Families and Community Members,

Warm weather has finally arrived and the temperatures are increasing. I hope you and your family are able to get outdoors and enjoy the beautiful weather together.

The warmer weather is a reminder that summer is just around the corner and the end of the 2022-2023 school year is only weeks away. It is important that together we utilize these days to the fullest as we continue to strive to ensure students learn at high levels and finish the school year strong.
In closing, I hope each student, family, and staff member has a restful and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend. While Memorial Day typically signifies the start of summer for many, I urge everyone to carve out time to reflect on the true meaning of the holiday and to remember those who lost their lives in our nation’s wars. There are many Memorial Day events in our area and I encourage families to consider attending one to honor those who lost their lives in service of our country.

- Bob Maxwell
Superintendent
PULLMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2022-2023 School Year-at-a-Glance

We extend our gratitude to our staff, families, and the Pullman community for their support throughout this school year. Their efforts play a pivotal role in ensuring a successful and enriching educational experience for our students, and we are truly grateful for their ongoing partnership and commitment to our shared goal of fostering excellence in education. See below for some of the highlights from another successful school year!

- **PSD Board of Directors** was named as a **2022 Board of Distinction** by the Washington State School Directors’ Association (WSSDA).

- We have **16 National Board Certified Teachers** this year!

- **2022 Outstanding Masonry Award - Kamiak Elementary**
  - Design West Architects was awarded the 2022 Outstanding Masonry Award from Northwest Concrete Masonry Association for Kamiak Elementary School

- **CBRS Dedicated Student Home Network Pilot Program (a Fixed Wireless Technology)**
  - This is available to supply student Chromebooks with a quality internet signal at home in rural areas. A proposal was submitted to the State Dept. of Commerce Broadband office. The proposal was accepted and the district was awarded $1 million to build out this pilot program.

- **Bond Refunding Delegation**
  - A school bond refunding is a process that reduces the debt payments of the district by issuing new bonds with lower interest rates. The savings from a bond refunding directly reduces taxes paid by the local taxpayers. The District took advantage of favorable bond market conditions and was able to secure debt service savings to its taxpayers of $3,516,021 over the remaining life of the bonds (through December 1, 2032) at a True Interest Cost of 2.46%.

- **Phoenix Conservancy Partnership**
  - Pullman Public Schools and the Phoenix Conservancy have partnered to install native plant landscaping at Kamiak Elementary and Pullman High School. These initial projects will lay the groundwork for the long-term goal of establishing large tracts of restored Palouse Prairie in the future.

- **Outdoor Schools Grants**
  - Environmental Literacy Grants - applied for and received funding in the amount of $35,126.59 for each elementary school for the 5th grade outdoor school learning experience.
  - Received $25,000 Outdoor Education Grant for habitat restoration through the partnership with Phoenix Conservancy at Pullman High School and Kamiak Elementary School.

- **Equitable Learning Environments**
  - Equity work continues through the work of Professional Learning Communities. This work ensures that all students are achieving high levels of learning.
  - The Pullman High School AAPI Club hosted a Multicultural Night in conjunction with the Washington State University (WSU) International Center and our district’s English Language Development (ELD) Department.
  - PSD Our Minds Matter Clubs hosted the first annual district-wide art exhibition and reception along with a variety of other activities for students, families, and staff to raise awareness around the topic of mental health.

- **Curricular Materials Adoptions (2020-2023)**
  - Elementary Mathematics (K-5) Materials Adoption – **Bridges Math** was adopted spring 2020
  - Elementary English Language Arts (K-5) Materials Adoption - **Collaborative Literacy** was adopted spring 2021
  - Middle School Mathematics (Gr. 6-8) Materials Adoption – **Illustrative Mathematics** was adopted spring 2022
  - High School Mathematics (Gr. 9-12) Adoption – Geometry, Algebra, and Algebra II - **Illustrative Mathematics** was adopted spring 2023
  - **Future Adoptions**
    - Middle School (Gr. 6-8) Social Emotional Learning Materials Adoption – **Be Good People** (pending board approval)
    - English Language Arts Materials Adoption (Gr. 6) – **Collaborative Literacy** (pending board approval)
    - Elementary Social Studies | Middle School ELA (Gr. 7-8) | Science | High School Mathematics beyond Algebra and Geometry
We welcome all interested applicants and are committed to hiring the most highly qualified and professional teaching and support staff to serve the students of Pullman School District.

- Office Support Paraeducator (beginning the 2023-24 school year) - Sunnyside Elementary
- Special Education Paraeducator - Pullman High School
- Special Education Paraeducators (beginning the 2023-24 school year)
- Special Education Teachers (beginning the 2023-24 school year)
- Summer School Teachers - English, Social Studies, Math, Science & Health
- (2) Math Teachers (leave replacement positions)
- CTE Metals & Woods Instructor Teacher (2023-24 school year only)
- Career Choices Teacher/Worksite Learning Coordinator (beginning the 2023-24 school year)
- Emergency Substitute Teachers
- (2) Elementary Assistant Principals
- Speech Language Pathologist (beginning the 2023-24 school year)
- School Nurse (beginning the 2023-24 school year)
- Bus Drivers (Regular Route & Substitutes)
- Itinerant Head Cook (remainder of 2022-23 school year)
- Assistant Cook/Cashier - Pullman High School
- Maintenance/Ground Summer Crew
- Athletics Game Manager (Lincoln Middle School)
- Fall Sports Game Manager (Pullman High School)

If you are interested in applying for any of the positions listed above, please apply online at: https://psd267.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx

We are always looking for Substitutes!

If you or anyone you know would be interested in subbing for Pullman Schools as a bus driver, custodian, food service worker, paraprofessional, nurse, or teacher, applications can be picked up at the District Office (240 SE Dexter St).

For more information, please visit our website at: https://www.pullmanschools.org/departments/human_resources

If you have any questions about employment with the Pullman School District, please contact the district office by phone at (509) 332-3584 or by email at dmyers@psd267.org.
At the April 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, the Sunnyside Elementary Kindergarten Team was presented with the 2023 Dedicated Teaching Team Recognition Award by the Pullman Public Schools Board of Directors. Each year, the board typically has selected one certificated employee to receive this recognition; however, this year our Board of Director’s presented a “Dedicated Teaching Team Recognition Award” in lieu of the “Dedicated Teacher Award.” This recognition is in appreciation of a team’s demonstrated dedication to students and to their school. Jessica Bergstrom, Willma Fields, and Annalisa Kiblen’s team was recommended for this recognition by Pam Brantner, who was so inspired by the team’s focus always being on putting “Students First.” The Sunnyside Kindergarten Team always prioritizes what is needed for each and every student to succeed.

Pam Brantner, Sunnyside Elementary School Principal, shared that “[Annalisa, Jessica, and Willma] work to provide clear and concise lessons that directly impact student learning. Strong educators consider how the students will learn the material best. Knowing their students’ strengths and weaknesses, they plan lessons to ensure that students understand the concept and draw on items that engage student learning. After each common assessment, they research, select, and implement instructional strategies in their classrooms. Agreeing on common instructional strategies ensures better continuity for students. Student uncertainty and stress will be reduced, leading to higher levels of confidence and engagement. This team continues to grow each and every time they meet. The sky is the limit for this team and the students they serve.”

From all of us here at Pullman School District, we extend our congratulations to Annalisa Kiblen, Jessica Bergstrom, and Willma Fields – Sunnyside Elementary Kindergarten Team and all of the 2023 award nominees!

2023 Dedicated Teaching Team Recognition Award Nominees:
- K-12 Music Department, Pullman School District
- Mathematics Teaching Team, Lincoln Middle School
- 2nd Grade Teaching Team, Kamiak Elementary School
- 4th Grade Teaching Team, Jefferson Elementary School
- Core+ Teaching Team, Franklin Elementary School
Pet Partner registered therapy dogs (and their human handlers) visited our school campuses to help students and staff ‘Pet the Stress Away’. As we strive to create nurturing and inclusive environments, these service dogs were here to lend a paw and promote mental health awareness among our students and staff!

A huge thank you to our School-Based Mental Health Therapists for coordinating these wonderful visits!
The Our Minds Matter clubs hosted their first annual district-wide "Fight in the Light" mental health art exhibition and reception at Pullman High School on Monday, May 22nd. The theme was, "Out of your vulnerabilities will come your strength." -Sigmund Freud

Two contrasting pieces of classical music were played for an audience ranging in ages. First the audience listened to the classical music selection. Then using all pastels on white paper, they were tasked with creating art that reflected how the music made them feel. The artwork was collected. The process was repeated with the second classical selection.

-Jefferson Elementary Jaguars

Check out some of the art submissions featured during the art exhibit!
IN OTHER NEWS

Our Minds Matter Club
"Fight in the Light"

Art Exhibit: "Healthy Brains"

Art Exhibit: "Words Matter"

Art Exhibit: "Holding On & Letting Go"
IN OTHER NEWS

Our Minds Matter Club
"Fight in the Light"

Art Exhibit: "Together We Are Stronger"
Each individual part is a student’s vulnerability or a difficult experience, but these pieces come together to form the rays of the sun. This represents that together, we are stronger and can spread light, even from our most trying times.

-Kamiak Kestrel Minds Matter
Art Exhibit: “Walk a Mile in My Shoes”

Greyhounds Minds Matter asked High School students to color shoes to go along with the idiom of “Walk a Mile in my Shoes” to represent and start a conversation surrounding empathy. Some students simply colored the shoes, others went as far as writing poems and phrases that shed a light into their lives. This was an important schoolwide exercise as students were given the time and opportunity to express and witness empathy.

-Pullman High School Greyhound Minds Matter
In honor of Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, see some photos (taken by WSU student Hubert Wang) from last month’s event! On April 14, 2023, the PHS AAPI Club hosted a Multicultural Night in conjunction with the Washington State University (WSU) International Center and our district’s English Language Development (ELD) Department. The many cultures of our Pullman Community were celebrated through cultural performances, displays, and local information.

**21 countries were represented at this event!**
IN OTHER NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Pullman High School
CLASS OF 2023

Pullman High School Graduation is scheduled for Saturday June 10, 2023 5:00 pm at Beasley Coliseum

CLASS OF 2023

PULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

SENIOR SHOWCASE
ALL SEMESTER 2 CAREER CHOICES SENIORS

AN EVENING TO SHOWCASE UPCOMING SENIOR GOALS AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY
MAY 31 2023 JUNE 1 2023
6:30 PM in the PHS AUX GYM
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!

Join Us!
Nutrition Services Update

2023-2024 School Meal Application

Remember to fill out a school meal application for the 2023-2024 school year in August before school starts. More information to come.

It is important to complete the school (free/reduced) meal application annually. Students may qualify for other school benefits or other state or federally funded school benefits based on meal program eligibility. Also, some school program funding is based on school meal program eligibility of students.

Summer Meal Program

This summer the district will be offering a free summer meal program (lunch only) for all children 1-18 years of age.

These meals must be eaten at the meal site and will be available at Kamiak Elementary School (1400 NW Terre View Dr) and in Albion.

Dates: July 17 - August 10 (Monday-Thursdays Only)

Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

For more information, please visit: https://www.pullmanschools.org/departments/nutrition_services
GETTING READY FOR SPRING
with the
Lincoln Middle School Spartan Sprouts
led by club advisor, Marla Haugen

The LMS Spartan Sprouts club has been hard of work sprucing up their school campus and preparing their blossoming garden for the vibrant season of spring!
Families can start enrolling NEW students in ALL grade levels online today! If you have a child who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2023, this is the time to enroll them in kindergarten!

We are excited to welcome the Class of 2036!

2023-2024 Kindergarten Open House
June 1 | 4:30pm-5:30pm

All incoming kindergarten families will need to complete an online enrollment application.

Paper/translated applications available on request.

Available on our website:
- Online Enrollment Portal
- Enrollment FAQ
- Transfers & Homeschool Information
- Guides & Helpful Resources
  - Bell schedules
  - Academic Calendar
  - Student Busing
  - School Meal Information
  - Family Handbook
  - Communication Information

www.pullmanschools.org/enrollment

If your child is already enrolled in one of our schools, there is NO need to complete the enrollment process again.
2023-2024 Kindergarten Open House

Come tour your school and meet our teachers!

Each school will be hosting an open house for children who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2023, and will be entering kindergarten in one of our schools for the 2023-2024 school year.

Haven't enrolled yet?
Enroll online by clicking the links below.

FIND YOUR SCHOOL

ENROLL ONLINE

Enrollment may also be completed during the Open House event. Paper enrollment packets, including translated, are available at each school.

June 1st 4:30-5:30pm
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Sunnyside Elementary: @SESSuperstars

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