

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Pikeland CUSD #10 2020-2021



From the Superintendent's Desk

August Greetings!

It has been such a pleasure to join the Pikeland team! I look forward to serving the students, staff and families within the school district. The social time typically devoted to transitioning into a new school district has not afforded itself this summer. The focus of every teacher, coach, staff member and administrator has been to prepare for the opening of school. The current limits on “meeting and greeting” has impacted traditional practices.

Every aspect of the school day and year has been impacted by the pandemic. One such practice includes the publication of the District Calendar/Handbook. For now, this full publication is on hold. As details of the school year unfold, it may be that accurate calendars can be published at a later date. This first communication is to provide information for August and September.

We are truly living in turbulent times. Each and every one of us will be challenged to model leadership skills for children and neighboring communities. Leadership skills promoting healthy strategies for dealing with uncertainty. Leadership skills showing our youth how to navigate and pioneer the unknown. Skills focusing on resiliency and grit yet layered with patience and grace.

It will be an important time to teach our children how to advocate and express their voice in a way that allows others to hear this voice. One could view this school year as one full of potential disappointments...or our mindsets could embrace the creativity and curiosity needed to move to the brighter side of any disappointing situation.

I look forward to a school year of new and challenging decisions. It will be rewarding to help you and your families navigate this path of the unknown. It is my goal to learn and grow with you. It is my hope that you will long remember the support, patience and dedication provided for you by the Pikeland School District during the COVID-19 pandemic. I have spent the summer with many educators who want to serve the children of the district. Educators who want as much as you for a return to normalcy.

As the school year progresses, I encourage you to routinely visit the school district website at www.pikeland.net. Current information and details will be posted routinely. If possible, a full calendar of events will be mailed at a later date. Your patience in this decision is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carol L. Kilver



DATE	ACTIVITY
August 17	Teacher Institute - Students not in attendance.
August 18	Teacher Institute - Students not in attendance.
August 19	Remote Planning Day - Students not in attendance.
August 20	<p>Student Attendance Day 8:00-1:30 Breakfast and Lunch will be served. Attending: Only Grades - 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 Bus routes will run AM and PM. Attending: K Sections A and B Arrival and dismissal times will be staggered.</p>
August 21	<p>Student Attendance Day 8:00-1:30 Breakfast and Lunch will be served. Attending: Only Grades 2, 4, 6, 8,10, and 12 Bus routes will run AM and PM. Attending: Kindergarten Sections C and D Arrival and dismissal times will be staggered.</p>
August 24	<p>Student Attendance Day 8:00-1:30 Breakfast and Lunch will be served. Attending: Only Grades - 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 Bus routes will run AM and PM. Attending: K Sections A and B Arrival and dismissal times will be staggered.</p>
August 25	<p>Student Attendance Day 8:00-1:30 Breakfast and Lunch will be served. Attending: Only Grades 2, 4, 6, 8,10, and 12 Bus routes will run AM and PM. Attending: Kindergarten Sections C and D Arrival and dismissal times will be staggered.</p>
August 26	Remote Planning Day - Students not in attendance.
August 27 - September 4	<p>School Day: 8:00-1:30 Attending - Kindergarten - Grade 12</p>
September 2	Remote Planning Day - Students not in attendance.
September 3 - 4	Pre-K Orientation
September 8	Pre-K Starts



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16	17 TEACHER'S INSTITUTE NO CLASSES	18 TEACHER'S INSTITUTE NO CLASSES	19 REMOTE PLANNING DAY School Board Meeting 7:30 NO CLASSES	20 Attendance Day 1,3,5,7,9 & 11 K Sections A & B 1:30 Dismissal	21 Attendance Day 2,4,6,8, 10 & 12 K Sections C & D 1:30 Dismissal	22	22	
23	24 Attendance Day 1,3,5,7,9 & 11 K Sections A & B 1:30 Dismissal	25 Attendance Day 2,4,6,8, 10 & 12 K Sections C & D 1:30 Dismissal	26 REMOTE PLANNING DAY School Board Meeting 7:30 NO CLASSES	27 1:30 Dismissal	28 1:30 Dismissal	29	29	
30	31 1:30 Dismissal		<p>Shaded areas throughout the calendar indicate that classes are not in session on that day, or that half day.</p>				30	30

August 2020

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 V = Varsity JV = Junior Varsity F = Freshman

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		PHS Boys Golf @ QND 3:30 1 PHS Boys Golf @ QND 3:30 PHS Girls Golf @ Auburn HS 4:00 Dismissal 1:30	2 REMOTE PLANNING DAY NO CLASSES	3 PHS Girls Golf @ Porta HS 4:00 PHS Boys Golf @ Routt HS 4:00 Dismissal 1:30	4 Dismissal 1:30	5
6	LABOR DAY NO CLASSES 7 PHS Boys Golf @ Quincy High 3:30	Pre-K Starts 8 PHS B&G Golf @ Mt. Sterling 4:00	9 PHS Boys Golf Quad @ Pittsfield 4:00	10	11 PHS Girls Golf vs Open Quad @ Pittsfield 4:00	ACT Testing dates - TBA 12 PHS Boys Golf @ Hamilton 8:00
13	PCS Virtual Scholastic Book Fair 14 PHS Boys Golf @ Hamilton 4:00	PCS Virtual Scholastic Book Fair 15 PHS B&G Golf Open Triangular @ Pittsfield 4:00 PHS CC QND Invitational at Quincy South Park 4:30	PCS Virtual Scholastic Book Fair 16 School Board Meeting 7:30 PHS Boys Golf Open Quad Meet @ Pittsfield 4:00	PCS Virtual Scholastic Book Fair 17	PCS Virtual Scholastic Book Fair 18 PHS Boys Golf Quad Meet @ Pittsfield 4:00	19
20	21 PHS B&G Golf vs Brown County @ Mt Sterling 4:00	22 PHS Boys Golf @ Williamsville 4:00 PHS Girls Golf @ Quincy HS 4:00 PHS CC Invite @ Pittsfield 4:30	23 FAFSA Info Night @ JWCC SEC 6:30	24	25 PHS Girls Golf @ Camp Point 4:00	26 PHS Boys Golf vs Rushville/Industry @ Rushville - 9:00
27	28 PHS Girls Golf vs Williamsville HS @Glenwood MS 4:00	29 PHS Girls Golf Tri Meet @ Pittsfield 4:00	30 PHS Girls Golf @ Rushville 4:00	IT'S THE LAW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois state law prohibits the use of cell phones in school traffic zones. • Illinois state law prohibits smoking on all school grounds and facilities year-round. This includes extracurricular and summer events. 		

September 2020

ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child whose fifth birthday occurs on or before September 1st may enter kindergarten at the opening of school.

Any child whose sixth birthday occurs on or before September 1st may enter first grade at the opening of school.

When a child enrolls in Unit 10 schools for the first time, a birth certificate or other document certifying the date of birth must be presented. Illinois law and District Policy require that all children in Pikeland must provide evidence of a physical examination and immunizations as follows:

- Within one year prior to entering kindergarten or the first grade;
- Upon entering the sixth and ninth grades
- Prior to entrance into preschool
- And irrespective of grade, immediately prior to or upon entrance in the public school.

Required immunizations and necessary boosters are for diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, hepatitis B and meningococcal. Failure to provide required physical examinations and immunizations will result in exclusion of the student from school. A student transferring into the District should provide a report card, health records, proof of residency within the Pikeland Unit 10 school district, and other appropriate records from his previous school. The receiving school will initiate necessary action to obtain the student's transcript from the former school.

The requirements for dental examination are as follows:

- All children in kindergarten, second, and sixth grades will be required to have an oral health examination. Each child shall present proof of examination by a dentist prior to May 15th of the school year.

The requirements for a vision examination are as follows:

- All children enrolling in kindergarten or enrolling for the first time will be required to have an eye examination
- Each child shall present proof of examination by a physician who performs eye exams or a licensed optometrist within the previous year by the exclusion date established by the district.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

To help understand and evaluate each student's progress in school, parents must become familiar with each child's abilities and interests.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled during the school year to provide the parent opportunity to discuss with the teacher the child's progress in school.

District 10 uses a variety of standardized test and evaluation methods. Information gained in this testing and other related information will be reviewed and discussed by parents and teachers together.

In addition to scheduled parent-teacher conferences, conferences may be available at various times during the school day. Arrangements may be made by contacting your school principal. Conferences may also be requested by the teacher.

CURRICULUM

The basic curriculum emphasizes reading, spelling, composition, handwriting, mathematics, social studies, and science. In addition, health, art, music, and physical education instruction are provided to all students either by a specialist or by the classroom teacher.

Each building places emphasis on a well equipped library/media center. A variety of instructional materials including textbooks, supplementary books, videos, televisions, listening stations, computers and software are utilized by pupils and teachers.

INSTRUCTION

The staff is aware of and provides for individual differences. Reading groups, multi-level materials, departmentalization, online learning, and resource centers are but of a few of the options usually available for students.

Student progress is monitored throughout the year. Standardized achievement tests and individual and small-group diagnostic testing are used where appropriate. State testing is administered where required.

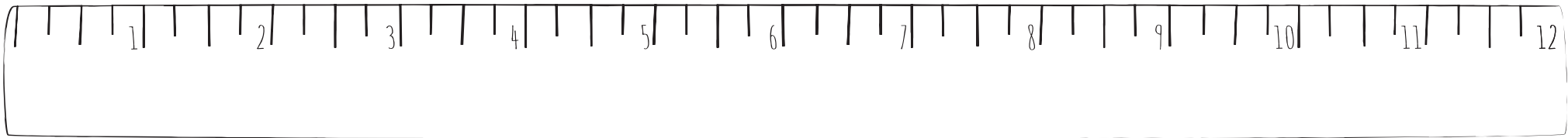
PHYSICAL EXAMS/IMMUNIZATIONS

1. Physical exams are mandated by the Illinois School Code for grades K, 6, 9, and for all students new to the Pikeland School System. Evidence of such physicals for these grades should be presented by the opening day of school. Students will be excluded from school if not in compliance.
2. Immunizations and appropriate boosters are required for all students in the district regardless of age or grade.
3. **COMPLIANCE DATE IS OCTOBER 15 FOR ALL GRADES**



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SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Pikeland schools use a messaging system to contact families in the event of emergency school closings, early dismissals, or other events that may occur. Please call your school to update your contact information.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

When weather conditions or emergency situations make it necessary to close school in Pikeland, the closings will usually be announced on local radio stations and on the School Reach Notification System not later than 7:00 a.m., unless unusual circumstances exist.

Any announcement that the Pikeland schools are closed means that the closing is district wide and includes all schools operated by the district. An individual building will not be named unless the emergency affects only that particular school.

RADIO STATIONS TO BE CALLED

WBBA	Pittsfield
WJIL	Jacksonville
WTAD/KHQA/WQCY/KGRC/KZZK	Quincy
WGEM/WGCA	Quincy
KHMO	Hannibal
KJFM	Louisiana

All information will be announced as "Pikeland Unit #10".

EARLY DISMISSAL

Early dismissal during the school day will only be made when emergency conditions are evident. In most cases a decision relative to early dismissal will be made by 11:00 a.m.

DELAYED SCHOOL OPENING

This procedure may be utilized whenever there are morning weather conditions such as a possibility of freezing rain or extreme fog. In cases such as this, school openings may be delayed two hours. Dismissal times from the schools would be at the regular scheduled times.

If such a decision is made, announcements will be made on the aforementioned radio stations and on the School Messenger Notification System.

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

All students residing a mile and a half or more from school are transported by the School District. Provisions are made for transporting students if living under a mile and a half from school in areas designated by Illinois Department of Transportation criteria as hazardous.

Due to traffic or conditions, the bus may arrive a little early or a little late. It is recommended that the students arrive early at the bus stops and follow school bus rules and regulations. Below are some rules for parents to review with students.

- Stay off the roadway at all times while waiting for the bus.
- Do not approach the bus until it has reached a complete stop.
- Remain seated at all times.
- Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times.
- Do not throw anything into, out of, or within the bus.
- Excessive or loud talking, laughter, or unnecessary confusion and scuffling is not permitted since it may divert the driver's attention and possibly result in an accident.
- Books, instruments, coats, etc., should be kept out of the aisles.
- Food is not permitted on the bus.
- Smoking or the use of tobacco products is prohibited at all times, as is the striking of matches, or use of lighters of any kind.

ABUSED CHILD LAW

Illinois law requires that all cases of physical abuse, malnutrition, neglect, or injury to children be reported to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services immediately.

The law requires any physician, surgeon, dentist, osteopath, chiropractor, podiatrist, Christian Science practitioner, school teacher, school administrator, truant officer, social worker, nurse, day care center or nursery school staff member, to report every case of real or suspected child abuse. Persons required to make such reports are immune from any liability. Child abuse includes injury or disability from physical abuse, neglect, malnutrition, and deliberate withholding of feeding.

Such reports are required to be made immediately by phone or in person to the Department of Children and Family Services, and must also be made in writing within 24 hours. The Department of Children and Family Services is required to begin an investigation within 24 hours of the receipt of such report. The Department may provide protective social services to prevent further abuses to the child, to safeguard their welfare, and may petition the court to remove the child from the custody of their parents.

**ABUSE AND NEGLECT HOTLINE
800-252-2873**

**QUINCY AREA NETWORK
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