

Plainwell

WINTER 2020

SCHOOL MATTERS



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PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

winter fun

In this issue of School Matters, we highlight the most recent school news, including all the winter activities and events.

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In this issue of School Matters, we highlight a number of exceptional performances by the students at Plainwell Community Schools.

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In this issue of School Matters, we celebrate the accomplishments of our students, staff & community.

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Midwinter Break
No School

FEBRUARY 26

Half Day for All Students

MARCH 5
MARCH 6

Half Day for All Students
End of Second Trimester

MARCH 25

Half Day for All Students

APRIL 3-10

Spring Break
No School

APRIL 22

Half Day for All Students

MAY 25

Memorial Day
No School

JUNE 9
JUNE 10

Half Day for All Students
End of Third Trimester

ADMINISTRATIVE VIEWPOINTS

SUPERINTENDENT *Matthew Montange*

I want to take a moment to recognize the great staff that work in our district and provide such a wonderful learning experience for our students. Plainwell Community Schools would not be what it is without the dedication, commitment, and level of care provided by our staff. From teachers and principals, to instructional aides, bus drivers, custodians and maintenance, coaches, food service, secretaries, support staff, our many volunteers, and our school board, each has an important and often challenging role to fulfill. Our children benefit greatly from your efforts, THANK YOU for all you do. Parents and community members, if you have a moment or opportunity to say thank you to a member of our staff I encourage you to do so, they don't always get to hear it but they always appreciate it. GO TROJANS!

CURRICULUM *Kristy Newman*

PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNUAL EDUCATION REPORT

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the educational progress for Plainwell Community Schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Kristy Newman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, for assistance.

The DISTRICT AER State data is available for you to review electronically by visiting the following website <http://bit.ly/2FfOifj>. The comprehensive AER which includes information by individual building can be found at <http://bit.ly/PCS18-19AER>, or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Data from the following assessments are included: M- STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-AccesS (Alternate Assessment), and College Board PSAT/SAT. This section presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and social studies for grades 5, 8 and 11, compared to targets for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users understand achievement progress within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to the district, state and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status - The accountability portion of the AER uses information from assessments, graduation and attendance rates, and school quality measures, to determine if the school is meeting accountability targets. This helps to identify how well schools are serving the overall academic needs of students.

Teacher Qualification Data - This section reports teacher qualifications at the State, district and school levels.

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress) - NAEP administers a state level assessment in Mathematics and Reading every two years. The most current results are found in this section of the AER.

Status Labels - Review the information below listing our schools. For the 2018-2019 school year, schools were identified using new definitions and labels as required in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). A Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school is one that has at least one underperforming student subgroup. An Additional Targeted Support (ATS) school is one that has three or more underperforming student subgroups. A Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) school is one whose performance is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases, no status label is given.

Cooper Elementary	No label	Mastery of essential learning via RTI / PLCs
Gilkey Elementary	No label	Mastery of essential learning via RTI / PLCs
Starr Elementary	No label	Mastery of essential learning via RTI / PLCs
Plainwell Middle School	No label	Mastery of essential learning via RTI / PLCs
Plainwell High School	No label	Mastery of essential learning via RTI / PLCs
Renaissance High School	No label	At risk student recovery and graduation/ RTI

Plainwell Community Schools is committed to academic excellence for all students. Each school in the district continues to implement innovative programs, instructional strategies, teacher training, and technology to increase student achievement. We encourage all parents and community members to be a part of our district, be involved and participate using your time and talents by contacting your child's teacher or building principal. Thank you to our staff, parents, and community members for your support of our students. It's your efforts that make Plainwell Community Schools a great place to learn!

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GILKEY'S ANNUAL GOLF BALL DROP

We are thankful for another successful event at Gilkey Elementary School's annual Golf Ball Drop on November 1. The fundraiser is in support of the Gilkey Parents Club, which helps fund a variety of activities at the school. Gilkey students raised money and along with 11 local businesses donated over \$9,500 in support of the GPC! The week leading up to the Golf Ball Drop, Gilkey partnered with Plainwell Public Safety for Safety Week, where students learned about what to do in an emergency situation. On Friday of Safety Week, the Plainwell Firemen joined the students and staff at Gilkey to drop balls off the roof of the school, the golf ball that made a "hole in one" won a cash prize for the winner, student and teacher. Following the event, the top three fundraisers were awarded with a ride to school in a firetruck. All and all, it was a successful and fun event for Gilkey Elementary!

1ST & 2ND GRADE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Gilkey's 1st and 2nd grade classes combined to perform for their school, friends and family on December 3. Although not everyone enjoys the snow and cold, the "Snow Day" concert warmed everyone's hearts and brought a little snow time joy as the students performed a number of winter fun songs. Mr. Oostdyk, Gilkey's Music Teacher, did an outstanding job preparing the students for a festive musical performance! Great job to Gilkey's 1st and 2nd grade Geckos!

AUTHOR VISIT

Plainwell Community School's elementary students and staff were fortunate to have a special guest speaker as Author Colleen Dougherty visited to share her story: "Ellie Adventure Picking Out Puppies!" It was an awesome opportunity for the students to learn about the different roles in creating a book, from the author to the illustrator. The students also were educated on the different elements of story writing while using their imagination and creativity to create a story of their own. To add to the fun of the visit, a few students were able to dress-up as characters from "Ellie Adventure Picking Out Puppies", to read along with the author. Plainwell Schools is incredibly thankful for Mrs. Dougherty taking the time to join us at PCS and for the fun experience it provided for our elementary students and staff.



COOPER

KOALA'S NEWS

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& hope*

HOPE FOR A CURE

Cooper Elementary celebrated National Diabetes Day to support one of their very own students. In support of the day, every student at Cooper was asked to wear blue for a special assembly.

In addition, for every student that wore blue, the family of the celebrated student made a donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

It was an awesome day of learning and celebrating at Cooper Elementary!

THANKS & APPRECIATION

To show appreciation to the students and parents at Cooper Elementary, the teachers and administration go the extra mile. In November, the Koala staff handed out coffee to Cooper parents at dropoff. It was a great way to start a cold day and a wonderful thank you to those that make Cooper so special!

In addition, the Cooper staff provide an awesome way to start each day of school! The Teachers and Administrators at Cooper Elementary welcome each child with a smile, hug, and friendly greeting each morning (rain or shine). It's a great way for the students to start their day and feel appreciated by their leaders.

Go Cooper Koalas!

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

What a fun way to celebrate the 100th day of school! The Cooper Elementary Kindergarten Classes released 100 (biodegradable) balloons in early February in honor of the 100th day of school. The smiles were priceless!



STARR

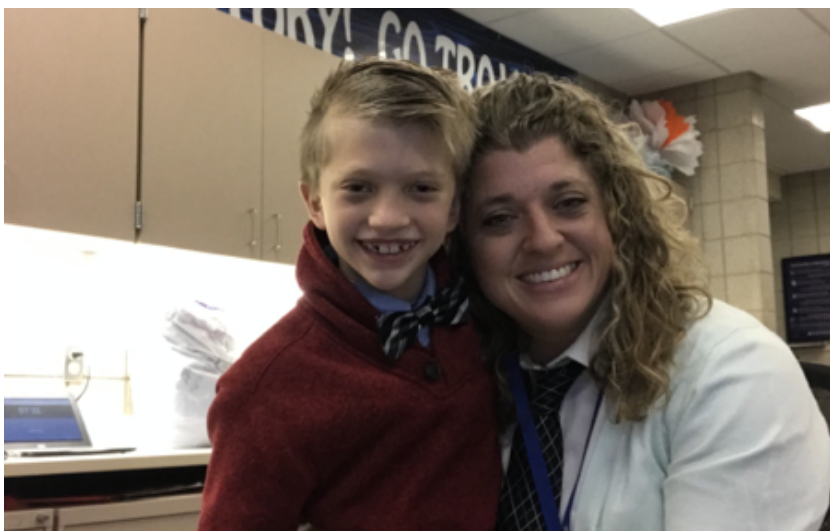
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ROUSH'S READINGS

The 5th Grade Class from Starr Elementary held their annual Roush's Holiday Readings Program in December. It was a memorable night as the students shared their assorted holiday poems and stories with their classmates, family and friends. The stories brought some holiday cheer and lots of laughs. Great job to Mr. Roush and his students!



WORLD KINDNESS DAY

For World Kindness Day, the staff and students at Starr Elementary celebrated with a Mr. Rogers "Cardigan Day". Everyone was invited to wear a cardigan and tie for a "beautiful day in the neighborhood". What a fun way to remind the students and those throughout the school to spread kindness to others.



GIVING BACK

A very special thank you to Otis Outdoors and Stacey Skinner, Starr Elementary Administrative Assistant, for all their hard work in donating Thanksgiving dinners to 12 Starr Elementary Families! We are thankful for the donations, time and effort in providing these meals which brought joy and thanks from the families that benefited from their generosity!

MENTORING

Starr Elementary School has an awesome Mentor Program, where upper elementary students are paired with lower elementary students as role models to help with life situations, as well as socially and academically. This December, they collected donations for a bag stuffing event where the Mentors got to "shop" for their little buddies. There was a lot of joy and many smiles as the little buddies opened their gifts that were handpicked by their mentors. Thank you for all the donations for this special event!



WINTER CARNIVAL

Starr Elementary held their annual Winter Carnival on Saturday, January 25. It was a fun day of activities, games, food and fun for the students, parents and community members that attended. Thank you to the volunteers and the Starr Parents Association for making this event a success!

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Choir & band

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade band and choir were busy preparing for and performing at their 2019 Holiday Concerts. The students did an outstanding job providing a variety of holiday classics, as well as some fun new holiday songs for their performances. It was an awesome way for PMS students, as well as their families and friends to kick-off the holiday season!



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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ROBOTICS

The Middle School's Robotics teams had a great performance at their tournament in Hudsonville in early November. All three teams qualified for the final round. Even more importantly, one of the judges personally congratulated PMS Students for outstanding spirit, teamwork, and overall enthusiasm. The team went on to the next round on January 25 where all three teams (Trial and Error, Team Rewired and Team DaVinci Code) all qualified for the playoff round. Team Rewired was presented with the VEX Excellence Award, the highest award given to any team in the tournament. The award is also a qualifying award and comes with an invitation to attend the State Tournament in Monroe, Michigan on Saturday, March 7 and the U.S. Open Robotics Championships held in Council Bluffs, Iowa in April. Thank you to the coaches that made this possible and congratulations to the Robotics teams! We are very proud of each of you!

AVIATION

At the November 4 school board meeting, students from the Intro to Aviation class enthusiastically shared about what they are learning in the Intro to Aviation class. Students spoke positively about their experience in making multiple model airplanes and watching their aircraft fly.

CHOIR & BAND

In November, 8th grade students in Band and Choir had the opportunity to travel to Chicago. Students enjoyed a day visiting Navy Pier, Lincoln Park Zoo and Hard Rock Café. They also had the choice to see either the musical Hamilton or Blue Man Group. The day was quite an adventure for the students and chaperones, all who had an amazing time. Thank you to Ms. Gilbert, Mrs. Perrin, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Hepinstall for arranging such an amazing experience for our students.

We are so proud of our Plainwell band students who earned spots in the Middle School All-State Honors Band. 8th graders Justin Carpenter, Jackson Powell, Ryan Santiago, and Audrey Todd were selected to participate January 18 at DeVos Performance Hall in Grand Rapids. Over 2,500 students from across the State of Michigan auditioned to earn membership in these elite ensembles and Plainwell Community Schools was well represented! Way to go Trojans!

SHOP WITH A HERO

In December, PMS held their annual Shop with a Hero event at the Plainwell Meijer. Each year, the school receives an anonymous donation to help provide over 100 students with a \$75 gift card to holiday shop. Local law enforcement, as well as the fire department and EMS join the kids to help them complete their holiday lists. What a special time for the PMS students, as well as the heroes that helped them holiday shop. THANK YOU to everyone that made this night so special!

DONATION REQUEST

Plainwell Middle Schools National Junior Honor Society is looking for donations of fleece material or money to help with their service project. They will be making blankets for a cause like the Bronson Children's Hospital, an adult foster care, or a nursing home. We would love to have your help! Donations need to be in by February 28, and can be dropped off at Plainwell Middle School in the office. Check donations can be made out to Plainwell Middle School with the memo stating NJHS Fundraiser. Thank you for all the support!



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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PMS & PHS CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Prior to the holidays, the Middle & High School choirs performed for the students at Gilkey, Cooper and Starr Elementary Schools. The performance included a number of classic holiday songs, as well as a few special appearances. It was a fun morning for all the students involved and the smiles were priceless!

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

It was another successful year for Plainwell's Christmas Project. Throughout the month of December, each school and the community collected food and toy donations for the project. With the help of many volunteers, the Christmas Project was able to donate to over 180 local families. Each family received food, toiletries, as well as three toys for each child in their family. It was an incredible event and we are so thankful to each and every person that donated, as well as volunteered to make the event so successful and special. THANK YOU!

STUDENT CHOICE LUNCH

Plainwell's Food Service team tried a new approach to lunchtime at the High School by offering a "Student Choice" lunch. The students voted on their top choice. The school served over 400 samples to the students and received a total of 345 votes on the new station concepts! The winner was Big City Barbeque which was featured in the cafeteria all month long.

HOLIDAY SPECTRUM

It was a spectacular night full of outstanding performances at the 2019 Spectrum Concert on December 19. The High School students provided amazing performances to a sold out show. Thank you to all the amazing performers and instructors. It was truly a beautiful way to kick-off the holiday season!

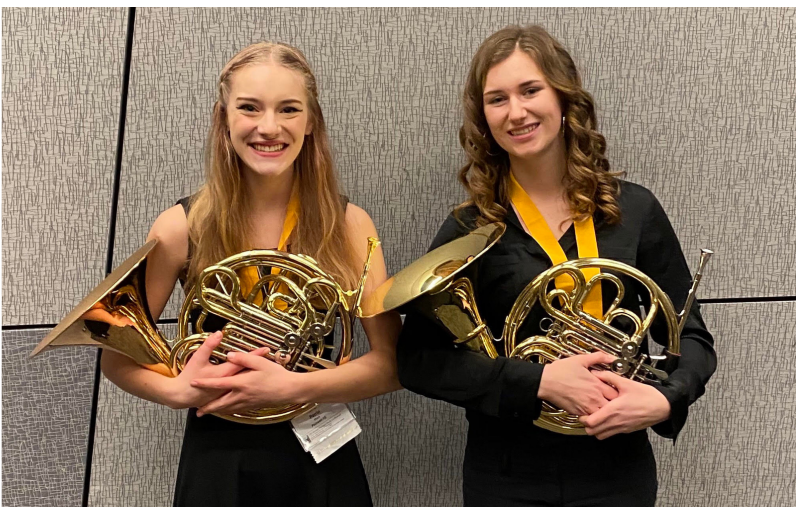
ORCHESTRA

We are so proud of the Plainwell Students who earned spots in the top performing groups in the state of Michigan. High school senior Grace Doerr and sophomore Mia Perrin were selected to participate in the Michigan High School All-State Orchestra on Saturday, January 18 at DeVos Performance Hall in Grand Rapids. Over 2,500 students from across the state auditioned to earn membership in these elite ensembles and PCS was well represented! Way to go Trojans!

SNOWCOMING

The High School students had a fun time for their Snowcoming Spirit Week, showing lots of Plainwell school pride. Highlights of the week included the Seniors beating the Juniors in testosterone volleyball in four games. On Friday evening, both varsity basketball teams were victorious over Paw Paw, way to go! In between games, Victoria VanSlambrouck and Bryce Marshall were elected as the Snowcoming King and Queen, congratulations to Victoria and Bryce! The week was complete with the Snowcoming Dance on Saturday, February 1. All and all, it was a fun and spirit filled week at PHS!







R.H.S. EDUCATION NEWS

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A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING

On Friday, November 22, the students from Renaissance High School hosted a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for the Community. Each staff member contributed a main dish and students and community joiners brought a side dish. All were invited to join this special luncheon. Nancy's Kitchen cooked four large turkeys. Over 100 people attended for a feast of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and more! Thank you to the attendees for bringing their special dishes to pass to complete the Thanksgiving dinner. It was a fun way for the RHS students to interact with the Community, while sharing dinner and conversation. Thank you to all those that attended and to the RHS students for making this event so special.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

In early December, the Community Education program hosted a Christmas Brunch for the Seniors in Action Group. It was a festive event, with a special appearance from a musical Santa, prizes for the attendees and a delicious breakfast prepared by Plainwell Community School's Food Service Department. The event was complete with entertainment from a small group of students from Renaissance High School who performed a variety of holiday classic songs using American Sign Language (ASL). These students are learning ASL as part of their required foreign language curriculum. Great job by the RHS students and thank you to the attendees for making this a fun morning at Plainwell's Performing Arts Center!

RECREATION NEWS & WELCOME

programs



Welcome Taylor!! You may see a new face around the Recreation Department this year. Taylor Termeer is assisting me with the supervisory duties for the Recreation Department. Taylor is a graduate of Plainwell Schools and teaches science in the Middle School. Be sure and introduce yourself to her if you see her in the gym.

We wrapped up our Junior Spikers Season and Junior Hoopsters Basketball is well underway with close to 50 teams participating in the league made up of Martin, Otsego, and Plainwell players. A big THANK YOU to the coaches, assistants, players, and families who have assisted with these programs.

Be sure and check out our other upcoming Community Education and Recreation Programs and please contact me if you have any questions.

Bob Farris
Recreation Director



SCHOOL NEWS

Plainwell Community Schools Presents

Into The Woods



March 27-28
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 7PM

March 29
SUNDAY, 2PM

Plainwell Performing Art Center

Buy Tickets Online at PlainwellSchools.Ludus.com BALCONY TICKET \$12 LOWER LEVEL TICKET \$15

BILLING RIGHTS: "Into The Woods" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShow.com li. Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim iii. Book by James Lapine iv. Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine v. Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick vi. Original Broadway production by Heidi Landesman, Rocco Landesman, Rick Steiner, M. Anthony Fisher, Frederic H. Mayerson, Jujamcyn Theaters vii. Originally produced by the Old Globe Theatre, San Diego, CA



PLAINWELL EDUCATION FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER REQUEST

The Plainwell Education Foundation (PEF) is a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization that was founded in 1985 to assist Plainwell Community Schools in providing excellence in education. Now, the PEF has been supporting teachers, staff, and students for over 32 years with thousands of dollars in grants and scholarships. The PEF relies on annual fundraisers, as well as charitable and memorial donations. Fundraisers include the Blue & White Night, Racin' the Island City 5k and Euchre Tournament.

Currently, PEF needs volunteers! If additional members of school and community do not get involved, then PEF will no longer have the volunteers needed to carry out any fundraisers or to review scholarship and grant requests.

Please contact PEF for more information at plainwelleducationfoundation@gmail.com.

NEW THIS YEAR!

REGISTER ONLINE TO ATTEND PCS

Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, students will register online to attend PCS, beginning with new Kindergarten enrollees, the Class of 2033.

A parent/guardian enrolling a new student will be asked to upload the following:

- Child's Birth Certificate: We request that this is uploaded, but will also require that the original (with raised seal) is submitted to the School to verify the original birth certificate.
- Official Immunization Record: If immunizations were received outside of the State of Michigan
- Court Orders or Custody Agreements (if applicable)
- Previous School Contact Information (if applicable)
- Most current transcript or report card from previous school
- Residency Verification (please upload one of the following): Property deed, rental agreement or recent tax statement, utility bill (city water/sewer, electric, or gas) dated within 30 days that includes the name of the parent/guardian

We will also use this process for parents/guardians to update their student's information. Each year, beginning in July, parents of each and every student will be asked to update data. Even if there are no changes you will be asked to log-in to Infinite Campus and acknowledge that there are no changes. This will allow us to have updated information prior to school starting. We will no longer be sending home the demographic sheets at the beginning of the school year.

Parents updating their child's information will need to supply the above mentioned documents if anything has changed since the previous school year such as custody or residency.

Kiosk computers will be available in each building and office staff will be available to assist anyone who needs help with online enrollment. We will be sending out more information as we get closer to rolling this out.



PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

THANK YOU

TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN VOTING

FOR THE 2019 *yes!* BOND PROPOSAL

STAY CONNECTED!

Follow Plainwell Community Schools on Social Media or visit plainwellschools.org.



COMM EDUCATION



BASKETBALL SKILLS CAMP | K-6TH GRADE SATURDAYS, MARCH 7-28 (RUNS 4 WEEKS)

This program is open to students K-6th grade. Each Saturday, the same pool of players will be divided up differently. Phone call reminders will not be made. Please attend the practice on March 7th at the assigned time & place for your grade level.

Who: Girls & Boys, Grades K through 6th (Coach Rieman, Staff, & PHS players)
Cost: \$42.00

Place & Time: 9-10:30am: K-4th grade at Starr Elementary
9-11am: 5th-6th grade at Plainwell Middle School

Registration Deadline is February 28, 2020. NO sign-ups at camp.



TAE KWON DO AGE (FOR ALL LEVELS) MONDAYS, MARCH 2-MAY 18 (NO CLASS APRIL 6) | 5:30-7:30 PM

For anyone ages 7 and older, come join the fun! Tae Kwon Do is an excellent means of physical fitness for everyone. Improve coordination, gain strength, and increase your flexibility while learning self-defense techniques from an ancient Korean martial art form. Tae Kwon Do is appropriate for kids and adults of all shapes, sizes, and fitness levels. Come by yourself, with a friend, or bring the whole family for fun and fitness.

Location: Plainwell Middle School Cafeteria
Cost: \$60 (per individual) | \$85 (per family)
Instructor: Master Huong Tran

Registration deadline is March 2, 2020.



BUILDING THE BRIDGE WORKSHOP - SEE 20/20 IN 2020! MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 2-APRIL 13 | 5-7:30 PM

Location: Plainwell Community Center
Cost: FREE (Light meal provided)
Facilitator: Nicole Vyverman

Who is the Facilitator? | Nicole Vyverman, Home Outreach Coordinator for Plainwell Community Schools, is the lead facilitator. Nicole has a Bachelor's degree in Child and Family Development from Western Michigan University and has a host of experience working with individuals seeking stability. Nicole offers a non-judgemental environment where you are free to ask questions, be vulnerable and be safe, and glean a lot of expertise in strategies for improving your life.



What is This Class About? | Bridges of Hope Allegan County is holding our spring Building the Bridge workshop at Renaissance Adult Education. The class is aimed at assisting parents and adults in the community in reflecting on their lives, setting goals, building a toolbox of resources, and community networking to improve your life the way you WANT it to be!



Building the Bridge Graduates, circa 2016

How Much Does it Cost? | Our program doesn't cost you anything, in fact, we pay you! Participants receive a \$10 stipend for each session they attend and an additional \$50 upon completion. That's a total of \$170 possible in your pocket! All the while learning more about yourself and your success. And, if you're a Renaissance student, you can earn credit while doing so!

How do I Sign-up for Bridge Workshop? | Contact Charlie Wynne at charlie.wynne@plainwellschools.org, by phone at (269) 873-4848 or please stop by the Plainwell Community Center to inquire. We are located at 798 E Bridge Street.



REGISTER ONLINE

- Go to Plainwellschools.org
- Click on Links & Forms
- Click on the RevTrak
- Click on Community Ed and Rec

If you are unable to register online, forms are available at the Plainwell Community Ed. Office 422 Acorn Street

UNITY NEWS

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INDOOR WALKING AT HICKS GYM

If Plainwell Community Schools are closed for any reason, this program will also be canceled. (Walking will start on time if the school system has a fog delay). Indoor walking will go through the end of the school year.

Dates: Adults Only: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Families: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 10-10:45 AM

Location: Hicks Street Gym
Cost: FREE

SENIOR CITIZENS GOLDEN AGE PASSES

If you are 62 years of age or older, you are eligible for a Golden Age Pass Card. This Card entitles you to FREE admission to any home Wolverine Conference athletic event or lap swimming at the Plainwell Community Schools Pool, located in the back of the middle school off Starr Road. To obtain your card, please stop by either the Community Education Office, located at 422 Acorn Street (in the Industrial Park) between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Thursday, or the Athletic Office located at the high school.

EUCHRE: SINGLES OR DOUBLES TUESDAY EVENINGS | 6:45 PM

Location: Plainwell Community Center | 798 Bridge Street | Donations appreciated

ANNUAL SPRING FLING THURSDAY, APRIL 30 | 8:15 AM

Join us for our annual Hawaiian-Themed Spring Fling! This FREE event is one you won't want to miss with a delicious breakfast provided by Plainwell Community Schools. Please RSVP to Melanie at 685-8911 by April 16, 2020.

NEW Location: Plainwell Administrative Building | 600 School Drive

SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES

Cost: \$3 Drop-in, First class is FREE | **Instructor:** Ms. Sharrin

Location: Hick's Street Gym (311 E. Plainwell Street)

If PCS are closed for any reason, classes will be canceled that day

FIT OVER 50 | MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY | 9-10 AM

Strengthen bones & muscles, improve cardio health & balance, increase flexibility & coordination
Class is held until the end of the school year.

LIVING WELL GENTLE FITNESS | TUESDAY & THURSDAY | 9-10 AM

Help improve balance, stability, strength, cardio health and flexibility. Exercises can be done entirely from a chair for your safety & comfort! This class is for you if: you feel unstable while standing to exercise, have chronic illness or balance issues, you are recovering from an illness or injury or you just want a kinder & gentler exercise experience! Use this class entirely on its own or as a stepping stone on your journey to better health. Class is held until the end of the school year.



PLAINWELL COMMUNITY ED.

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(269) 685-9531 | (269) 685-1564 (FAX)

Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday 7:30am - 3:30pm | Friday 7:30am - 12:30pm

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Melanie Jepsen, Seniors in Action | 269-685-8911
Bob Farris, Rec. Director | 269-685-5823
Andrea Murphy, Pool Information | 269-685-2425
Tammy Glupker, Community Ed Director | 269-685-1573

questions?

PLEASE CONTACT:

EVENTS

MOMMY MONDAYS

Come share, learn and meet local moms every 1st & 3rd Monday of the month for Mommy Mondays.

Location: North Point Church
571 N. 10th Street, Plainwell

Time: 9:30-10:30 AM

UPCOMING DATES

February 17
March 2
March 16
April 20
May 4
May 18

CHILD
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2020-2021 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION NIGHT

Plainwell Community Schools invites you to a Preschool Registration Night. Tuition and tuition-free preschools will be on-site to answer any questions you might have about registering your 3, 4, or 5 year old for fall classes. Registration begins at registration night.

Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Time: 5:30-6:30 PM

Location: Starr Elementary School

PLAY & LEARN

Plainwell Community Schools provides two different types of FREE monthly Play-&-Learn groups for children (0-5) and their parent or guardian during the school year from now to May.

PLAY & LEARN GROUP STEAM



STEAM Play & Learns are held every first Wednesday of the month. Come explore your child's many developmental domains: sensory, gross motor and fine motor skills with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math activities (STEAM). Program will cancel if school is closed due to weather.

Location: Starr Elementary School

Time: 1-2 PM

UPCOMING STEAM DATES

March 4 - Seussville
April 1 - Flamingo Party
May 6 - Spring into Summer

PLAY & LEARN GROUP LITERACY



Literacy Play & Learns are held every third Tuesday of the month. Come explore your child's many developmental domains: sensory, gross motor, fine motor, social and language. Information related to early childhood topics will be shared at each playgroup, as well as, connections to community resources. A FREE book and snack are provided at every playgroup for each child. Program will cancel if school is closed due to weather.

Location: Starr Elementary School

Time: 10-11 AM

UPCOMING LITERACY DATES

February 18 - Love & Kindness
March 17 - Seussville
April 21 - Flamingo Party
May 19 - Spring into Summer

SAFE

SAFE: BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE FOR YOUR CHILD!

A before and after school program providing a place to make friends and enjoy recreational activities, available to children from all three Plainwell elementary schools. SAFE is open 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

SAFE rates are posted online, please visit plainwellschools.org.

SAFE SUMMER FUN CAMP!

Program for 2019-20 Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders will be held at Gilkey Elementary.

Program for 2019-20 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will be held at Starr Elementary.

Registration opens April 1st! Check us out online for enrollment paperwork!

Weekly: \$160 for the first child
\$150 for each additional child

Daily: \$40 (minimum of three days per week) +
cost of field trips

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PLAINWELL CORNERS

PLAINWELL CORNERS PRESCHOOL: PREPARES YOUR CHILD FOR SUCCESS

Plainwell Corners provides a developmentally appropriate and fun curriculum (consisting of Handwriting Without Tears, Creative Curriculum & more) designed for children who are 3 or 4 years old. Located at the Early Childhood Education Center (307 E Plainwell St), Plainwell Corners is open 6:30 AM until 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Plainwell Corners Preschool has full time openings for the 2020-21 school year for \$150 weekly. Registration will open at Preschool Round-Up, March 3rd at Starr Elementary!

PLAINWELL CORNERS SUMMER FUN CAMP!

Program is available to 3, 4, and 5 year olds at Plainwell Corners Preschool, located at 307 E. Plainwell Street, Plainwell.

Registration opens on April 1st! Check us out online for enrollment paperwork!

Weekly: \$150 for the first child
\$140 for each additional child

Daily: \$40 - minimum of three days per week

PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

DATE & TIME:
**APRIL
15
1-7 PM**

SIGN-UP FOR
KINDERGARTEN
READINESS
TESTING



VISION
SCREENINGS
(LIMITED AVAILABILITY)

JOIN US 
for Kindergarten Roundup for a
special welcome to the 2020-21
Kindergarteners to Plainwell
Community Schools.

Sign-up for Readiness Testing.
Meet the Staff. Bus Rides.
Vision Screenings (limited availability)
Crafts. Story Time

**WE CANNOT WAIT TO MEET
OUR 2020-21
KINDERGARTENERS &
WELCOME THEM TO PCS!**

MEET THE
PCS STAFF



CRAFTS

LOCATION:
**STARR
ELEMENTARY**

NEW THIS YEAR ONLINE REGISTRATION

Required documents for new students:
1. Child's birth certificate 2. Proof of
residency 3. Vision screening
4. Immunization record (if immunizations
received outside the state of Michigan)
5. Court Orders or Custody
agreements (if applicable)

BUS RIDES



STORY TIME

need more info?

Check us out online at plainwellschools.org > Services > Preschool & Daycare

Or call 269.685.3103 for more information

Plainwell Corners & Plainwell SAFE qualifies for child care tax credits, accepts DHS payments and is approved for Flex Reimbursement

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ATHLETIC NEWS

NEW FOOTBALL COACH

Plainwell High School Athletics is pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Tyler Langs as the new Head Football Coach of Plainwell High School. Langs, 32, comes to PHS from Centerville High School where he was the head coach. Coach Langs has a record of 18-12 during his three years at Centerville High School including making the playoffs each of the past two years. He also served as head coach at Unionville Sebawaing area schools earning a 9-2 record in his final year as head coach. Coach Langs was a five year quarterback at Wheaton College and won the State Championship as a player with his dad as coach at Climax Scotts High School.

Coach Langs was the unanimous selection of the hiring committee. The hiring committee consisted of three school administrators, an assistant coach/teacher, two school board members, a student athlete, and a parent.

According to Dave Price, PHS Director of Athletics "Coach Langs will bring to the Trojan football program a broad knowledge of the game; a wealth of head coaching experience; an intensity of purpose and a realization that team must always come first. We do look forward to having Tyler lead our football program here at Plainwell."



Pictured L to R: Langs Family | Daughter Taylor, Wife Janna; Coach Langs, Son Bryce and Daughter Alyse

ATHLETIC LETTER OF INTENT

PCS is proud to offer congratulations to Nicklaus Tiller on signing his letter of intent to play baseball at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. He will be joining the KVCC team for 2020-21 school year. We wish him all the best as he continues his baseball career!

PHS GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

The Swim and Dive Team finished 7th overall at State this year! Some highlights include: R. Nugent won the 500 Free for the second year in a row and finished 2nd in the 200 Free. T. Seibert placed 4th in Diving. Our Medley Relay of S. Lindenbach, M. Pallett, C. Braginton and A. Widner finished 12th. M. Pallett finished 13th in the 200 IM and finished 10th in the 100 breast. S. Lindenbach finished 13th in the 100 Back. Our 200 Free Relay Team of A. Wider, I. Delaet, M. Stefl and R. Nugent finished 20th. The 400 Free Relay of A. Widner, M. Pallett, S. Lindenbach and R. Nugent earned all state finishing honors finishing 6th. Congratulations to the team and coaches on a great end to a terrific season!



PHS GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the Plainwell Girls Cross Country Team for finishing in 8th place in the state during the D2 state finals race in cross country. We are proud of the girls and the coaching staff for their hard work and dedication this season!



PLAINWELL GRADUATE PLAYS IN AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

PLAINWELL PRIDE! Plainwell High School's graduate Jack Conklin, along with the Tennessee Titans, competed in the AFC Championship Game. While they didn't make it to the Superbowl this season, we are still incredibly proud of Conklin #78 and wish him all the best as he continues his NFL career. Jack, you are making Plainwell very proud!





PLAINWELL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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The public is invited to attend all Board of Education meetings. Business meetings are held the third Monday of each month and workshop meetings are held on the first Monday, both beginning at 6:30 PM in the Administration Building, which is located off Gladys St. between Starr Elementary and Plainwell Middle School.

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2020 winter pool schedule

PLAINWELL COMMUNITY POOL

720 Brigham Street (attached to Plainwell Middle School) | Pool Phone: 269-685-2425

Pool Director & Pool Rental Contact: Andrea Murphy Email: andrea.murphy@plainwellschools.org
Please visit our pool website at www.plainwellschools.org for monthly pool calendars and schedules.

MORNING LAP SWIM

Days: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Time: 6:00-7:00 AM
Cost: \$3 per person

NOON LAP SWIM

Days: Monday-Friday
Time: 12-1 PM
Cost: \$3 per person

EVENING LAP SWIM

Days: Tuesday & Wednesday
Time: 7:30-8:30 PM
* Please check monthly pool calendar for cancellations due to HOME swim meets.

OPEN SWIM

Days: Friday & Saturday Nights
Time: 7:30-9 PM
Cost: \$3 per person or \$7 per family
**Swim Pass CAN NOT be used for Open Swim

Open Swim-Parents MUST accompany children 12 years and younger

AQUA BARRE AEROBICS

Days: Saturday Mornings
Time: 9-10 AM
Cost: First class is FREE
\$5 per class after first

SWIM PASSES

Use for all lap swim programs
10 visit for \$18
20 visit for \$32
40 visit for \$60

Gold Pass
62 years or older/
pass available at the pool

POOL RENTAL

For any group or organization,
price includes 2 lifeguards

\$50.00 per hour

\$25.00 per hour lobby with
table and chairs