



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



School District and Town Budget Meetings

This year’s Budget Committee hearing on the school district and town budgets will be held on Wednesday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the PMHS lecture hall. The snow date for this is event is February 9. Additionally, Dr. Freeman will be facilitating a Community Conversation, to discuss the school district budget and budgeting process, on February 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the PMHS Media Center. Lastly, the annual School District Meeting to determine the school district’s budget for 2017-2018 will be held on Thursday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the PES gym. Pittsfield voters are strongly encouraged to participate in these meetings.



Artist in Residence Presentation

Pittsfield Elementary School is pleased to welcome Sowah Mensah back for this month’s artist in residency program. Mr. Mensah is an accomplished composer, performer, and “master drummer.” He will be leading the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders in singing, drumming, and dancing routines throughout the week. This program will culminate in a student performance on Friday, February 24, at 8:15 in the PES gym. Families are welcome to attend!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wellness Coalition Meeting
PMHS Library
February 6, 2017, 6:00 PM

PES PTO Meeting
PES Library
February 7, 2017, 6:30 PM

Good to Great Team Meeting
PMHS Room 126
February 14, 2017, 4:30 PM

Early Release Date
PES
February 15, 2017, 11:30 AM

School Board Meeting
PMHS Library
February 16, 2017 5:30 PM

**Community Conversation Series
School District Budget**
PMHS Library
February 21, 2017, 6:00 PM

**Pittsfield Listens PowerSchool for
Parents Class**
PMHS Library
February 22, 2017, 6:30 PM

February Break: No School
PES & PMHS
February 27 – March 3, 2017

**The district calendar is available at:
www.pittsfieldnhschools.org**

Meet Ms. Erickson

Liz Erickson is our new second grade teacher. She grew up in Bedford, NH and currently lives in Hooksett with her husband and three-year-old daughter. Ms. Erickson graduated from Colby-Sawyer in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies. In 2012 she received her Masters of Arts in Early Childhood Education from UNH. Ms. Erickson previously worked in the Manchester School District. While in Manchester, she gained valuable experience integrating technology, project-based learning and STEAM.

Showing of "The Hungry Heart"

On Wednesday, February 15, students in the 9th grade, and other students currently in the high school health class, will view the documentary "The Hungry Heart," about prescription opiate abuse. The film follows several young people as they recover from substance misuse disorder, as well as the local pediatrician that treats them. Following the film, students will hear from a panel of local experts and people who are involved in providing recovery services to those suffering from substance misuse disorder. They will have the opportunity to ask questions of panelists, both at the panel and afterwards in small group discussions and debriefings. The film will also be featured at the March 21 Community Conversation at 6:00 p.m.

National Honor Society



The Pittsfield High School National Honor Society recently inducted 10 new members to its chapter. Congratulations to all the new members!

PARENTS CORNER

Quarter 2 Report Cards

The second quarter closed on January 27. PMHS progress reports will be sent home on February 6 and PES report cards will go home on February 10.

Jump Rope for Heart

PES is participating in Jump Rope for Heart to benefit the American Heart Association from February 6 to February 24. See the school website for more information.

Upcoming Basketball Events

The PMHS girls and boys basketball programs are partnering with the National Honor Society to host the Coaches versus Cancer Benefit on February 13 and the ALS Awareness Night on February 17. Games start at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. in the PMHS gymnasium.