



Panda Press

Mr. Ross, Principal

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A note from the Principal



I would like to welcome you to the start of the 2018-19 school year. We are excited to have the students back after a long and restful summer. There is a lot of academic work to be done this year! I would like to thank all of our parents who attended our Family Night and learned about their child's school day.

Our fall conferences will be taking place on November 15th and 20th. Sign-ups will again be done electronically and information will be sent home on how to access the website. If you have questions on how to sign up electronically, please call 425-3601.

Our annual Fall Carnival will be taking place on **Saturday, October 13th** from **11:00 am-2:00 pm**. Pre-order ticket forms have been sent home with your child. We look forward to seeing many of our families in attendance for this fun event.

I look forward to an outstanding school year for all of our students and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about any aspect of your child's education.

Sincerely,

Ed Ross/Principal

Pullman Carnival Saturday, Oct. 13th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



October Dates to Remember

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
1 PTA Mtg.	2	3	4	5
8	9	10 Walk to School	11	12
15	16	17	18 No School	19 No School
22	23 Picture Retakes	24	25	26
29	30	31		1

Come Join us for Walk to School Wednesday, October 10th

Receive a ticket from Crossing Guards at the corner to enter into a drawing for prizes.

Get exercise and have fun!



News from the Health Office

As most of you know, we are in the cold and flu season. If you plan on sending cough drops with your student, please make sure that they are placed in a Ziploc bag with your child's name and a permission slip inside. These **MUST** be kept in the Health Office, and your child will be given a pass to come and get one.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Health Office, at 651-425-3602.

Gym"NEWS"ium

We are off to a great start. We are enjoying getting to know your children and look forward to meeting you personally sometime during the school year. We are sure you are committed to seeing that your child gets off to a good start as well as we are. When a problem arises in the classroom gym, we will make a complete effort to resolve the matter individually with the student. If we are unable to resolve the problem then we often ask parents for support and assistance. Together we usually resolve problems early and get students back on track. Please support us by reviewing with your child the attached lists of rules and responsibilities.

Fitastically,

Ms. Skaar
Ms. Maes
Physical Education Specialists

Expectations in Gym

- Safety first
- Cooperate with teacher and classmates
- Respect the rights and property of others
- Carry out your basic student responsibilities
- Remember tennis shoes - No boots, sandals or platform shoes/high soles
- Wear appropriate clothing to ensure safe movement
- Be responsible for your own actions
- Line up quickly and quietly
- Please give your best effort.

Mark your calendar for the District X-Country Meet Grades 3-5

Where: Bailey Elementary

When: Tuesday Oct 9th

Costs: \$2.00

Time: TBD (afterschool)

What is AVID?

Every student at Pullman has some elements of AVID in their classroom. But, what is AVID? AVID stands for *Achievement Via Individual Determination*. AVID strives to show kids that everyone can go to college. Whether it is a two-year or four-year degree, students need education and skill training after high school in order to obtain 21st century careers.

All our teachers at Pullman are trained in AVID and that means they are teaching your students skills that will help them be successful in school and beyond. The skills we teach primarily in elementary school are **organization**. But, we also teach **writing, inquiry, collaboration, and reading** skills. Your student needs all of these skills to be successful, even in kindergarten!

Please always feel free to contact me, as well as your student's classroom teacher, with any AVID questions.

Shelley Goecke
AVID Lead/Fourth Grade Teacher
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PTA Information

Dear Pullman Parents,

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a great summer. We kicked off the school year by adding some new PTA members to the board:

President: Hayley Klegstad

Vice President: Sarah Krueger

Treasurer: Mindy Sylte

Secretary: Jennifer Slunaker

BoxTops Coordinator: Renee Suski

Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN (it could be you!!)

If you are new to Pullman or haven't been as involved as you would like to be with your kiddos educational experiences we highly encourage you to come get involved with the PTA. There are lots of ways to be involved without it feeling like a full time job. Here are some of the ways you can be involved:

- **Volunteer.** We have so many different volunteer opportunities for you to be a part of all throughout the school year. Picture day, Book Fairs, fundraising drop off and delivery days, SANTA workshop, Teacher Appreciation week, fall carnival, spring dance...just to name a few. If you would like to be a part of the volunteer "pool" of people you can message the PTA on FaceBook or email Hayley.
- **Become a PTA member.** To keep our PTA in good standings we need to have a certain number of members as part of our PTA. No obligations necessary for being a member. It's as simple as filling out the form and paying the \$7.00 membership fee. Just by being a member you are able to vote on PTA matters, help keep our accreditation, and get the inside scoop on upcoming school functions. Please fill out and place the PTA form and payment in an envelope marked "PTA treasurer" and drop it off in the office with Roxanne. Forms are located outside the main office.

PTA Information (continued)

- **Attend PTA meetings.** We meet 7 times a year. Typically they last about 1 hour and include free child care in the gym. Attending the meetings is the best way to learn more about what is happening in the school, what the PTA is doing each month, and provide your input on subjects we are discussing. All teachers and parents are welcome to attend as you do not need to be a member to attend. (But you do need to be a member to vote and any matters that will need a vote.)
- **Participate in Pullman's Fundraising Efforts.** The Pullman PTA raises important and necessary funds for our students, teachers, faculty, and classrooms. This year we have 3 big fundraisers. The Cookie Dough, Heggies Pizza, and we have added a SaveAround coupon book along with our super fun SANTA workshop that all the kids love, the Book Fairs, Culvers Nights, and year round BoxTops collections. Last year we raised \$739.60 in just BoxTops!! Great Work Pullman!!
- **Direct Donations.** If you would rather not participate in the other fundraisers or just want to contribute to the PTA fundraising efforts you are always more than welcome to give a direct donation. That way 100% of your donated dollars will go directly into our Pullman PTA income budget. These forms are located in the hallway right outside the main office.

For more up to date information follow us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Pullman-PTA>

Next PTA meeting is on October 1st @ 6:00

Hayley Klegstad

PTA President

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP is intended to supplement food and nutrition needs for people of all ages. Eligibility is based upon household size and income. With SNAP, you can stretch your monthly food dollars and choose your own food. If your family qualifies for the National School Lunch Program (free and reduced lunch), there is a good chance you may also be eligible for SNAP benefits! SNAP staff will assist you with eligibility screenings, applications, and finding resources in your community. If you already have an active card, SNAP staff can assist with the recertification process. For more information and for help applying for SNAP benefits, call Emily at 651-307-9033 or email ebowman@2harvest.org.

Share the Joy Holiday Resource Program

Registration dates have been announced for *Share the Joy's* holiday resource program! Interested community members can sign up for both Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas presents at the **Friends in Need Food Shelf**, located at 535 4th Street, St. Paul Park, MN on the following dates:

Thursday October 18 th	5-7 pm
Monday October 22 nd	5-7 pm
Wednesday October 24 th	1-3pm

** Please remember to bring proof of address (driver's license, utility bill, etc.) **

Friends in Need Food Shelf is also open to shop for food on Tuesdays from 8 am to 6 pm and Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 7pm.



Pullman Elementary

Look What We Could Earn!

# of Students	Box Tops Per Month	Months	Box Top Value	Earning Potential
445	1	10	\$0.10	\$445
445	5	10	\$0.10	\$2,225
445	10	10	\$0.10	\$4,450
445	15	10	\$0.10	\$6,675
445	20	10	\$0.10	\$8,900
445	25	10	\$0.10	\$11,125
445	30	10	\$0.10	\$13,350
445	35	10	\$0.10	\$15,575
445	40	10	\$0.10	\$17,800
445	45	10	\$0.10	\$20,025
445	50	10	\$0.10	\$22,250

We will be collecting Box Tops all year long!
You can turn them into your teacher in a Ziploc baggies or


envelopes marked with your name and your teacher's name on them.



50 BOX TOPS = \$5 FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL



Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Tape or paste them to this collection sheet and send it to school. Please note, bonus certificates must be submitted separately. Thanks for your help!

- 1 Clip Box Tops and check expiration date 
- 2 Tape or glue Box Tops on sheet until filled
- 3 Send completed sheet to your school Coordinator

