The Bulldog Bulletin

Jennifer DuBois, Superintendent/Principal

February 2026

Paw Paw School
511 Chapman St.
Paw Paw, IL 61353

District Office
815-627-2841
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815-627-2671

School Hours:
8am-3pm
Doors Open at 7:45am

To Keep up with School news, follow us on facebook at PawPawCUSD #271

If your child will be absent or tardy please call the Attendance line by 10:00am*

School Board

Next School Board Meeting

Tuesday Februray 17th, 2026

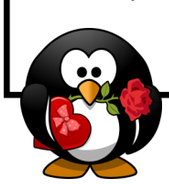
(6:00 pm Closed Session, 6:30 pm Open Session)

RM 124

Blood Drive

Next blood drive will be Thursday, January 29th from 12:30pm– 5:30pm at the Paw Paw Community Building.

We hope to see you there!





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From the School Nurse:

Mobile Dentist will be coming to Paw Paw on May 11th. Flyers will be sent home with students that are interested in using them.



Superintendent/Principal Column
February 2026

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, Students, Community Members, and Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. January flew by, it is hard to believe we are into February.

The second semester brings about the season of surveys and assessments, and this year is no exception. There are two different surveys this semester where we will be asking for feedback from various school district stakeholder groups. These surveys provide us valuable information that helps us plan and implement quality programming for our students.

The first survey is the annual 5Essentials Survey organized through the Illinois State Board of Education. This survey will be available February 2-March 10. As soon as it is open, the information to access the survey will be shared across emails, Facebook, the website, and my weekly newsletter. The second survey is our yearly Strategic Plan Survey, where we ask for your input in various areas of school operations. The 2026 Strategic Plan Survey will be shared out soon.

We really appreciate your participation in these surveys as they each provide important pieces of information for our school district. If you have any questions please contact me at jdubois@2paws.net or by phone at 815-627-2671.

This year our students in grades 3rd-8th will again be taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) tests in March, before spring break. Testing will run March 2nd-20th. Our 5th & 8th grade students will also take the Illinois Science Assessment, which will be April 13th-24th.

We are excited for our students to be taking part in the Kane County Cougars reading incentive program this year! The program will run from January 16-March 13. The goal of this eight-week program is to encourage reading as a foundation for learning by providing incentives which motivate our students to read! We are hoping the Cougar Reading Club will be a rewarding experience for our students! Over the eight week period students will be challenged to meet reading goals set by their teachers and if they do they will advance bases on a baseball diamond and if they make it to home plate by the end of the eight weeks, they will be part of a school wide field trip to a Kane County Cougars game in May! Be sure to encourage our students to be reading so they can be a part of this fun school wide event!

Another new event this month is our Paw Paw Family Wellness Night, which will be held on February 12 from 5:00-7:00. There will be information sessions for parents presented by LSSI and our Regional Office of Education, and fun activities for our students as well. We will also have our Junior High Choir performing for everyone and will be hosting a spaghetti dinner. We hope you will join us on the 12th for what we plan to have as an annual event!

As a reminder, our regular School Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month. Closed session begins at 6:00 p.m. and open session begins at 6:30 p.m. You can enter at the south end of the building for the meetings.

Upcoming Events:
February 12: Paw Paw Family Wellness Night 5:00-7:00
February 16: No School Presidents Day
February 17: School Board Meeting- closed session 6:00 p.m. open session 6:30 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support of the Paw Paw School District!

Jennifer DuBois

Paw Paw Schools Memorial Wall A memorial wall is being established at the entrance of the High School. Its purpose is for families to remember loved ones who have attended Paw Paw Schools and for individuals who have an attachment to the schools and want to leave a lasting legacy. To remember loved ones or leave a legacy, paw prints with names can be purchased starting at $150. The paw prints with the names and years of life or graduating class year, will be prominently displayed on the wall. The money collected for the wall will be used for projects that are permanent. If you are interested in purchasing a paw print, contact 815-627-2841.

Upcoming Events

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2/4/26– GBB @ Earlville– 4:30pm

2/6/26– 12:30 pm Dismissal– School Improvement

2/6-2/7/26– 5th/6th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament @ Millbrook MS

2/9/26– GBB vs Lisbon– 4:30pm

2/11/26– GBB @ HBR– 4:30pm

2/12/26– Family Wellness Night– 5pm

2/16/26– No School– Presidents Day

2/17/26– GBB @ Leland– 4:30pm

2/17/26– School Board Meeting

(closed session 6pm, open session 6:30pm)

2/19/26– GBB vs Newark– 4:30pm

2/23/26– GBB @ Somonauk– 4:30pm

Indian Creek High School

2/13/26– 11:45am Dismissal– SIP

2/16/26– No School– Presidents Day

For a complete sports schedule please visit

https://ictimberwolves.com/

February Menu

Breakfast
Gr. K-5 $2.00
Gr. 6-8 $2.00
Adult - $2.00
Extra Milk $0.35

1% white/ non-fat choc. Milk available at all lunches
Menu subject to change due to availability and school closings

Lunch
Gr. K-5 $2.60
Gr. 6-8 $2.85
Adult - $3.25
Extra Milk $0.35

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2. Chocolate Muffin Fruit Milk Corn Dog Tator Tots Juice Box Applesauce Cup	3. Cinnamon Roll Fruit Milk Pizza Crunchers Lettuce Salad Pineapple Dbl. Choc. Chip Cookie	4. Choc. Chip Muffin Fruit/ yogurt Milk Popcorn Chicken Lettuce/Cheese Mandarin Oranges Frosted Grahams	5. Chocolate Donuts Fruit Milk Breaded Pork on Bun French Fries Corn Peaches	6. Cinni Mini Fruit Milk Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Carrots/ P.B . Cup Pears Crackers
9. Chocolate Muffin Fruit Milk Corny Dogs Tator Tots Juice Box Peaches	10. Cinnamon Roll Fruit Milk Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Pineapple Sugar Cookie	11. Choc. Chip Muffin Fruit/ Yogurt Milk Cheese Breadstick Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Choc. Chip Cookie	12. Chocolate Donuts Fruit Milk Pancake/Sausage on Stick Tator Tots Juice Box Applesauce Cup	13. Cinni Mini Fruit Milk Chicken Patty on Bun Chips Carrots/P.B. Cup Sidekick
16. NO SCHOOL	17. Cinnamon Roll Fruit Milk Chicken Tenders French Fries Green Beans Peaches	18. Choc. Chip Muffin Fruit/ Yogurt Milk Grilled Cheese French Fries Carrots/P.B. Cup Sidekick	19. Chocolate Donuts Fruit Milk Cheese Quesadilla Lettuce/Cheese Mandarin Oranges Rice Krispie Treat	20. Cinni Mini Fruit Milk Rib on Bun Tator Tots Corn Pears
23. Chocolate Muffin Fruit Milk Pretzel Rod/Cheese Carrots/P.B. Cup Juice Box Applesauce Cup	24. Cinnamon Roll Fruit Milk Cheesy Pull-a-part Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Brownie	25. Choc. Chip Muffin Fruit/ Yogurt Milk Taco Salad Lettuce/ Cheese Mandarin Oranges Oatmeal Choc. Chip	26. Chocolate Donuts Fruit Milk Sub Sandwich Chips Juice Box Sidekick	27. Cinni Mini Fruit Milk Chicken Patty Mashed Potato/Gravy Corn Peaches Roll

Dear Paw Paw Families, Coaches, and Athletes,

This message is to bring your attention to the upcoming athletic schedule changes, effective in the 2026-2027 school year. Next year and moving forward, Paw Paw School (and the Jr. 10 Conference) will follow the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) athletic schedule. This means the seasons and lengths of some sports will change. In the fall, the soccer season runs from August 10th through the first week of October, and the girls' basketball season begins on September 14th, with a rough end date in the beginning of December. In the winter, the Boys' basketball season, as well as cheerleading and poms, will begin on October 19th and run through the end of January. Girls' volleyball will begin on December 7th and end around the second week of March, and in the spring, track and field will start on March 15th and conclude around the beginning of May. There will be some overlap between seasons, and the logistics for when practices will be held will be determined closer to the next school year.

By Joining the IESA athletic schedule, we are bringing Serena and Indian Creek back into the Jr. 10 Conference. Additionally, we will play conference teams once during the season, excluding the Jr. 10 Conference Tournament. However, following the IESA athletic schedule will broaden Paw Paws' opportunities to play against. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about these upcoming changes, please do not hesitate to contact the Athletic Director, Jess Bivins, at jbivins@2paws.net. Thank you all for your endless support.

Sincerely,
Jessica Bivins
Athletic Director



SEL Night Sing

Featuring the Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade Music Classes with the Junior High Choir



Concert will take place on Thursday, February 12th at 5:00pm in the Small Gym

Please drop off students at the Music Classroom by 4:50



