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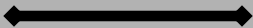


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CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPS

Congratulations to the Boys Cross Country Team for winning the 2007 State Championship on November 3, 2007. The meet was held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. Nick Flietstra was the top team finisher, coming in 15th place. Larry Julson came in 26th, Colin Ward finished 33rd, and Jerry Zimmerman placed 91st. Potterville's Girls XC Team also had a strong showing, finishing in 8th place. Kristina Donley came in 29th, and Amy LaDuke finished 59th. Both teams were coached by Dan Brunk.



FROM BILL

Working to Raise Standards

Michigan's challenge is clear and has been handed to all of us: we must have a higher functioning work force, a better educated work force that can adapt to the ever-changing market in the next half-century and beyond.

The importance of the role of our schools cannot be overstated in this endeavor. The high paying manufacturing jobs we have enjoyed in our state are no longer available to our high school grads. Surviving in the new economy will require that every student attend college or technical school, which makes them marketable to an employer.

For our state to prosper in the new economy, education must simply become more important to us. Consider what Thomas Friedman says in his book, *The World Is Flat*: "What do we tell our kids? There is only one message: you have to constantly upgrade your skills. There will be plenty of good jobs out there in the flat world for people with the knowledge and ideas to seize them."

"Constantly upgrade your skills" means that our young people become life-long learners. The less-than 25% of our young people who receive Bachelor's degrees in our state is too low. We must do better.



Supt. Bill Eis

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What will it take to cause all our HS graduates to continue their education? Certainly, higher expectations from all of us: our schools, parents and the students themselves. Education simply must become more important. And, No Child Left Behind needs to become a reality. We must walk the talk!

What is happening in Potterville Schools to this end? The answer is “Plenty!” Here is a brief list of some of the major improvement activities going on in our schools:

- A learning organization – There are many internal learning activities going on among the staff. We have had four administrative “Book Talks” and three among the teaching staff. Staff meetings have tuned into in-service events where open dialogue about instruction has replaced laundry-list agendas. Demonstrations of instruction and analysis are becoming more common. Teachers are helping teachers gain new instructional skills, as well as beginning to assume more of a building leadership role.
- Focus on reading and writing – Lifelong learners must be literate. All buildings have begun formal improvement processes in Language Arts. We have a new curriculum, increased class time in LA, are creating new common assessments and spending more time on teacher and administrative professional development.
- New School Board Vision Statement – Our Board of Education has been developing a detailed statement of how they would like our school programs to look in the coming years. It was just completed at the November meeting of the Board of Ed. It will be posted in all buildings and on our website and will serve as a basis for all decision-making. Look for this statement to become public in the coming weeks.
- Focus on Early Childhood – We have started new activities with our primary grade students, with more planned. The new Zoo Phonics literacy program in kindergarten caused last year’s kindergarteners to be further along in reading than previous groups by the end of the year. The new Potterville-based Michigan School Readiness Program for 4-year-olds this year will better prepare up to 20% of next year’s kindergarten class. Brain enrichment activities like the “Education Through Music” program will increase learning in literacy.



In addition, we are creating two new gifted/talented programs in the elementary and middle school. Our district Technology Committee is updating our K – 12 Tech curriculum. The new county-wide Data Warehousing system will allow us to analyze student progress and to modify our programs accordingly.

The challenges ahead for our state are indeed formidable. Neither blinking nor knee-jerk reactions will be the tonic. Developing a long-range plan, implementing it, supporting our learning staff, and raising standards of excellence for students amid a culture of continuous improvement WILL bear fruit in the long run.

The renewed focus on the importance of learning-for-life from all involved with our school-community is what it will take. It is not merely the future of our children that is at stake; it is the future of Michigan that hangs in the balance. The two issues are one and the same. Are we up to the task as a school district?

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

-Bill Eis

In August, the Potterville Board of Education began working on a new District Vision Statement. Further work continued during the Open Session of Board meetings in September and October, and the Board completed this work at the November meeting.

This Vision Statement is a detailed, clear statement about what the Board would like to see our district become in the near future. All future decisions by stakeholders, including those made by staff, administrators, parents, school-community groups as well as the Board itself, should all be aligned with this Vision.

How high should our standards be? How should district resources be utilized? What do we expect of our students by the end of each exiting grade for the three buildings? What do we expect of ourselves? The Vision Statement should help answer these questions and all others when we look to the future.

This Statement will be posted on our district website and in all school offices and the Board Room. We encourage all district stakeholders to read it, think about it, and consider what we all need to do to bring about this new "vision" for Potterville Schools.

Potterville Public Schools Vision Statement

Potterville Public Schools are committed to providing excellence in education for all students. We will design programs and learning experiences that promote academic achievement along with the personal and social growth of every student. Potterville Public schools will make learning **engaging, enjoyable,** and relevant. As a richly diverse community of learners that values all of its members, Potterville Public Schools will assume a central role in the community by linking parents, local agencies and businesses to its schools.

Potterville Public Schools will build and honor traditions. We will cultivate an atmosphere where "I will" and "I can" replace "I won't" and "I can't." We will encourage students to embrace challenge and learn that it is safe for them to do so.

Potterville Public Schools will encourage and foster a **culture** which values excellence and mutual respect. It will appreciate and support highly competent and committed **faculty**, support staff and administrators.

Potterville Public Schools will provide a safe and inviting learning environment in which students can communicate effectively, think critically, solve problems and are technologically literate through a variety of curricular and extra-curricular activities. By means of high standards in a challenging course of study, students will become responsible learners who can not only work together, but also be accountable for their own academic and developmental progress.

Potterville Public Schools will maintain the highest level of integrity of instruction. We will keep personal **and** political views out of the instructional process and always promote a diversified open-minded thinking process. We will recognize there are different learning styles and will work to identify and adapt our teaching experience to ensure that every pupil succeeds.

In order to provide an efficient and effective educational system, the Potterville Public Schools will continue to measure and assess all aspects of the district including educational programs, instruction, student performance, financial management, community relations, employee relations, and facilities utilization and management.

Through the collaboration of school, home and community, we will nurture, guide **and** mentor students to become lifelong learners who will make valuable contributions to society. Upon graduation they will be well prepared for the challenges of the 21st century.

THE ELEMENTARY BUZZ...

DO YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD'S GLCE'S?



*Mr. Schneider
Elementary Principal*

If you answered **No**, you are not alone. GLCE stands for Grade Level Content Expectations.

In 2001, Congress passed the *No Child Left Behind Act* for all states. *No Child Left Behind* legislation required states to develop measurable standards in the areas of Mathematics and English Language Arts. The standards are measured yearly in Grades 3 – 8 using the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) which is given in October.

Michigan has developed Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE) for grades kindergarten through eight. The GLCE's state in clear and measurable terms what students in each grade are expected to know and be able to do.

The Grade Level Content Expectations were designed to ensure that children receive seamless instruction from one grade to the next, leaving no gaps in any child's education.



Thanksgiving Feast

English Language Arts (ELA) is much more than just reading and writing. ELA includes speaking, listening and viewing skills.

Mathematics Grade Level Content Expectations are organized into five strands: Number and Operations, Algebra, Geometry, Measurement, Data and Probability.



Third grade blanket project for Siren-Eaton shelter.

A Parent's Guide to Mathematics Grade Level Content Expectations and A Parent's Guide to English Language Arts Grade Level Content Expectations were distributed to parents during Parent/Teacher conferences. Both pamphlets outline the types of literacy and mathematics skills that students should know and be able to apply at the end of the school year. The pamphlets provide many useful activities that parents can do with a child throughout the school year.

If you would like to view the Grade Level Content Expectations in English Language Arts and Mathematics for Kindergarten – 6th Grade, please go to the Michigan Department of Education website at www.michigan.gov/mde, click on **Parents & Family** and then click on **GLCE Parent's Guide**.

All of us at Pottersville Elementary value your ongoing support. Working together we can prepare all of our children for the challenges of the 21st Century.

MOVING FORWARD

Creating a Special Place

There are many positive things going on at Potterville Middle School. We are confident that we are doing a very good job of educating your children. However, there are always things that we can improve on to become an even better school. Currently, we are doing some major work in the following areas: creating a School Mission and Vision, determining what areas we need to work on in order to meet our Mission and Vision, mapping our Language Arts and Math curriculums to make sure they are relevant to what students need to know and also challenging, beginning to explore a new social studies curriculum, providing opportunities like Team Time and Exploratories for students to develop social skills, and setting up new ways of making sure that all of our students have their emotional needs met at school. We are at different points with each of these areas. However, the work we have done is already making an impact at the middle school.



*Mr. Martin
Middle School Principal*

Parent Group

There have been three parent group meetings this school year. We have three parents who have stepped up to be leaders of different student areas. They help plan and lead discussions during our parent group meetings so that we can all learn more about their area. Mrs. Karen Miller is leading the academic area, Mrs. Missy Bolley is heading up the emotional area, and Mrs. Donna Sweet is running the social area. With these parents as leaders and all of the parents who have joined us so far, we have had some very informative meetings. I am present at all of the meetings, and I always have a few staff members join me. We have found that dialogue from the parent groups has not only helped parents with what they can do at home to help their child but also for us as staff members in order to make positive changes at the middle school. We meet in the high school cafeteria, and encourage all parents to attend. If you cannot come, I always e-mail the minutes of the meetings to parents on my parent e-mail list. If you are not on this list, then please send me your e-mail address. My e-mail address is martinsf@pps.k12.mi.us.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

We are very pleased to announce that our middle school will have a Science Olympiad team starting this year. Science Olympiad is a regional, state and national program for students in the elementary, middle and high school levels. Its purpose is intended to create interest in science, expand on local science curriculums and provide a challenge to those students in need of one in the area of science.

Each area of Michigan has a regional Science Olympiad competition in late winter (usually February or March). Local teams of 15 students prepare for this competition starting in December. Local teams work in small groups up to 4 or as individuals, depending on the event. This work will be done immediately after school in one-hour sessions, usually once per week. Some events call for a science item to be built to specifications prior to the regional competition (Bridge Building, Mousetrap Cars, or Trajectory), while some require students to learn about an area (Astronomy, Meteorology, or Rocks and Minerals), where they would take a test, usually using real items in a hands-on format, on the day of the regional. A few of the other events this year include Amphibians and Reptiles, Balloon Launch Glider, Ecology, Oceanography, Road Scholar, Robo-Cross, Science Crime Busters, Simple Machines and Tower Building.

What makes Science Olympiad one of the most successful Gifted/Talented activities in our state? We might ask the students themselves for the answer, but they might say things like it's fun, the use of inquiry and the thinking that goes with it, the team approach or the chance to compete in a "safe" format. All students are winners in Science Olympiad.

Our Middle School team will be coached by teachers Matt Galecka and Justin Vedder, who will begin the process of training, introducing this program to students, and selecting a team in December. The real work begins in January and will go through the regional competition at LCC on Saturday, February 23.

POTTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWS & INFORMATION

FROM THE DESK OF TIMOTHY DONAHUE

Our 2007-2008 school year has gotten off to a wonderful start. As the new principal, I have very much appreciated the opportunities to meet students, staff, parents, and community members within the school day, at our many athletic events, at our Fall Choir concert, and at other functions hosted here at Potterville High School. I am witness to the strong support of the community and to the positive energy and achievements of our students and staff.



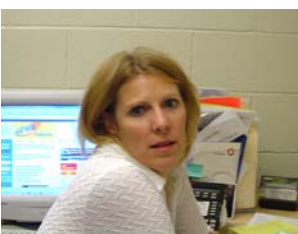
*Mr. Donahue
High School Principal*

Our homecoming activities in late September were absolutely astounding. The students actively displayed their school spirit through the numerous activities that week, and the dance was a great time for all who attended. We're looking to build and honor the traditions of the PHS community with each year going forward, as one of our staff's commitments to making PHS the best it can be.

Special congratulations to our Boys Cross Country team for winning the MHSAA Division 4 State Championship this fall. Their accomplishment has been a special point of pride for PHS. Thanks to Coach Dan Brunk and all of the team for achieving this special distinction.

Be sure to watch our PHS Quiz Bowl team on WKAR's *QuizBusters* show on January 13, 2008. I watched the team play a highly competitive match at the studio on the MSU campus, and I can assure you they did us all proud. Congratulations to our quiz bowl players: Sean Hammond, Kaylyn Borucki, Briana Walz, and Jacquelyn Chapman.

In the first week of November, PHS participated in Safe Schools Week, a statewide initiative involving hundreds of Michigan schools. Students and staff voluntarily signed pledges and statements to affirm their support for a school environment free of bullying and harassment of all its members. These pledges were on display that week to remind us of our commitment to ensuring that all members of our school community are treated with respect so they can achieve their maximum potential in school.



*Ms. Hogan
High School Counselor*

Congratulations to PHS Counselor Melissa Hogan. She recently received the Michigan Counseling Association's Legislative Service Award for her tireless advocacy on behalf of students, educators, and school counselors. Her extensive experience and comprehensive outreach to students, parents, and staff are an immense asset to our learning community.

Our staff continues to move forward with our school improvement initiatives. In these first few months of school, we have generated fourteen statements of our commitment to developing the PHS learning community to its maximum potential. We are continuing to look at ways to make those statements realistic practice in our school. This month, we are addressing one of our commitments: "We will consistently and fairly enforce building rules and expectations for all students." We realize that dealing with issues of student conduct depletes so much of our time and energy, so we plan to prioritize our expectations for student conduct and to present a united approach to addressing these issues with students. I plan to review these priorities with students and have a renewed start for our learning community in the upcoming semester. I would greatly appreciate your support of our efforts to reduce the impact of student conduct problems on our top priority: teaching and learning.

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Another focus area for our school improvement includes parental/community support and involvement with our efforts. Our recent parent-teacher conferences demonstrate the commitment our parents have to their children's education. I would like to see that support continue in other ways as well. I welcome your input and your time if you wish to volunteer in our learning community. Please contact me to discuss your concerns or services you feel you could contribute. In the near future, I would like to create a parent council to meet on a regular basis to facilitate communication between the school and the parents. If you would be interested in serving with other parents, please contact me.



Fall Homecoming Activities

I would like to also encourage support of your child's education at home. Providing regular study time to complete homework or review materials for classes is significant for academic success. Along with that, getting adequate sleep is important as well. Much recent research has shown that today's adolescents are not getting enough sleep. The problems of a sleep deficit do impact academic progress. In our district's book study group, we are reading and discussing *Enriching the Brain* by Eric Jensen. In it, Jensen asserts that sleep time is important down time for the brain's development, a time when the brain stores and facilitates the experiences and input of the previous day. If teenagers are getting inadequate sleep, the capacity of the brain to perform this important work is diminished. Lastly, I would ask for your increased assistance in ensuring that students are attending their classes with a minimum of absences. The number of unexcused absences across the six hours of our school day and across the student body has been quite excessive so far this year. Please encourage your children to attend all classes to get the

education they need to be prepared for the life ahead of them.



Fall Homecoming Parade

As the calendar year winds down and the holidays approach, I wish you and your family all the best. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts at Potterville High School.

POSKEY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

As we reported in the August Voyager, the students of Potterville Schools will be offered the opportunity to apply for college scholarships as a result of the generous donation from the estate of Leo and Alta Poskey, longtime Potterville residents. Eligibility for these scholarships includes applicants having an interest in either baseball, softball or nursing.

Specific requirements are still being determined on at this time, but it is hoped that we will be able to announce this information in December. Application procedures and timelines will also be announced, we hope, before the holiday break. Awards will be reviewed during the winter months and scholarships awarded to Seniors during the May awards ceremony for the 2008 – 2009 (college) school year.

The Potterville Board of Education received and heard from relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Poskey during the November Board meeting. The Board as a group is very excited about this opportunity for our students. It is hoped these scholarships will be available for many years to come. We are very appreciative to the Poskey family for making the furthering of Potterville students' education a priority!



WINTER ATHLETICS

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/4	Leslie	Home	7:30
12/7	Dansville	Home	7:30
12/12	Carson City-Crystal	Away	7:30
12/14	Laingsburg	Home	7:30
12/19	Fowler	Away	7:30
12/21	Bellevue	Away	7:30
1/9	Saranac	Away	7:30
1/11	Pewamo-Westphalia	Home	7:30
1/16	Fulton	Away	7:30
1/18	Bath	Home	7:30
1/22	St. Patricks	Away	7:30
1/24	Dansville	Away	7:30
1/29	Carson City-Crystal	Home	7:30
1/31	Laingsburg	Away	7:30
2/5	Fowler	Home	7:30
2/7	Saranac	Home	7:30
2/12	Pewamo-Westphalia	Away	7:30
2/14	Fulton	Home	7:30
2/19	Bath	Away	7:30
2/21	St. Patricks	Home	7:30

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/4	Leslie	Home	4:30
12/7	Dansville	Home	4:30
12/12	Carson City-Crystal	Away	4:30
12/14	Laingsburg	Home	4:30
12/19	Fowler	Away	4:30
12/21	Bellevue	Away	4:00
1/9	Saranac	Away	4:30
1/11	Pewamo-Westphalia	Home	4:30
1/18	Bath	Home	4:30
1/22	St. Patricks	Away	4:15
1/24	Dansville	Away	4:00
1/28	St. Patricks	Away	5:30
1/29	Carson City-Crystal	Home	4:30
1/31	Laingsburg	Away	4:30
2/5	Bellevue	Home	4:30
2/7	Saranac	Home	4:30
2/12	Pewamo-Westphalia	Away	4:15
2/19	Bath	Away	4:15
2/21	St. Patricks	Home	4:30

JV BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/4	Leslie High	Home	6:00
12/7	Dansville	Home	6:00
12/12	Carson City-Crystal	Away	6:00
12/14	Laingsburg	Home	6:00
12/19	Fowler	Away	6:00
12/21	Bellevue	Away	6:00
1/9	Saranac	Away	6:00
1/11	Pewamo-Westphalia	Home	6:00
1/16	Fulton	Away	6:00
1/18	Bath High	Home	6:00
1/22	St. Patricks	Away	6:00
1/24	Dansville	Away	6:00
1/29	Carson City-Crystal	Home	6:00
1/31	Laingsburg	Away	6:00
2/5	Fowler	Home	6:00
2/7	Saranac	Home	6:00
2/12	Pewamo-Westphalia	Away	6:00
2/14	Fulton	Home	6:00
2/19	Bath	Away	6:00
2/21	St. Patricks	Home	6:00

7/8 BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/28	Laingsburg	Away	5:00
12/3	Dansville	Home	5:30
12/5	Saranac	Home	5:30
12/10	St. Patricks	Home	5:30
12/12	Pewamo-Westphalia	Away	6:00
12/17	Carson City-Crystal	Away	5:00
1/7	Bath	Home	5:30
1/9	Fowler	Away	5:30
1/14	Bath	Away	5:00
1/16	Fulton	Home	5:30
1/21	Saranac	Away	5:00
1/23	Dansville	Away	4:30

7/8 VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
2/4	St. Patricks	Home	5:30
2/5	Fowler	Away	5:30
2/11	Carson City-Crystal	Home	5:30
2/13	Fulton	Away	4:30
2/18	Dansville	Away	4:30
2/20	Saranac	Home	5:30
2/27	Carson City-Crystal	Home	5:30
3/3	Laingsburg	Away	4:30
3/5	St. Patricks	Away	5:30
3/12	Bath	Home	5:30
3/17	Fulton	Home	5:30
3/19	Dansville	Home	5:30

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/30	Bath	Home	7:30
12/4	St. Patricks	Away	7:30
12/6	Dansville	Away	7:30
12/11	Carson City-Crystal	Home	7:30
12/13	Laingsburg	Away	7:30
12/18	Fowler	Home	7:30
12/20	Bellevue	Home	7:30
1/3	Leslie	Away	7:00
1/8	Saranac	Home	7:30
1/10	Pewamo-Westphalia	Away	7:30
1/15	Fulton	Home	7:30
1/17	Bath High	Away	7:30
1/23	St. Patricks	Home	7:30
1/25	Dansville	Home	7:30
1/30	Carson City-Crystal	Away	7:00
2/1	Laingsburg	Home	7:30
2/6	Fowler	Away	7:30
2/8	Saranac	Away	7:30
2/13	Pewamo-Westphalia	Home	7:30
2/15	Fulton	Away	7:30

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/30	Bath	Home	6:00
12/4	St. Patricks	Away	6:00
12/6	Dansville	Away	6:00
12/11	Carson City-Crystal	Home	6:00
12/13	Laingsburg	Away	6:00
12/18	Fowler	Home	6:00
12/20	Bellevue	Home	6:00
1/3	Leslie	Away	5:30
1/8	Saranac	Home	6:00
1/10	Pewamo-Westphalia	Away	6:00
1/15	Fulton	Home	6:00
1/17	Bath	Away	6:00
1/23	St. Patricks	Home	6:00
1/25	Dansville	Home	6:00
1/30	Carson City-Crystal	Away	6:00
2/1	Laingsburg	Home	6:00
2/6	Fowler	Away	6:00
2/8	Saranac	Away	6:00
2/13	Pewamo-Westphalia	Home	6:00
2/15	Fulton	Away	6:00

VARSITY BOWLING

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/10	Central Montcalm	Home	3:30
12/17	Lansing Christian	Away	3:30
1/7	Pewamo-Westphalia	Away	3:30
1/14	St. Patricks	Away	3:30
1/28	Central Montcalm	Away	3:30
2/4	Lansing Christian	Home	3:30
2/11	Pewamo-Westphalia	Home	3:30
2/18	St. Patricks	Home	3:30
2/22	Regional Tournament	Away	10:00A
2/29	State Finals	Away	10:00A

GO VIKINGS!

POTTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for receiving honor roll status. To be on the honor roll, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and receive no grades of D+ or lower. Listed in alphabetical order by last name:

(* indicates all A's)

Aldrich, Breana	Hardy, Nicholas	Prather, Jeremy
Ankney, Joshua	Harris, Hillary*	Prawdzik, Kathryn
Badgley, Austin*	Heinig, Alicia	Quigley, Lisa
Bailey, Heather	Hoggard, Derek	Roe, Justine
Barnard, Carson	Holliday, Robert	Roush, Jared
Bates, Ricky	Ireland, Chelsea	Salisbury, Jonathon
Bennett, Maxwell	Johnson, Dalton*	Sands, Christopher
Borucki, Kaylyn	Johnson, Denton	Sanford, Nikolas
Brandt, Brianna*	Jones, Caleb	Schafer, Shelby*
Briseno, Corina	Julson, Tyler	Schafer, Theresa*
Carter, Tyler*	Julson Jr, Lawrence	Scharer, Kevin*
Casanova-Smith, Ron Jon	Karttunen, Renae*	Shanahan, Lauren
Case, Nicholas	Kemp, Justin	Shay, Tiffany
Chapman, Jacquelyn	Koepke, Caleb*	Smith II, Timothy
Clark, Marissa*	Koepke, Joshua*	Sovia, Taylor
Colley, Jamie*	Kramer, Jacob	Stanton, Tabitha
Cook, Garland*	Kramer, Rebecca	Starr, Bryce
Cook, Kaila	Kushion, Brittany	Stetz, Anthony
Craft, Christine*	Kushion, Nathan	Stillson, Travis
Craig, Kyle	LaDuke, Amy*	Szabo, Michael
Cranson, Ashleigh*	LaDuke, Nathan	Thomas, Laurie*
David, Crystal	Lamb, Kyle	Thuma, Tessa
Davis, Sam*	Larson, Ian*	Tisdale, Autumn
Deo, Connor	Letson, Kelsey	Tisdale, Joseph
DePriester, Cassie	Lett, Jordan*	Trowbridge, Christopher
Dilernia, Andrew*	Lownsbery, Brittany	Turner, Courtney
Dilernia, Anthony*	Luttman, Kaitlyn	Ulrich, Whitney
Dilernia, Nicholas	Makarewicz, Crystal	VanDeventer, Alex*
Donley, Kristina	Mallekoote, John	VerBerg, Brandon
Dorian, Sarah	McConnon, Jared	Volz, Monica
Dorian, Zachary	McDaniel, Chad	Walker, Danielle
Eagle, Krista	Mehney, Michael	Walz, Briana*
Finn, Mathew	Metzgar, Jessica	Wanamaker, Justin
Flietstra, Colton	Metzmaker, Christian*	Ward, Collin
Flietstra, Nicholas	Miller, Joshua	Wardell, Lindsey
Fogle, Bethanne	Miller, Kristopher	Weaver, Amanda
Foster, Megan	Mire, Jessica	Whipple, Jenna
Foster, Nathan*	Moody, Amara*	Whitaker, Jill
Frei, Chelsie	Neff, Richard	Worden, Chelsea
Frisbie, Ryan	ONEil, Corrin	Wyckoff, Diamone
Halbrook, Ayla	Ostrom, Zachary	Youngs, Benjamin
Hall, Ashli	Packowski, Meagan	Zavala, Jaclyn
Hammond, Brittaney*	Piercefield, Chelsey	Zhuang, Yan*
Hammond, Sean*	Pilch, Melanie	
Hammond, Tyler	Portt, Bradley	

POTTERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRST TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for receiving honor roll status. To be on the honor roll, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and receive no grades of C+ or lower. Listed in alphabetical order by last name:

(* indicates all A's)

Ackley, Joshua	England, Lindsey*	Nguyen, Tina*	
Anderson, Sara*	Fitzgerald, Joshua	Nolan-Charter, Colin*	O
Anderson, Taylor*	Flietstra, Megan	Oboyle, Amanda	U
Anthony, Kelsie	Fronckel, Roxanna	Peterson, Kaitlyn*	T
Austin, Kasadey	Fry, Matthew	Peterson, Sarah*	I
Austin, Seth	Galbreath, Adelyn	Pinagel, Sydney	S
Badgley, Alec	Garn, Jasmine	Richardson, Rianna*	T
Barcomb, Aleasha*	Geisenhaver, Chase	Ried, Cassidy	A
Bates, Sedric	Gillespie, Tonya	Ritchey, Jessica	N
Beebe, Brice	Gilliam, Amy*	Romanek, Matthew	D
Bolley, Michelle	Glomski, Justin	Schmiedeknecht, August*	I
Braunscheidel, Jeremiah	Groom, Kolin*	Sell, Catharine	N
Braunscheidel, Jessica	Groom, Paige*	Shanahan, Stephen	G
Brewbaker, Joshua	Hammond, Kathleen*	Shepard, Makaylah	
Briseno, Cassandra	Hill, Breanna	Shultz, Ryan*	S
Brown, Cassidy	Hogg, Lindsey*	Stebbleton, Jacob	T
Brownell, Thomas	Holliday, Rachel	Swanson, Taylor	U
Burgess, Tyler	Jones, Nancee	Taszreak, Julia	D
Challender, Chase	Jones, Trevor	Tisdale, Alyssa	E
Christiansen, Savannah	Joseph, Taryn*	Tomlinson, Zachary	N
Clark, Courtlyn	Joseph, Taylor*	Tucker, Cara*	T
Coffman, Lauren*	Klatt, Emily	Walker, Joshua	S
Conklin, Lilly*	Koepke, Danielle*	Ward, Clinton	U
Cook, Dacey	Lager, Lukas	Webster, Rebecca*	D
Corbin, Cecilia*	Lehman, Andrew	Wenzlick, Jordan	E
Cuatt Jr, Christopher	Marcussen, Alicia*	West, McKenzie*	N
Dao, Amy*	McKee, Michael*	West, Morgan	T
Dao, Kelly*	Mehney, Danielle	Whipple, Garrett	S
Davis, Raylene	Mehney, Samantha	Williamson, Britni	
Debler, Emily	Metzmaker, Hailey	Wonch, Christopher	I
Delcamp, Chelsea	Miller, Matthew*	Wood, Abigail	S
Donley, Matthew*	Mires, Makayla*	Worden, Jared	
Dorian, Grant	Moline, Matthew	Young, Alyssa*	
England, Kara*	Nguyen, Tam*	Zimmerman, Kalysia	

POTTERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

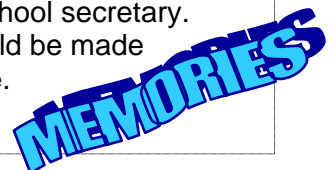
of books ordered: _____ *Please Print* names of persons to receive books below:

1 Name _____ Grade _____
 2 Name _____ Grade _____
 3 Name _____ Grade _____

Please include this slip, with your full payment, and mail or deliver to the Middle School secretary.

Cost: \$23 per book (\$22 if ordered before 1/1/08). Checks or Money Orders should be made out to Potterville Public Schools. Please write recipient's name(s) on the Memo line.

Deadline: Friday, March 21, 2008



BOARD MINUTES

At the November meeting of the Potterville Board of Education, the Board:

Recognized:

Middle School Administrative Assistant Crystal Hopkins for being an “exemplary employee”

Heard Reports about:

The Leo Poskey Foundation Scholarship program for Potterville students

A new teacher evaluation tool being created for use beginning in January

High School Career Readiness Certificate

Two new Gifted/Talented program offerings: Middle School Science Olympiad and the ACE Program for students in grades 3 – 6

Technology Committee work, including a staff survey, a tech inventory and development of a long term plan for technology

PTA – the Halloween Carnival was huge success, raising over \$10,000 in the fall fundraiser and \$4,000 during the Halloween Carnival

Staff “Book Talk” currently taking place on the book, *Enriching the Brain*

Approved:

Resolution for summer taxes

Modification to Board Policy regarding admission of non-resident students

Modification to the MS Athletic Handbook

Finalized:

- District Vision Statement

STAFF RECOGNITION

OCTOBER



Mrs. Robin Vedder
Payroll Specialist

NOVEMBER



Mrs. Crystal Hopkins
Middle School Secretary

POTTERVILLE CHILD CARE CENTER

Quality Care Oriented to Child Development

Now accepting applications for the following:

- Half Day/Before & After School – AM/PM Kindergarten
- Full Day - 5 days per week (2 1/2—5 year olds)



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DRIVERS EDUCATION

ATTENTION: If you have completed segment 1 Drivers Education at Potterville Schools this will be your **last chance** to enroll with no fee for segment 2. If you have any questions or to register, please contact Mr. Hydon @ 645-2696.

SEGMENT 2 CLASS DATES:

- March 11th 4-6 PM
- March 12th 4-6 PM
- March 19th 4-6 PM

Please be advised that if you choose not to attend the session dates listed above, a fee will be charged for all future sessions offered.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFO

Any delay in the official start time, school cancellation or early dismissal due to weather or other issues will be distributed to the following TV and radio stations. Every attempt will be made to post this information by 6:00 AM.

Radio: WFMK (99.1), WITL (100.7 FM 1010 AM), WJIM 97.5, WVIC (94.1), Q106, MIKE (101), FLR (96.7), WMMQ

Television: WLNS-6, WOOD-8, WILX-10, FOX-47, WLAJ-53

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**POTTERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETINGS - 6:00 PM
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM**

**Mark your calendars—we urge the
community to attend**

**August 8, 2007
September 12, 2007
October 10, 2007
November 19, 2007
December 17, 2007
January 21, 2008
February 18, 2008
March 17, 2008
April 21, 2008
May 19, 2008
June 16, 2008
July 21, 2008**



Potterville Public Schools Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Potterville Public Schools to provide an educational learning environment with a level of instruction that gives all students opportunities to reach their individual potential and to develop the skills essential for success in life and work.

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