The Bulldog Bulletin

December 2025 Jennifer DuBois, Superintendent/ Principal

Superintendent/Principal Column
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Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, Students, Community Members, and Friends,

I cannot believe it is already December; the year is moving quickly! Our first semester ends on December 19. Winter break runs from December 22-January 5, with school resuming on January 6. This holiday season I want to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of our hard-working teachers and staff, student body, parents and guardians, and all Paw Paw community members. Without your support we would not be able to do what we do!

We are excited to welcome everyone to our winter concert on December 11, at 6:00 p.m. and introduce our new band director, Mr. Stover, in his first concert of the year! All grade levels will be performing. Kindergarten through fifth grade general music will perform holiday songs, the 4th/5th grade band will perform as well as the junior high band and choir. We hope to see everyone there to support our student performance.

The holiday season can bring unique needs to families. I want to remind families that Paw Paw is still coordinating with the Lee/Ogle/Whiteside Regional Office of Education to bring support services to our community members. The ROE staff works closely with families who need additional support in accessing community resources, providing family education on various topics, and family goal-setting. If your family needs support please feel free to contact me at jdubois@2paws.net or at 815-627-2671 and I will be happy to connect you with them for support services. This support is confidential and respectful. There are no fees for families to participate in this program. If you prefer to contact the ROE directly, please call the ROE at 815-625-1945. If there is other assistance you need, please contact our office, as we have local resources and donations that we can support you with.

December also brings winter weather, and I want to share information on weather related school closures. Student safety is always our first consideration when it comes to cancelling school or events. Three factors impact the decision to close schools: road conditions, temperature, and visibility are all considered when determining whether or not conditions warrant school cancellation. I consult with a number of different people when determining school closures including, township road commissioners, area superintendents, and our transportation director. There is no single rule for snow accumulation amounts or temperature, but blowing and/or drifting snow plays a large factor in the decision, as well as wind chill. School closures will not be based solely on forecasts and every effort will be made to decide and inform families as quickly as possible. School closures will be communicated through our school app via text message, phone call, and email and will be posted on the school website and on Facebook. Please be sure your information is updated in Powerschool so you receive these important updates during school closures.

We hope you can join us at the following events:

December 10: Winter Concert at 6:00 p.m.
December 16: School Board Open session meeting with tax levy hearing starting at 6:30

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

Paw Paw School

511 Chapman St.

Paw Paw, IL 61353

School Hours:

8am-3pm

Doors Open at 7:45am

District Office

815-627-2841

Main Office

815-627-2671

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

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

Blood Drive

We had 18 units of blood collected on 10/30/25 during our blood drive at Paw Paw Bible Church. A special thanks to them for allowing us to have our drive ar their location! Next blood drive will be Thursday, January 29th from 12:30pm– 5:30pm at the Paw Paw Community Building.



School Board

Next School Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 16th, 2025

(6:00 pm Closed Session

6:30 pm Open Session)

RM 124

December 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
1. Choc. Muffin Fruit Milk	2. Granola Bar/Yogurt Fruit Milk	3. Cinnamon Roll Fruit Milk	4. Choc. Donuts Fruit Milk	5. Cinni Mini Fruit Milk
Corny Dog French Fries Green Beans Mixed Fruit	Chicken Tenders Tator Tots Slushy Applesauce Cup	Taco Salad Lettuce/Cheese Mandarin Oranges Peanut Butter Cookie	Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Pineapple Rice Krispie Treat	Ham & Cheese on Bun Chips Carrots/P.B. Cup Mixed Fruit
8. Choc. Muffin Fruit Milk	9. Granola Bar/Yogurt Fruit Milk	10. Cinnamon Roll Fruit Milk	11. Choc. Donuts Fruit Milk	12. Cinni Mini Fruit Milk
Pancake/Sausage on Stick Tato Tots Applesauce Cup Juice Box	Cheesy Pull-a-part Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Quick Oatmeal Bar	Popcorn Chicken Lettuce/ Cheese Mandarin Oranges Dbl. Choc. Chip Cookie	B. B. Q. on Bun Chips Corn Peaches	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup/ Crackers Carrots/P.B. Cup Pears
15. Choc. Muffin Fruit Milk	16. Granola Bar/Yogurt Fruit Milk	17. Cinnamon Roll Fruit Milk	18. Choc. Donuts Fruit Milk	19. Cinni Mini Fruit Milk
Corn Dog on a Stick French Fries Juice Box Applesauce Cup	Cheese Breadsticks Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Sugar Cookie	Pizza Crunchers Lettuce Salad Sidekick Choc. Chip Bar	Chicken Patty Mashed Potato/Gravy Corn Roll Peaches	Hamburger on Bun Tator Tots Carrots/P.B. Cup Pears
23	24.	25.	26.	27.
30.	31.			

WINTER BREAK







Paw Paw FFA Christmas Wreaths
$35 per Wreath
Contact Mr. Jeff, an FFA Member, or Paw Paw School
815-713-7145
815-627-2671
Thank you for your support!



Upcoming Events

Paw Paw CUSD #271

12/1/25– BBB vs Newark -4:30pm

12/3/25– BBB @ Somonauk -4:30pm

12/5/25-12/6/25– 7th Grade JR 10 Tournament @ HBR

12/8/25– BBB vs Earlville - 4:30pm

12/9/25– BBB vs IC -4:30pm

12/10/25– Winter Concert - 6pm

12/15-12/18/25– 8th Grade JR 10 Tournament @ Newark HS

12/19/25– 12:30pm Dismissal– School Improvement

12/22/25-1/5/26– No School– Winter Break

School resumes on Tuesday 1/6/26

Indian Creek High School

12/10/25– Winter Concert—7:00pm

12/18/25– 2:15pm Dismissal

12/19/25– 2:15pm Dismissal– End of First Semester

12/22/25-1/5/26– No School– Winter Break

School resumes on Tuesday 1/6/26

For a complete sports schedule please visit https://ictimberwolves.com/