundation, elementary students (ages 5-12) need a minimum of 10 hours of sleep nightly. Preschoolers need 11-13 hours of sleep per night.
- **Healthy Breakfast** – All students (and adults) should eat a healthy breakfast every morning in order to improve energy, strength, and concentration levels throughout the day. Breakfast is available for students beginning at 7:45 AM daily.

**Half Day of School-Thursday, November 12, 2015**  
**Parent/Teacher Conferences. Dismissal at 12:35. Lunch Served.**