

August/September District Newsletter

Insights from Mr. I – News from the Superintendent

Hello PVO families and welcome back to school! First of all, I would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, and siblings for their patience and understanding of the strange way this school year is starting. Everyone at PVO has endured a steep learning curve with the opening of our schools this year, and they have all poured their hearts into making it happen. I would like to especially applaud the kids who have not complained about the masks and are doing their best to make sure that PVO can continue in-person learning. Even though this hybrid schedule is not ideal, it is the best fit for our district until we are told otherwise. (Hopefully that will be sooner rather than later!)

You should have received a test Blackboard Connect outreach from Mr. Heuer recently. If you have not, please reach out to him at 582-2725 or by email at heuerc@pvo.k12.il.us.

I would like to do one last shout out to all of the teachers we have here at PVO. This is the third district I have worked in and I always thought the PVO teachers were some of the best. If this whole COVID ordeal has taught me anything, it is the certainty that PVO has the BEST teachers. We would not be back here with this hybrid schedule without them. We would not be back in person if it weren't for the entire TEAM of people we have working for our kids, so this shout out goes to EVERYONE.

Hints to succeed with the hybrid schedule:

1. Schedule regular study time. The students do best with routine (so do I). During the remote days try to maintain a regular schedule to help the students.
2. Pacing. Don't try to knock out all of the remote projects at once. There are three days to get the work done so pace the workload so it does not seem so daunting.
3. Communicate with the teachers. This is all new to all of us and the teachers are trying to figure out how much time the remote portions are going to take. We need feedback from the families if there is something that is not working.
4. Stay positive. I know, easier said than done. However, for the sake of our kids and their efforts we must stay positive towards their education. Again, if there is something that just doesn't seem to be working, please let the teacher know.

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Together as a community....WE'VE GOT THIS!

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Meet Our New Leadership!

Here is a chance to get to know our new leaders a little better. Although all three administrators have worked in a district before, they are taking on new roles this year as they guide our buildings and our district.

Superintendent – Jeff Isenhower

Hometown: Mahomet

Fun fact/hidden talent: Built and maintain a Koi pond

Years of teaching experience: Teaching - 4 yrs, Admin - 16

Subjects taught in your career: HS Math - Algebra, geometry, trigonometry, accelerated algebra 2

Other districts you have worked in: Champaign Centennial, Urbana High School

What excites you the most about your new role?

I am excited to be able to stay in PVO district and keep up the standard of excellence of the district.

What is one goal you have in your new position?

I hope to not have my head explode!

What is one fun thing/event that has happened to you since taking over your new role?

The kids and teachers have returned.

What is something we would see sitting on your desk in your new office?

Paper.....lots of paper!

Principal – Carl Heuer

Hometown: Belleville, IL

Fun fact/hidden talent: I love fishing, hiking, and anything outdoors with my family.

Years of teaching experience: 14 years

Subjects Taught: Physical Education, Strength and Conditioning, Life Science, Physical Science, Health, Finance, and Coding.

Other districts that you have worked in: Villa Grove and Hoopeston Area

What excites you the most about your new role?

I love working with the little kids; you have no idea what is going to come out of their mouths. Every day is something different.

What is one goal you have for your new position?

Continuously moving the district forward and to help students grow and mature into outstanding PVO Mustang Alumni.

What is one fun thing/event that has happened to you since taking over your new role?

I have enjoyed seeing all the students and staff members in the hallways. It is awesome seeing everyone once again.

What is something we would see sitting on your desk in your new office:

Life-Saver Mints and a sign that says, "Make it Work"!

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Mrs. Bork – Assistant Principal

Name: Allyson Bork

Hometown: Mahomet

Fun fact/hidden talent: I love to sing!

Years of teaching experience: I am starting year 16 of my teaching career.

Subjects taught: Middle School Mathematics for all 16 (although I did teach an elective public speaking class for a couple years!)

Other districts you have worked in: I taught at Hoopeston Area Middle School for 12 years.

What excites you the most about your new role?

I am hoping to learn as much as I possibly can about how the school runs - it's interesting to look at operations with a different perspective.

What is one goal you have in your new position?

I want to help make remote learning run as smoothly as possible for all of our kids and parents.

One fun thing/event that has happened to you since taking over your new role?

Every day is a fun "thing/event" now that I have kids back in my classroom!

Something we would see sitting on your desk in your new office?

Coffee or Diet Coke depending on the time of day...although my mask is helping me cut down. 😊

Welcome to the District Our Newest Staff Member!

Malory Knight – Junior High Science & P.E.

After graduating from Unity high school, I attended the U of I and graduated in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Science and Leadership Education. Following graduation, I taught agriculture at Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley High School and was the FFA Advisor for three years. Last year, I worked in the PVO district as the ag teacher at the junior high every Wednesday.

My husband and I welcomed our first child, Owen, in the fall of 2018. We currently reside in Armstrong on his family farm raising show pigs, corn, and soybean. Aside from teaching, I own an online children's boutique, Shop by Knight, and love spending time with our friends and family. I am very excited to be a part of this incredible school district.



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PVO PTO Did You Know?

Did you know...

**THE ST JOE IGA DONATES
A PERCENTAGE TO THE PTO
FOR EVERY RECEIPT SUBMITTED
THROUGH THE SCHOOL?**



Did you know...

**WHEN SHOPPING AT AMAZON.COM CUSTOMERS
CAN CHOOSE A CHARITY FOR AMAZON TO DONATE TOWARD?
SIMPLY LOG ON TO SMILE.AMAZON.COM AND CHOOSE PRAIRIEVIEW-OGDEN
SCHOOL 197 AS YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE!
THEN EACH TIME YOU SHOP AT SMILE.AMAZON.COM A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR
ORDER WILL BE GIFTED TO OUR SCHOOL!**



Did you know...

**COKE POINTS ARE ON MOST
Coca-Cola PRODUCTS**

**JUST SEND THEM IN AND THE
PTO WILL HANDLE THE REST!**



Did you know...

**EVERY BOXTOP IS WORTH
TEN CENTS FOR OUR SCHOOL?**

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**First Meeting:
September 30th
6:00 pm
@ South – gym**