

Building the profile of a 2036 graduate

By Randi Anderson, Superintendent

Fall is fast approaching, frost covered the grass this morning. Three months into the year, **I am honored to be a part of an amazing school system**, serving each student, staff, and community member striving towards a World Class Education system.

I'd like to take the opportunity to share a little about myself. I was born and raised in Grand Forks which is where I started my educational journey with nine years of classroom teaching. I then had the opportunity to become an Educational Consultant which involved five years of traveling, working with states and districts to embrace standards and assessments. During this time I met my husband and have been in a district office position for the last fifteen years. The time has gone quickly and I have learned so much. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to grow and learn as an educator in the Pelican Rapids district.

We are excited to be starting the 2017-2018 school year with almost all of the school renovation construction completed. **A sincere thank you to the community for supporting the work that has created world class facilities.** It is with great pride that we look forward to continuing our partnership with parents and community on your children's educational journey. We will continue to evolve our educational practices to promote student success and will strive to meet each child where they are at, providing resources and support to maximize their individual potential.

As I walk the halls of Pelican Rapids schools, I am excited to see the energy in the classrooms, the engagement of each child and the passion of teachers as they facilitate learning and empower the learner. **Pelican Rapids instructional platform stands above most.** We have beautiful learning spaces for students and staff. We are proud of what we bring to the students and the community of Pelican Rapids, and we strive to ensure that we continue to fill every student's toolbox with the knowledge and skills needed for the



It is with great honor that I serve your community and children.

22nd Century. Let's take a moment to look into what that future could look like...

Born in October 2017 is the graduating class of 2036.

As I graduate from Pelican Rapids schools on this day in May of 2034, I would like to thank the district for the opportunities I have had in my educational experience. I had a voice in my learning, choice to demonstrate my understanding and I worked at a pace that provided me ultimate success. Those factors enabled me to complete 13 years of education in 11 years.

I'm so thankful for the opportunity the Pelican Rapids schools provided me to collaborate with students in our sister city of Nuevo Casas Grandes.

I was able to connect virtually with students internationally around global topics of interest. As a class we participated in multiple global impact projects and raised awareness and funds to support such efforts as...

What are the possibilities for our students today? Research shares with us that students today will change jobs more than ever before and that over fifty percent of those jobs don't even exist today. As a district we are working to develop the profile of a 2036 graduate and branding our instructional platform for the future to ensure a world class education for each student in Pelican Rapids. It takes a village to raise a child and I look forward to working with you on this partnership of the future.

If you're interested in joining in a dialogue with the superintendent and the school leadership team about possibilities for our students, please join us for coffee and cookies at The Muddy Moose on Wednesday, November 8th from 2-4:00pm or the Pelican Rapids Public Library on Thursday, November 16th at 6:30pm.

It is with great honor that I serve your community and children.

Pelican Rapids Schools

Our greatest assets are the students and staff who are the heart of our school system.

We are a community that knows, supports and cares for each other.

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® are taught in and out of the classroom.

We have dedicated and experienced teachers who foster the growth and well-being of each learner.

The K-12 Viking Student Success Program helps students reach their potential.

Our students emerge ready to excel and make a difference in a global world.

We have a tradition of award winning arts, athletic and academic programs.

Students have big opportunities for involvement in a small school setting.

We have state of the art facilities staffed by highly qualified educators.

Our learners are engaged, excited and empowered.

Our safe and supportive learning environment promotes the success of each student.

We Learn for Life!



Kindness rocks in Pelican Rapids!

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Community Education

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Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

- Magical Mondays
- Preschooler and Parent
- Winter Wiggle Outs

FREE Viking Preschool

See pages 8-9 for class information

PR Schools 2017 Introduction Video

<https://youtu.be/fOrxkOTFX-A>

Watch this video to learn more about Pelican Rapids Public Schools and some of the people and fantastic facilities that encourage our students to excel every day!

We're All in this Together Video

<https://youtu.be/nHjlb7fZAFw>

Wow! Watch & see how we make it work together at Pelican Rapids Public Schools featuring our outstanding students, staff & facilities.

We want your feedback about our district

We invite parents and community members to take a district survey. This is an opportunity for you to help us build the profile of the 2036 graduate of Pelican Rapids. Your opinions are important, and the district is interested in hearing about them. The information from the survey will help us improve relationships, learning conditions, and the districts overall environment.

You can access the survey in multiple ways:

1) **Parents**-if you are (or have been) the parent of a student enrolled in this district enter this link in your browser:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchrTJ863hgmvozmzbLV7xURajdCIZRIGjLcWr8ye_qOw0w/viewform?usp=sf_link

2) **Community members**-use this link in your browser:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIn7DKvQHpyoAbVsPlzUswa5aBkrR8UKA0YeySemDJOU5gBQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

3) **Facebook**-go to the Pelican Rapids Public Schools Facebook page and click on the designated survey link.

4) **Parent Teacher Conferences**-we will have computers available for you to complete the surveys at the school.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us!

Questions: contact Becky Wontor at 218-863-5910 x4250

"PELICAN RAPIDS IS A PRETTY SPECIAL AND UNIQUE PLACE; WHEN I TELL FOLKS FROM OTHER PLACES ABOUT GROWING UP IN PELICAN, SOME GET PRETTY ENVIUS THAT SUCH A PLACE EXISTS."

-2003 PRHS GRADUATE SAM WOOLEVER

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The new PRHS English teacher, Kathryn Anderson, in her 7th grade classroom.

The water bottle is one she received as a senior at PRHS in 2007.

Both are home at PRHS.

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PRHS Fall Musical-You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
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The lifelong impact of well-developed reading skills

By Dr. Edwin R. Richardson, Principal

We have had a great start to the school year, with our scholars and staff focused on learning! We continue to build on our student achievement with a new VES WIG: Viking Elementary School students will read 1,250,000 pages from October 1st to April 30th. In just the first week, our students read 37,748 pages! Mrs. Larson's 5th grade class read 10,542 pages during Week 1... that's 458 pages per student!



At a recent conference, I heard from an administrator about a research study that 60% of students unable to name and write at least 40 letters, upper and lower case, in Kindergarten will struggle with reading in 4th grade. Being a bit of a research nerd, I reviewed our 4th grade MCA data and the letter naming data we have on those same students from Kindergarten. And, I found that 64% of our students that did not know at least 40 letter names in Kindergarten did not 'Meet' 4th grade Reading standards. So, what does this mean? It means that our teachers and families need to synergize and work with our children at a young age to talk about letters, trace and say letters, so our children are able to enter school prepared to succeed and see reading as an opportunity and enjoyment rather than a struggle and sign of failure.

While we refer often to test results, as this is how schools tend to be judged, we are talking about providing each of our children with lifelong skills helping them learn whether it be for career, development of skills or knowledge to fulfill personal needs & goals, or to be entertained by the wonderful authors of the world.

Student Led Conferences at VES

Student Led Conferences will be held at Viking Elementary on:

Mon, November 20th
&
Tues, November 21st
4:00-7:00pm

Please refer to the letter sent home in your child's backpack for the specific conference time scheduled for you and your child.



Resources to support your child's reading

Reading Rockets-Launching Young Readers

www.readingrockets.org

Resources to help struggling readers build phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills.

Parent & Afterschool Resources

www.readwritethink.org

Looking for engaging ways to introduce your child to reading or to encourage your teen to write? Need some age-appropriate book suggestions or rainy day activities?

Reading Eggs

Students can also log onto *Reading Eggs* (on our Viking Elementary site under the 'Family Links' tab).

'Book Tasting' Party

By Kayls Miltich, 6th Grade Teacher



After a week of Genre study 6th graders were able to participate in a 'Book Tasting' party. Tables were set up with a platter of books, genre and book tasting signs, placemats and menus. Students responded after reading for a few minutes on their menus. After students got a "taste" of their book, they would share with their group members. Cookies were served after they rotated through all six genre tables. They ate while completing their reflection napkin.

Viking Elementary Walk/Run Club

By Sheri O'Brien, Physical Ed Teacher



The Viking Elementary School Walk/Run Club began in September, in large part, to the vision of Mr. Moe, a 6th grade teacher at Viking Elementary School. With coaching assistance from Mrs. Moe, Mrs. Sjostrom, Mrs. Kirkwood, Mrs. Jackie Larson and Mrs. O'Brien, the Viking Walk/Run Club had 43 official members!

This healthy club's mission was to assist elementary students in grades 3-6 in learning perseverance, cardiovascular and muscular stamina, dynamic warm-up exercises, sleep habits and nutrition. The group met from 3:55-4:30pm every Wednesday and Thursday through October 18th. The elementary athletes in the club were also given an opportunity to run at two cross country meets.



Viking Elementary School Promise

I WILL speak up instead of acting as a bystander.

I CHOOSE to participate in activities that don't involve teasing.

I FORGIVE others if they make poor choices.

I MODEL good behavior.

I ACCEPT others for their differences.

I INCLUDE others in group situations.

I WILL talk to an adult when there is a problem I cannot manage on my own.

I AM powerful in making a difference in my school.

Art students rock Maplewood

By Heidi Smith, VES Art Teacher

Students in grades 3-6 and 7-8 art classes at Pelican Rapids paired up with *Friends of Maplewood State Park* this fall to do a project that I think will really "rock"! We have painted approximately 400-500 rocks and put them along the trails in Maplewood State Park. On the back of the rock there is an email address. The finder of the rock can send an email letting us know who found it and where they are from. That person can hide the rock again or take it with them and hide it elsewhere.

As we track our rocks journeys we've have some pretty cool discussions

in class. This has also gotten kids and their families out enjoying the beautiful fall colors on the trails of Maplewood. We hope to hear from you when you find one of our rocks!

(Jr.High on left)



Our instagram page is [kindnessrockPRartdept](https://www.instagram.com/kindnessrockPRartdept)





VIKING STUDENT SUCCESS (VSS) PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-6

We are excited about our Targeted Services Program which is now called the Viking Student Success Program (VSS).

It will be incorporating homework support and hands-on learning activities for students needing support with Reading and/or Math.

We hope this program will provide high interest, focused support for our students. The program starts in the fall but your child can join any time.

Contact your child's teacher or Marie Cupkie at 218-863-5910 ext. 5269 with questions about this after school and non-school Monday learning program.

AFTER SCHOOL TUESDAYS-THURSDAYS

- 3:45-4pm snack
- 4-5:15pm VSS program

NON-SCHOOL MONDAYS SCHEDULE

- 8-8:30am free breakfast
- 8:30-12pm VSS program
- 12-12:30pm free lunch

VSS NON-SCHOOL MONDAYS 2017-18

- October 9, 23, 30
- November 13, 27
- December 4, 11
- January 8, 22, 29
- February 5, 19, 26
- March 5, 12, 19
- April 9, 16, 23



The Leader in Me™

great happens here

- School wide implementation of Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People®
- Creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that *every child can be a leader*
- Teaches leadership & life skills to students
- Student Lighthouse Teams lead projects to 'make a difference' in the school and community

Student Lighthouse Team update

By Heidi Smith, Student Lighthouse Leader

The year has started off with an enthusiastic challenge to show school spirit through not only our actions but also our dress and presence at events. The elementary student lighthouse team met the challenge head on, planning the homecoming dress-up days and creating a challenge for the best dressed.

One student from each grade was selected for best dressed and called down to get their picture taken. We



finished this fun-filled week with our first attendance at the high school homecoming pep-fest. It was a hit and that spirit carried into the stands at the home football game, where we got to cheer on our beloved players with a win. It was a fantastic week!

We look forward to this upcoming year. Our goal is to get out into the community more. The lighthouse team will start this in November by volunteering at the nursing home where we will do art projects and play games with the residents. We will also be starting a food drive for the local food bank, pennies for patients, and so much more. It is a fantastic group of kids on the team, with great ideas and drive. It is going to be an outstanding year here at Viking Elementary.

WCMCA Head Start Preschool

We offer a variety of FREE Preschool Class options for 3-4 year olds to best fit your family's needs:

Morning 7:45 am – 11:15 am
Afternoon 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm
All Day 7:45 am – 3:45 pm

All classes meet 4 days a week and are held at the Pelican Rapids Viking Elementary School Please contact us with questions! 218-863-5910

Every label makes a difference!

Please continue to save Box Tops and remember:

- items can be brought to either school office, sent with a child to school, or dropped off at Larry's Supermarket.
- check expiration dates.
- call Ruth Holmgren at 863-6539

if you are interested in helping to cut and sort labels. Thanks for helping us save for educational resources! Every label makes a difference!



New to the Pelican Rapids school district?

If you have recently moved into the Pelican Rapids School District or had a baby, please let us know so we can add you in our school census.

Contact Cherie Lynnes at 218-863-5910 ext. 6105 or clynnes@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us



Club Vikes K-6 Childcare Program at Viking Elementary

By Courtney Thorson, Club Vikes Program Coordinator

Club Vikes is a School-Age Childcare Program for children in grades K-6. We respond to the needs of families by having a safe and fun place for their children to go before and after school, and during non-school days.

We also provide your child(ren) with the opportunity to attend fun field trips, such as the zoo, a movie, baseball games, Maplewood State Park, nursing home visits, and more!

Club Vikes Hours:

Monday-Friday 6:30am-6:00pm

Dates Closed:

Club Vikes is not open on certain holidays (such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, etc.) You will be reminded of when we are going to be closed.

Club Vikes Cost:

Contracted Care

Mondays/ Non-School Days

- \$15 (less than 6 hrs)
- \$25 (6+hrs)

School Days

- \$3 before school
- \$6 after school
- \$8 before & after school

Drop-In Care

- \$3.50/hr with a minimum of \$7 charge (*non-school days*)
- Drop-ins on school days will be charged contracted care rate
- Child(ren) must be registered. You do not need to contract any days, you only need to give notice BEFORE you arrive. However, your child is not guaranteed a spot and will only be allowed to attend if there is enough staff to accommodate your child.

Location:

Club Vikes is located right inside Viking Elementary, connected to the lobby. There is a sign posted right inside the room that tells you "where Club Vikes kiddos are" during the day, making it easy to find us when dropping off/picking up your child(ren).

For more information:

Contact Courtney Thorson, Program Coordinator

Email:

crthorson@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us
or clubvikes@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

Phone: 218-863-5910 ext. 5022 or 218-731-8439



Club Vikes kiddos and staff visited the new addition of the Nursing Home. They got to play with and read to the residents. The residents all had big smiles on their faces the entire time. One kiddo asked, "When do we get to go back?"





Fine Arts Performances and Foundation for the Arts

The Pelican Rapids School Foundation and Community Ed are looking for individuals who would like to be involved in planning fine arts performances for the community and establishing a Foundation for the Arts for future program enhancement.

Please contact Becky Wontor at bwontor@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us or 218-863-5910 x4250 if interested.

Pelican Rapids School Foundation

The mission of the grant program of the Pelican Rapids School Foundation is to provide financial support on projects which will provide and enhance educational opportunities for students of Independent School District (ISD) 548, thus making a positive impact on our community and world. Tax deductible donations can be given through the

West Central Initiative either by mail at:

PO Box 318, 1000 Western Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56572 or by

email at

<https://wcif.site-ym.com/>



SURVEY

4 Day School Week Survey Results 2016-2017:

- daily attendance continues to increase
- discipline referrals continue to decrease
- student achievement continues to trend up
- majority of parents, staff and students want to continue the 4 day school week

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- Make a difference in the lives of hundreds of students.

Apply online www.teachersoncall.com or call 855-346-1650 for more information



Pelican Rapids Fan Garments 2017



Order your fan gear at this link! Store closes on Nov 20, so go online and get yours ordered today!

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go to the online store at <https://prfangear17.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card



Online Store Deadline: Monday November 20th, 2017 (11:59pm CST)

Welcome, Pelican Rapids Fans, Parents, Staff, and Students! Order your 2017 PR Spirit Gear here online. The store will close on November 20th at midnight. Orders will process approximately 2 weeks after store closes, and you will be able to pick yours up at the high school office. An email will be sent to everyone who orders to let them know specifics. Please note the sizing charts on each garment as various brands run different in sizing.

Contact Tami Seifert with any questions at (218) 346-3865 or tami@longweekendsportswear.com



Student non-discrimination policy

Students are protected from discrimination on the basis of gender pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Minnesota Human Rights Act. A complete copy of this policy is available in on the district web site and at each school building. The Pelican Rapids School District provides equal educational opportunity for all students and prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender, parental, family and/or marital status.

Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination against disabled

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who: 1. has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including learning; or 2. has a record of such impairment; or 3. is regarded as having such impairment.

Learners may be protected from disability discrimination and be eligible for services, accommodations, or programs under the provisions of Section 504 even though they are not eligible for special education pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is the responsibility of the school district to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

Persons who have questions, comments, or complaints should contact their child's principal.

Release of student information

Student Records-Pelican Rapids School District No. 548 gives notice to parent of students and eligible students currently in attendance in the District of their rights regarding pupil records:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records;
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights;
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that such consent is not required for disclosure pursuant to this policy, state or federal law, or the regulations promulgated thereunder;
4. The right to refuse release of secondary students' names, addresses, and home telephone numbers to military recruiting officers;
5. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the federal law and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
6. The right to be informed about rights under the federal law; and

7. This policy if available to parents and students upon written request to the Superintendent.

"Directory information" means information contained in an education record of a student which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. It includes, but is not limited to: the student's name, enrollment status (i.e. full-time or part-time), participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees, honors and awards received, and the most recent educational agency or institution attended, and photos taken in the normal course of school activities. Directory information does not include personally identifiable data which references religion, race, color, social position or nationality. Data collected from nonpublic school students, other than those who receive shared time educational services, shall not be designated as directory information unless written consent is given by the student's parent or guardian.

The school district may disclose directory information from the education records of a student without prior written consent of the parent of the student or eligible student, unless as provided herein. In order to make any or all of the directory information listed above "private" (i.e. subject to consent prior to disclosure), the parent or eligible student must make a written request to the building principal within thirty days after the date of this publication.

a) The information listed above shall be public information which the school district may disclose from the education records of a student.
b) Should the parent of a student or the student so desire, any or all of the listed information will not be disclosed without the parent's or eligible student's prior written consent except to school officials as provided under federal law.

c) In order to make any or all of the directory information listed above "private" (i.e., subject to consent prior to disclosure), the parent or eligible student must make a written request to the building principal within thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. This written request must include the following information:

- (1) Name of student and parent, as appropriate;
- (2) Home address;
- (3) School presently attended by student;
- (4) Parent's legal relationship to student, if applicable;
- (5) Specific category or categories of directory information which is not to be made public without the parent's or eligible student's prior written consent.

Pelican Rapids School District No. 548 hereby give notice to parents of secondary students and eligible secondary students of their rights regarding release of information to military recruiting. The school district must release the names, addresses and home telephone numbers of

secondary students to military recruiting officers within 60 days after the date of the request. Should the parent of a student or eligible student so desire any or all of the listed information will not be disclosed to military recruiting officers without prior consent. In order to refuse the release of this information without prior consent the parent or eligible student must make a written request to the building principal by September 30th each year.

Indoor Air Quality Pelican Rapids Public Schools advocate a healthy school environment in which the surroundings contribute to an environment conducive to learning for students, and productivity for teachers and staff. To help accomplish this, we have implemented an IAQ Management Plan using guidelines provided by the Minnesota Department of Education, and the "Tools for Schools" document developed by the U.S. EPA. Trevor Steeves is the IAQ Coordinator for the Pelican Rapids Public Schools. He has been trained and certified by the Minnesota Department of Education to fulfill this position. All issues concerning indoor air quality should be brought to his attention, and he can be reached by calling 218-863-5910 at the high school.

Asbestos Notification In accordance with federal regulations, Pelican Rapids Public Schools have management plans documenting the location and condition of all known or assumed asbestos containing materials (ACM) in each building. Every six months, an accredited inspector visually inspects the condition of the ACM. The high school management plan is available for public inspection at the district office during normal business hours. The elementary management plan is available for public inspection at the elementary school office during normal office hours. Trevor Steeves is the designated person responsible for maintaining the asbestos management plans for the district. He can be reached at 218-863-5910 with any questions.

Pesticide Notice A state law went into effect in the 2000 that requires schools to inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property. The Pelican Rapids School District contracts for pest elimination. Interior work is done in January, April, July and October; exterior work is done in May and August. The pest control service provider performs the service before or after regular school hours. The district office has complete information on all pesticide products used in the buildings. Parents may review or copy this material at their own expense. If a parent or guardian wishes to be notified prior to any pesticide application made on days other than dates specified (excluding emergency applications) contact Trevor Steeves, Health and Safety Coordinator. Pelican Rapids Public School, PO Box 642, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572; 218-863-5910.

Pelican Rapids

Community Education

			November			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 •Open Gym 6-9pm	6 •XaBeat 5:15-6:15pm	7	8 •XaBeat 6-7pm •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm •Open Gym 6:30-9pm	9	10	11 •Young Adult Movie Night 7pm •Making Lefse with Friends 1-4pm •Open Gym 6-9pm
12 •Open Gym 6-9pm	13 •XaBeat 5:15-6:15pm	14	15 •XaBeat 6-7pm •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm •Open Gym 6:30-9pm •Converting Memories to Digital Media 7-8:30pm	16	17	18 •Make Thanksgiving Centerpiece 1:15-3:15pm •Video Camp 10am-2pm •Open Gym 6-9pm
19 •Open Gym 6-9pm	20 •XaBeat 5:15-6:15pm •Homework Help for Parents and Students 7-8:30pm	21	22 •XaBeat 6-7pm •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm •Open Gym 6:30-9pm	23	24	25 •Open Gym 6-9pm
26 •Open Gym 6-9pm	27 •XaBeat 5:15-6:15pm	28 •Essential Oils 7-8:30pm	29 •XaBeat 6-7pm •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm •Open Gym 6:30-9pm	30		
			December			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 •Advanced Genealogy Ancestry.com 10am-12pm •Open Gym 6-9pm
3 •Open Gym 6-9pm	4 •XaBeat 5:15-6:15pm •Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle (session 1) 7-8:30pm	5	6 •XaBeat 6-7pm •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm •Open Gym 6:30-9pm •Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle (session 1) 7-8:30pm	7	8	9 •Open Gym 6-9pm
10 •Open Gym 6-9pm	11 •XaBeat 5:15-6:15pm •Developing Independence in Your Children 7-8:30pm	12	13 •XaBeat 6-7pm •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm •Open Gym 6:30-9pm	14	15	16 •Open Gym 6-9pm
17 •Open Gym 6-9pm	18 •XaBeat 5:15-6:15pm •Holiday Design Centerpiece 6-8pm	19	20 •XaBeat 6-7pm •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm •Open Gym 6:30-9pm	21	22	23
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			January			
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7 •Open Gym 6-9pm	8 •XaBeat 5:15-6:15pm •Women's Self Defense 7-8:30pm	9	10 •XaBeat 6-7pm •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm •Open Gym 6:30-9pm •Converting Memories to Digital Media 7-8:30pm	11 •Google Drive Basics 6-7:30pm	12	13 •Advanced DNA Ancestry.com 10am-12pm •Open Gym 6-9pm
14 •Open Gym 6-9pm	15 •XaBeat 5:15-6:15pm	16 •Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle (session 2) 12-1:30pm	17 •XaBeat 6-7pm •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm •Open Gym 6:30-9pm •Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle (session 2) 12-1:30pm	18 •Getting Started with your Computer or Tablet 6-7:30pm	19	20 •Preparing Somali Meal 3-5:00pm •Open Gym 6-9pm
21 •Open Gym 6-9pm	22 •XaBeat 5:15-6:15pm •Planning for Retirement 7pm	23	24 •XaBeat 6-7pm •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm	25 •Getting Started with your Computer or Tablet 6-7:30pm	26	27 •Kid's Surprise Valentine 1:15-2:15pm •Kid's Candy Wreath 2:30-3:30pm •Open Gym 6-9pm
28 •Open Gym 6-9pm	29 •XaBeat	30	31 •XaBeat •Pickle Ball League 6:30pm •Men's Pick-up Basketball 6:30pm			

Dear Community Members,

We would like to invite you to join us for a year of opportunities for great learning experiences and shared involvement in local projects and events. There are many ways to be involved:

- 1. Share a talent by teaching a class (can be at your place of business).
- 2. Join our Community Ed Advisory Team and help brainstorm ideas for classes, projects and events.
- 3. Contact us with your feedback and ideas.

We are fortunate to be part of such a great community and look forward to partnering with you!


Sincerely,

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Community Ed Program Coordinator
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chaugrud@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

Becky Wontor
Community Ed Communications
218-863-5910 x4250
bwontor@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

To do:

- 1) Attend community ed class with a friend.
- 2) Register early by calling Becky at 218-863-5910 x4250 or email bwontor@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us
- 3) Cut this calendar out and put it on fridge to remember the dates.



Technology

Converting Memories to Digital Media

Learn how simple it can be to convert 35 mm slides, VHS, audio cassettes, super 8 movies, and pictures to a digital format. Additional 90-minute introduction and work time labs can be scheduled to meet your digital needs.



Instructor: Cary Haugrud
When: Wednesday, November 15th 7-8:30pm OR Wednesday, January 10th 7-8:30pm
Location: PRHS Media Center (enter west Door #8)
Class Fee: \$10 (per class)

Google Drive Basics

Google Drive is a suite of free cloud-based tools for creating, sharing, storing and collaborating on files. In this class, we will discuss Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides and Forms. Be sure to bring your Gmail/ Google account and password to class.



Instructor: Monica Thompson
When: Thursday, January 11th 6-7:30pm
Location: PRHS Media Center (enter west Door #8)
Class Fee: \$10



Learn the basics of your computer or tablet. Technology expert Monica Thompson will answer questions and give advice on making technology work for you.

Instructor: Monica Thompson
When: Thursday, January 18th 6-7:30pm OR Thursday, January 25th
Location: PRHS Media Center (enter west Door #8)
Class Fee: \$10

General Interest

Planning for Retirement

Investment advisor Andrew Sorum will provide an overview of strategies and insurance products to protect and grow assets throughout retirement.

Instructor: Andrew Sorum
When: Monday, Jan.22nd 7:00pm
Location: PRHS Media Center (enter west door #8)
Class Fee: no charge



Make a Thanksgiving Centerpiece

Create a Thanksgiving-themed centerpiece to take home and enjoy this fall season.

Instructor: Petals from the Heart
When: Saturday, November 18th 1:15-3:15pm
Location: Petals from the Heart 121 S. Broadway
Class Fee: \$25 (includes materials)
Limited to 4 participants

Holiday Design Centerpiece

Participants will create a holiday-themed centerpiece to take home and display over the holidays.

Instructor: Petals from the Heart
When: Monday, December 18th 6-8pm
Location: Petals from the Heart 121 S. Broadway
Class Fee: \$30 (includes materials)
Limited to 4 participants

Homework Help for Parents & Students

If your child seems to have the needed basic academic skills but getting homework done is a major problem, this session is for you. Parents and older students (HS or college) alike will benefit from this session. The focus will be on supporting executive function skills and learning basic strategies for planning and completing homework with less headaches and tears.



Instructor: D.Mae Ceryes
When: Monday, November 20th 7-8:30pm
Location: PRHS Media Center (enter west Door #8)
Class Fee: \$12



Developing Independence in Your Children

Are you tired of repeatedly reminding your children to do what they need to get done? If so, this class may be of help to get your children to move on to more independent functioning. General strategies will be shared that will help set your children up for success while building their executive function skills. Although children of all ages can be working toward independence, this information is most useful for children of at least school age.

Instructor: D.Mae Ceryes
When: Monday, December 11th 7-8:30pm
Location: PRHS Media Center (enter west Door #8)
Class Fee: \$12

Kid's Surprise Valentine (ages 7-10 years old)

Kids will create a Valentine Day themed gift for someone special with the help of the Petals from the Heart staff.

Instructor: Petals from the Heart
When: Saturday, January 27th 1:15-2:15pm
Location: Petals from the Heart
Class Fee: \$15 (includes materials)
Limited to 6 children ages 7-10 years old

Kid's Candy Wreath (for kids ages 10-14 yrs old)

In this class the Petals from the Heart staff will help kids create a Candy Wreath gift for someone special.

Instructor: Petals from the Heart
When: Saturday, January 27th 2:30-3:30pm
Location: Petals from the Heart
Class Fee: \$20 (includes materials)
Limited to 6 children ages 10-14 yrs old

Make and take classes

Video Camp (for kids in grades 6-12)

Video professionals Micah and Jenna Kvidt will provide guidance and expertise for students interested in creating and using video to tell a story or message. Techniques and planning, camera work, through editing tips and final product.



Instructor: Micah and Jenna Kvidt
When: Saturday, November 18th 10am-2pm
Location: PRHS Media Center (enter west Door #8)
Class Fee: \$10
Limited to 10 students in grades 6-12

Women's Self-Defense

This is a basic 1.5 hour class with a presentation, open discussion and hands on demonstration/participation.

We will cover the areas of crime prevention, mindset and physical self-defense. This course is open to women and girls of all ages. Past students of this course range in age from 12-84. Comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended for this class.



Instructor: Sgt Robert Huckeby, Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office

When: Monday, January 8th 7-8:30pm
Location: PRHS Media Center (enter west Door #8)
Class Fee: free of charge

Benefits of Essential Oils

LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF ESSENTIAL OILS Natural Health and Wellness options are available to you! I'd love to share these amazing products with you so you can take control of your family's health and wellness in an all natural and healthy way! No side effects, only side-benefits! You will get some 'hands on' experience with the oils by trying, and smelling! Come and join us for this informative, but fun class!



Instructor: Tami Seifert
When: Tuesday, November 28th 7-8:30pm
Location: PRHS Media Center (enter west Door #8)
Class Fee: \$10

Advanced Genealogy Ancestry.com

In this class Joyce will teach you how to duplicate a tree, look closely at a source for new leads, merge duplicate ancestors and correct parent information. You will have the opportunity to practice using tips learned through the Ancestry Academy class. Come ready to work, share experiences and ask questions. See if together we can break through any brick walls that you have encountered in researching your tree. Sometimes we need to look outside Ancestry for new leads, and in this class we will take a look at some of those other places.

Instructor: Joyce Burnham
When: Saturday, December 2nd 10am-12pm
Location: enter west Door #8 and follow signs
Class Fee: \$10



Advanced DNA Ancestry.com

We will look at how attaching DNA results to a tree will help you in your ancestry work and how to switch your results to a more complete tree in this advanced class. For the optional medical part we will look at the kinds of things and information to say or supply when contacting a DNA match and how to share photos outside the tree. Finally we will learn how to attach notes to DNA matches and discover if DNA circles are helpful or even accurate. Come with questions and share your experiences.

Instructor: Joyce Burnham
When: Saturday, January 13th 10am-12pm
Location: enter west Door #8 and follow signs
Class Fee: \$10



Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle

Do you want to achieve your wellness goals but don't know where to start? Have you tried to set goals in the past and quit out of frustration or lack of success? Unable to get a grasp on a healthy eating plan? Feeling overwhelmed when you go to the supermarket and don't know what to buy? Questions Answered and Motivation Provided!

Instructor: Marie Hanson

Session 1: Monday, December 4th 7-8:30pm AND Wednesday, December 6th 7-8:30pm

Session 2: Tuesday, January 16th 12-1:30pm AND Wednesday, January 17th 12-1:30pm

Location: Pelican Rapids Public Library

Class Fee: \$40

Minimum 5 participants, Maximum 30



Young Adult Movie Night

Join host Michael Strand in the beautiful new Fine Arts Auditorium to view and discuss a new or classic movie. A great chance for young adults in the Pelican Rapids community to meet and hang out with others and share a movie and discussion. High school graduates and older are welcome to join in.

Host: Michael Strand

When: Saturday, November 11th 7:00pm

Location: PRHS Fine Arts Auditorium

Class Fee: no charge

Cooking

Making Lefse with Friends

Gather with friends to make your holiday lefse. All the materials and supplies necessary to start rolling and grilling lefse to freeze for the holiday season will be available and 'Lefse veterans' will be there to help.



Instructor: Mary Kay Haugrud

When: Saturday, November 11th 1:00-4:00pm

Location: PRHS FACS room

(enter west Door #8 and follow signs)

Class Fee: \$15 for supplies

Maximum number of participants: 10

Preparing a Somali Meal

Learn how to make a festive meal including Sambosa, jasmine rice, and Somali tea.

Instructors: Iqra and Asia Mohamud

When: Saturday,

January 20th 3:00-5:00pm

Location: PRHS FACS room

(enter west Door #8 & follow signs)

Class Fee: \$10



Fitness

XaBeat Exercise Class

XaBeat is a dance fitness program that provides cardio and toning in a party like atmosphere!

The routines are simple and easy to follow. You can burn anywhere between 600-1200 calories in a XaBeat class! Our routines contain less turning and twirling so you can concentrate on the fitness part of it and get a better workout! In our XaBeat classes you will sculpt your body and burn calories while having a total blast!

Our music sets the mood and creates a party-like environment that leaves participants asking for more!

Instructor: Tami Seifert

When: November-May (starts Mon., Nov. 6th)

•Mondays 5:15-6:15pm PRHS Commons east door 1

•Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm Valhalla west door 7

Class Fee: \$48 for 8 sessions or \$10 for 1 class

The 1st class is free if you've never tried XaBeat before!

Registration is not required, join us anytime!

Check Facebook XaBeat Pelican Rapids for updates including time changes & cancellations

Questions: Call Becky at 218-863-5910 x4250 (Tues-Fri)

Pickleball League

For veteran pickleball players and newcomers who would like to learn the game.

When: Wednesday

nights at 6:30pm

Location:

Legends Gym

(enter west door #7)

Class Fee:

no charge

or registration



Men's Pick-up Basketball

When: Wednesday nights at 6:30pm

Location: Legends Gym (enter west door #7)

Class Fee: no charge or registration

Open Gym



When:

•Sundays 6:00-9:00pm

•Wednesdays 6:30-9:00pm

•Saturdays 6:00-9:00pm

Location: Al Siegle Activity Center (enter west door #7)

Class Fee: no charge or registration



Indoor Walking Track

During School Hours

•6:00-7:45am

•11:45am-1:30pm

•6:30-9:00pm

contact high school office at 218-863-5910 background check required

Non-School Hours

•Wednesdays 6:30-9:00pm

•Saturdays & Sundays 6:00-9:00pm

Class Registration Information

You can register over the phone, through email, our school website, or the mail.

Call: Becky Wontor at 218-863-5910 x 4250 (Tues-Fri)

Email: bwontor@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

School Website: www.pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

click Community Ed icon on top right

Mail completed registration form to:

Community Education, PO Box 642, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

General Information Please register for all classes so the minimum number of participants is met and instructors can plan accordingly

•You are enrolled in class once we receive your registration. We

will only contact you if the class is cancelled.

•Class fees can be made with cash, a check (write to: ISD #548-please send a separate check for each class-we will not cash your check until after the class) or by using our PaySchools online system (school website: click on PaySchools icon, top right).

•Unless otherwise indicated, the classes offered are open to adults.

Storm Policy If the Pelican Rapids Schools are cancelled or release students early due to bad weather, Community Ed classes will not be held.

Non-Discrimination Policy It is the policy of ISD #548 to comply with federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination.

Community Ed Class Registration Form

Please mail this registration form to:

Community Education, PO Box 642, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

Make checks payable to: ISD #548 (please write a separate check for each class)

Class: _____ Fee \$ _____

Class: _____ Fee \$ _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

in case we need to contact you about the class

I would like to see the following class(es) offered: _____

I would be interested in teaching the following class(es): _____

Age category (for state reporting): Age 19-54 _____ Age 55+ _____

Grade K-5 _____ Grade 6-8 _____ Grade 9-12 _____

Please contact Becky Wontor at 218-863-5910 x4250 with any questions



Free, Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program gives kids a head start

By CJ Holl, PR School Reporter

Last year, the Pelican Rapids School District was one of 74 districts in Minnesota to receive the new Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten funding. Over 200 districts, more than half of the school districts in the state, submitted applications and Pelican Rapids was awarded funding for the 2016-2017 school year.

The funding was renewed for this school year and according to Viking Elementary Principal Dr. Ed Richardson, it has become a critical service to the youngest learners. In past years, it would cost an average of \$120 per month for parents to send their kids to preschool, but **the state funding allows the district to offer the service at no charge.**

Richardson said that they look at the program as part of a continuum and getting instruction in letters, numbers, counting and simply how to operate within a school is an important hurdle for kids.

“Kids who come into kindergarten without knowing their letters and numbers can be behind by the 4th grade. Our Pre-K kids have that exposure to school and know what a school day is. They understand working with other students,” said Richardson.

As coordinator, Fitzsimmons says the program



allows a smooth transition into kindergarten. **Activities focus around math, literacy, art, social/play and developing fine motor skills.**

“Through braiding of Voluntary Preschool, Parent Aware grants and School Readiness funding we are offering a total of 5 sections for our 3-5 year old population, a total of 74 students in age specific classes. We are a PreK-6 school,” said Fitzsimmons, “not a K-6 school. We teach preschool as a grade level versus an add-on.” Fitzsimmons said that the state support has allowed her to focus on teaching rather than hunting

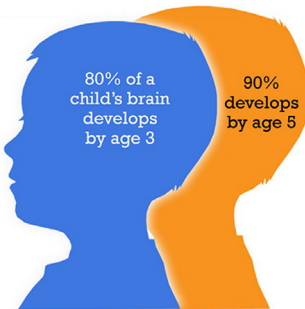
down funding sources for the program. Richardson and Fitzsimmons both said they are pleased with the results and in the end it gives parents choice and relieves cost as a burden.

“I am pleased to be able to offer this high quality Pre-K experience for our students. Parents have the ability to choose a program that best fits the needs of their young family, as tuition no longer presents a barrier,” said Fitzsimmons.

In the end, the Pelican Rapids Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program is getting kids a head start and a leg up in school.

Up to 90% of brain development occurs before age 5

Research has shown that up to 90% of brain development occurs before the age of five, and that nearly half of Minnesota children enter kindergarten not fully prepared to succeed. By offering every four-year-old the opportunity to attend preschool, the state hopes to help close the achievement gap and ensure more students have a successful educational career.



Pelican Rapids Homecoming was celebrated throughout the entire school as a few members of the PRHS football team took the time to share some school spirit in the Viking Preschool classrooms.

Viking Pre-K students made posters together and demonstrated their enthusiasm with hands high in the air and “Go Vikings!” cheers.

One little guy put on a helmet and looked ready to go out to the field and play ball!

It’s moments like this that make the Pelican Rapids Schools a great place to learn and grow! Go Vikes!



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Classes



Fun with playdough



Field Trip to Trowbridge Creek Zoo



Painting in class

FREE Viking Preschool and Early Childhood Family Education

Early Childhood Family Education

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) is a parent-child program for children aged birth to Pre-K and their parents. ECFE strongly believes that parents are a child's first and most important teachers. The ECFE program of Pelican Rapids wants all families with young children to be aware of our program.

FREE Viking Preschool-School Readiness

We use Math and Language Pre-Kindergarten curriculum correlating to the K-6 models at Viking Elementary. It is integrated in an age-appropriate hands-on Pre-K experience with licensed teachers throughout the entire session. Our goal is to prepare children for success as they enter Kindergarten.

Bright Start Child Care Home Visits and Family Outreach Program

You may participate in this once a month visiting program in which Janet Woolever will come into your home with activities and resources. Call Janet at (218)863-5910 extension 5393 with questions or to schedule a visit.
Supported in part by United Way of Otter Tail County

FREE Viking Preschool

Pelican Rapids district preschool programs have been approved for another Parent Aware Four Star Rating! This is the highest rating possible and is valid for two years!

FREE Viking Preschool ages 3-4

Child must be 3 yrs old by September 1, 2017 to enroll

Wednesdays & Fridays
7:45-11:00am (includes breakfast)
OR
12:30-3:45pm (includes snack)

FREE Viking Preschool ages 4-5

Child must be 4 yrs old by September 1, 2017 to enroll

Tues. & Thurs. 7:45am-3:45pm
OR
Wed. & Fri. 7:45am-3:45pm
(breakfast, lunch & snack included)



Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Classes

Magical Mondays



- Mondays 9:30-11:00am
- Sept. 11th- Dec. 11th and Jan. 8th - Mar. 19th

Parents and children must stick together as you explore the activities, art, and play stations. Together you'll enjoy a circle time with books, music, & dancing.

No school agers allowed-we are partnering with Club Vikes to offer sibling care. Please contact Courtney at 218-863-5910 x5022 with questions or to register for Club Vikes.

Preschooler and Parent Class

- Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm
- November 7th, 14th, 21th, & 28th
- Ages 3-5

We will explore the book "David Goes to School" the same way we do it at school. It's called the 4-Day read aloud. Each session we will focus on a different aspect of literacy. **Each child gets a free book to take home.**

Parent session will introduce parents to the valuable impact you have on your child's literacy. We will have so much fun, we won't even know we're learning!



Winter Wiggle Outs

- 6:00-7:00pm
- Tuesday, December 5th
- Thursdays, January 4th, 25th & February 8th
- Tuesday, February 20th

Let's get some of our winter wiggles out!

The gym will be ready for family fun with balls, scooters, and more!

Location: Viking Elementary Gym

park in the side parking lot and enter through Door #14



ECFE Class Registration Form

Please register for all classes that your family wants to attend

Child's Name: _____ Age _____

Child's Name: _____ Age _____

Phone (day): _____ (evening): _____

Parent Name: _____

Class Name	Days/Times	✓ box to register
Magical Mondays	Mondays, 9:30-11:00am Sept 11-Dec 11, Jan 8-Mar 19	
Preschooler and Parent	Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28	
Winter Wiggle Outs	6:00-7:00pm Dec. 5, Jan. 4, 25, Feb. 8, 20	

Please contact me about receiving home visits:

☐ Caring Connections ☐ Bright Start Child Care

To register for ECFE classes or if you have questions:

Call Terra at 218-863-5910 ext 5393 or email: tfitzsim@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

Mail registrations to:

ECFE, P.O. Box 642, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

Please Note:

•We would love to see you and your family. Because our classes have size limits it is important to register.

•The ECFE classroom is located at the Viking Elementary School in the 1st grade hallway across from the library.

•Please check our school website for current classes and changes:
www.pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us
Click on *Our Schools* on top menu bar, choose *Viking Elementary School*, then choose *Classrooms*, click on *Fitzsimmons, Terra-Pre-K and ECFE Programs*

•If school is cancelled due to weather, ECFE & Preschool classes are also cancelled. Please call if you have any questions as weather worsens throughout an afternoon and or evening.

Terra Fitzsimmons & Megan King can be reached at (218) 863-5910 x5393.

Terra Fitzsimmons

ECFE & School
Readiness Teacher/Coordinator
218-863-5910 ext. 5393
tfitzsim@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

Megan King

ECFE Educator &
Viking Preschool Teacher
218-863-5910 ext. 5569
mking@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

Kimberly Hernandez

Classroom Assistant
& Spanish Translator
218-863-5910 ext. 5569
khemand@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

Tami Hanson

Mindy Peterson
Classroom Assistants

Janet Woolever

Child Care/Family Home Visitor

PELICAN RAPIDS SCHOOLS...OUR STUDENTS LEARN FOR LIFE!

NEW PRHS ENGLISH TEACHER AT HOME IN PELICAN

By CJ Holl, PR School Reporter

New PRHS staff member Kathryn Anderson is back in a familiar place. She took over from the departed David Brown, a mentor of hers, and is teaching English in the room where she started her high school career as a 7th grader.

“At first, it was a bizarre feeling,” says the 2007 PRHS graduate reflecting on those early days. “I have come a long way from not being able to speak to now being able to stand in front of a group of teenagers every day and teach.”

Anderson credits her experience in extra-curricular activities for pointing the way to eventually return to Pelican Rapids as a staff member and says they stand out among her experiences as a student. She was involved with speech, drama and video production. She went to state twice representing Pelican Rapids in Storytelling. The Browns, David and Nadine, were instrumental in nurturing her in the arts as well as Cary Haugrud in the finer points of video and photography.

Before coming back to teaching, Anderson spent a couple years behind the camera for KVRN as a photo journalist having earned her initial degree in broadcast journalism from MSUM. However, teaching runs in her family with her grandmother having once been a one room schoolhouse teacher.

In 2014, Anderson went back to school and got her teaching degree, landing a position at Lake Park Audubon, but her eye was always on Pelican Rapids.

“It was something I always wanted, but wasn’t sure was going to happen. I got my teaching degree so I could get back to Pelican,” said Anderson.

Anderson says that teaching 11th and 12th graders this year has been rewarding, but adjusting to a new curriculum has been challenging. She said that adjustment is anytime you go into a new school, but it’s the students that have made the work enjoyable.

“Being able to have a discussion with junior and seniors about literature is really fun, seeing things they pull out of a book, how they think and analyze,” said Anderson.

The building has changed some since Anderson was at PRHS, but she said that it still has the culture of nurturing and acceptance.

“It still has the same feeling of being really ac-



cepting,” Anderson says of PRHS. “Not everywhere is like that. Kids at Pelican are very respectful. It’s one of the things that stands out.”

This fall, Anderson took on casting and directing the upcoming musical, *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. She said casting was difficult as there are many talented actors at PRHS. She said the musical is about building self-esteem. Charlie Brown looks for happiness as he interacts with the usual cast of Peanuts characters.

Anderson will also be lending her talents to the speech team and is looking forward, along with coach Denise Borgen, to building an even stronger team.

Personally, Anderson is an avid reader. She said she doesn’t stick to a particular genre, but this past summer was into reading memoirs. Although they weren’t of a scholarly nature, she said she enjoyed the autobiographies of Tina Fey and Amy Pohler.

In addition to coaching and musical responsibilities, Anderson started work on finishing her Master’s degree. She should complete that in 2018 and then will be able to teach University of Minnesota College in the High School (CIHS) classes at PRHS.

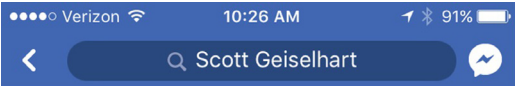
In the end, Anderson looks around her previous 7th grade room in the high school where she graduated from, smiles, and looks right at home in Pelican Rapids.

Soccer team gets positive viral social media buzz

By CJ Holl, PR School Reporter

The Pelican Rapids Soccer team recently got some positive viral social media buzz from Scott Geiselhart of Frazee. He posted about his experience with the team traveling through Alexandria. The post quickly generated over 1,950 likes and comments and was shared 728 times throughout Minnesota.

The soccer team and all our students at Pelican Rapids, make us proud. Great job representing our school and community!



I was at the Pizza Ranch in Alexandria yesterday when this bus stopped and about 40-50 soccer players and coaches from Pelican Rapids unloaded and came in to eat. I thought to myself, it’s about to get loud and the buffet is going to empty out fast. Instead I was very impressed at how well mannered and respectful these students were. Pelican Rapids should be very proud of how this team represented their school and their community. I wish I would have stayed longer so I could have taken a picture of the team to add to this post! If you know someone from the Pelican Rapids area or school please forward this to them because this team and the coaches really deserves some recognition!

I was also amazed by Pizza Ranch for keeping the buffet loaded! The place was packed and the buffet was overflowing with pizza and chicken! Awesome job Pizza Ranch!



EDUCATION a BRIGHTER future



PRHS School Counselor Lauren Siebels

My role is to provide the school (students, parents, teachers, and staff) with the resources and counseling services needed to help all students be successful in school and prepare for life after high school.

The three main areas I focus on are: Academics, College and Career Readiness/Planning and Personal/Social Development.

I work with students in classrooms, group sessions, and/or individually. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions/concerns or if I can help you in any way.

lsiebels@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us 218-863-5910 extention 4036

“WHERE ARE THEY NOW?”

PRHS GRADUATE SAM WOOLEVER

What year did you graduate from PRHS? 2003

What post-secondary education institution did you attend and what degree did you earn?

University of Minnesota-Duluth from 2003-2005 and College of St. Scholastica from 2005-2007. Graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Educational Media & Technology.

Describe your career choice and what you enjoy about your career.

I am a school librarian at Anthony Middle School in Minneapolis and have been teaching with Minneapolis Public Schools since 2009. What I love most about teaching is that the students bring their own personalities and backgrounds to class, and it’s my job to take all that and build a classroom and lessons that are both interesting and educational.

One of the most rewarding and entertaining things about teaching middle school is to see the students try and grasp those first nuggets of adulthood, and to really begin developing their sense of individuality.

How did PRHS prepare you for college and your career?

I feel very fortunate to be a PRHS Alumni. For a smaller community, I felt like Pelican offered a large variety of activities and classes. Having Cary Haugrud as the school librarian and being part of the Channel 5 team was a big influence in becoming a school librarian myself.

What extracurricular activities did you participate in while you were at PRHS?

Knowledge Bowl, Band, Choir, Channel 5 Video Productions, Cross Country Manager

Do you have any special memories of your time at PRHS that you would like to share?

How can I pick just a couple!? Al Siegle subbing and bringing his guitar, and Señora Stahlberg (need I say more).

Any words of wisdom you would like to give the students in Pelican Rapids?

Enjoy your time and make memories. Pelican Rapids is a pretty special & unique place; when I tell folks from other places about growing up in Pelican, some get pretty envious that such a place exists.



By Lisa Petznick, Math Teacher & Mathlete Coach

Fourteen PRHS students competed in a math contest at Bemidji State University on Tuesday, October 17th. The junior division was for grades 9 and 10, while 11th and 12th graders competed in the senior division.

In the senior division, Brooklyn Korynta scored 27 out of 40 to earn second place overall out of over 300 competitors. Junior Hayden Christenson placed 13th with a 22, followed by Gavin Haugrud and Timothy Brynildson with scores of 18. Individual awards are not given separately for A & AA schools; large school Bemidji claimed seven of the top ten individuals. The Pelican Rapids senior team earned first place in the small school division, second only to Bemidji overall. **This is the twelfth consecutive year that a Pelican Rapids team earned first place at this contest!** Also competing well were Brandon Osborne, Haley Westby, Jacob Gottenborg, and Kaleb Tollefson.

In the junior division, Logan Petznick and Alyce Erdman led the way for the Vikings with a score of 21 out of 40 to tie for 13th place. Maddie Guler was right behind them with a 19, followed closely by Kirby Nelson, Julian Gunderson, and Rachael Guler. Our junior team claimed fourth place in the small school division out of 24 schools. **The average score of the junior Vikings was 18.3, while the average of all junior competitors was 12.**

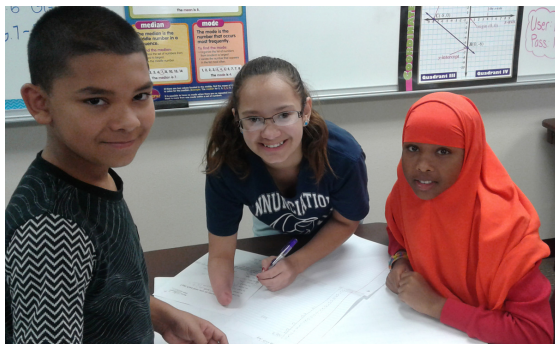


Hands-on learning with data

By Jill Roisum, ALC Math and English Teacher

The 7th grade math students made data displays using data they had collected from individuals in the PRHS office. Their question to the participants was "How many minutes do you read each day?". Together, we found the mean, median, mode, and range of the data collected. The students then worked in groups to create three different types of data displays from the information collected.

Data displays that were made include a Box-and-Whisker Plot, Stem-and-Leaf Plot, and a Bar Graph. A couple of the kids even had to present their graphs to other adults.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By Doug Bruggeman



Inspired by a tweet sent out by the University of Houston's men's basketball coach Kelvin Sampson, Pelican Rapids High School student Kaylie Isaman was inspired to help make a difference in the lives of those struck by Hurricane Harvey.

Coach Sampson, knowing that most sports programs accumulate many extra t-shirts and shoes, asked coaches to send him 20 t-shirts and 10 pairs of shoes that they may have "laying around". The response has been almost overwhelming as schools across the nation did much more than just send 20 shirts and a few pair of shoes. Shipments have been arriving daily and boxes upon boxes have been piling up at the University of Houston for distribution to storm stricken areas.

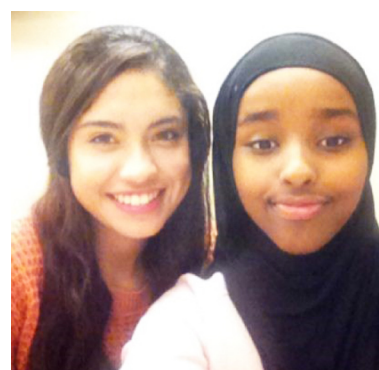
Kaylie's effort involved going to the coaches at PRHS and asking them to donate what they could to the cause. The result was a box of more than 40 T-shirts that have been packaged and sent down to the University of Houston. "I just thought it was an easy way for me to help those that were devastated by all the flooding" commented Isaman.

Composer connects young women in 'Pelican Dreams'

By Amy Korf

This past month, composer Kristin Norderval and local author, Joan Ellison, have been collaborating on a project with our Pelican Rapids High School youth, entitled "Pelican Dreams". In Ms. Norderval's McKnight Visiting Composer Residency project, PRHS girls have been invited to interview one another, learn about and from one another to identify common dreams through interviews, music and art. Ms. Norderval lives half time in Norway and half time in New York City.

Ms. Norderval recently participated in a Nonviolent Peace Force workshop in Oslo, Norway,



own a home in Pelican Rapids. After learning about Ms. Norderval's project ideas, Mel connected Kristin with Joan in Pelican Rapids. Composer Norderval's project dreams are to connect young women from diverse ethnic backgrounds (i.e. Somali, Hispanic, Scandinavian) for a series of workshops that could help them articulate their hopes and dreams



for themselves and their community. It truly is a small world with others who share common dreams.

In addition to learning interview techniques and conducting interviews, students will be exploring and recording the sounds of Pelican Rapids--common and everyday sounds within and around our school and community. Ms. Norderval will show students how to improvise and manipulate sounds (change speed, pitch, tone), with the possibility of adding found sounds to accompany their

dream stories. Each student will also have the opportunity to create and decorate a dreamscape sound box resonator (speaker) out of common everyday materials--recycled coffee, oatmeal canisters, shoe boxes, etc. for display.

Workshops are taking place after school in Mrs. Korf's classroom and at the public library on weekends, throughout the month of October. Ms. Norderval will be back in the community again this spring to finish this project. For more information about Composer Kristin Norderval, you can explore the links below.

Kristin Norderval's website: <http://kristinnorderval.org>

A recent profile on her work NewMusicBox: <http://www.newmusicbox.org/articles/kristin-norderval-permanent-and-impermanent-sonic-moments/>
Trailer and mini-document about Kristin's opera, The Trials of Patricia Isasa:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhEoJjJYm8>

FALL MUSICAL "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN"

Charlie Brown is coming to town.

This November, the theatre department at PRHS will be putting on the Broadway musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. It's a funny and sentimental show with all of your favorite Peanuts characters: Charlie, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, Sally, Schroeder, and more.

Watch as the gang takes you on a trip through their lives as Charlie tries to find happiness in the little things.

PRHS Performances:

Friday, November 3rd at 7:00pm

Saturday, November 4th at 7:00pm

Sunday, November 5th at 2:30pm

Depending on the success of our fall sports teams, performances on November 3rd & 4th are subject to change. Check the school website or call the office at 218-863-5910 the week of to confirm show dates and times.

Rubber ducks raise funds for Texas study-travel

By Bridgette Holl, Spanish Teacher

Easter in Texas? You bet! This spring the PRHS Spanish students will be headed to Texas for a study-travel experience. They are planning to visit a handful of sites with historical and cultural significance including The Institute of Texan Cultures, The Alamo, The Tower of Americas, and El Mercado (the largest Mexican marketplace north of the border). The tour will also travel to Corpus Christi to visit Mustang Island State Park and spend an afternoon ocean-side.



Students are fundraising to help pay for trip expenses. You may have noticed colorful rubber ducks floating down the Pelican River on Halloween. Students sold the ducks and prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, last place, and random picks.

Watch for future fundraisers for this creative group of students.

PRHS Art

High school students created an abstract shadow drawing and are using oil and soft pastels to develop movement and feeling.

PRHS Students Celebrating Art.com Publications Spring 2017

1. Jessica Camilo
2. Alyssa Sather
3. Imelda Farias
4. Jessica Weinrich
5. Modesty Tallarico
6. Faiza Ali
7. Gabrielle Sellman
8. Lorena Diaz
9. Abdigani Saba
10. Thao Le



11. Yarelli Leon Torres
12. Emma Seter
13. Autumn Gummeringer
14. Crystal Villagomez
15. Farhiya Aden
16. Kowsar Said
17. Marco Perez
18. Maxwell Dykhoff
19. Ryley Paulson



VIKING STUDENT SUCCESS

By Brian Korf, High School Principal

We are off to a great start to the 2017-18 school year and appreciate the support that you provide our children at school. Strong parent and community involvement is a key component to the success of all students. Thank you for your dedication to our children and their education.

Throughout the school year, the Pelican Rapids High School offers extra student support after school and on non-school Mondays through the program called Viking Student Success. Student Success offers a great opportunity for students who want to improve their academic skills. This program is designed to teach students based on their individual needs.

On non-school Mondays, Student Success is led by Mrs. Korf and Mrs. Thompson. Students have the opportunity to improve their skills in the areas of reading, math, speaking and writing. There are up to four different sessions students may sign up for starting between 8:30am and 12:00pm. Students receive a free snack and juice at 10:00am and then free lunch at 12:00pm.



After school, Student Success offers remedial support to all students who would like support in their current classes and offers a quiet place to complete homework after school. A free snack and drink are provided to students who attend Student Success. Student Success after school is open from 3:55 to 5:15pm and is led by Mrs. Korf and Mrs. Thompson.

For more information regarding Student Success, please contact

Mrs. Korf at akorf@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us or Mrs. Thompson at ETHompson@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 13th from 1:00-7:00pm in the Legends gymnasium. Parent-Teacher Conferences are an integral part of the success of your child. We strongly encourage parents to meet with their child's teachers to discuss their progress academically and socially. Also, we encourage students to attend with their parents so students can have input on their progress and discuss short term and long term goals.

SPORTING EVENT SAFETY

By Derrick Nelson, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

At sporting events we need to consider student safety and also player safety. We have had many injuries to ankles, knees, shoulders, and concussions over the years to athletes during practices and games. The last thing we ever want to see during a game is a player go down with an injury.

While the athletes are competing and doing their best during the contest, the last thing on their mind is the crowd at the game. The Leaders Gym in the Al Siegle Activity Center is a great place to play and watch a game; however, it can be very hard to keep elementary students off of the playing surface. Our concern is that elementary students are moving around while the game is going on and there could be an injury to either the student or athlete.

Parents we need your help with these rules for students at Volleyball, Basketball, and Wrestling events.

1. Elementary students must be in the bleachers while the game is going on.
2. Elementary students must go to the concession stand and bathroom in between games and at half time. If a student needs to go at other times they should go with a parent for their safety.
3. Elementary students can use the walking track in between games and at half time, but must in the bleachers when the game is being played.
4. All students must remain in the gymnasium and foyer area during events. Students are not allowed to be in other areas of the building.
5. All spectators must use good sportsmanship and cheer for their team without putting down the opposing team.

We ask parents to help staff at sporting events by talking to elementary students about the rules and helping us enforce the rules that are in place for everyone's safety. The last thing we want is an elementary student or player injured during events.

Good luck to all of our teams this year. GO VIKINGS!



Parent-Teacher Conferences

**PRHS
Grades
7-12**

**Monday, November 13
1:00-7:00pm**

in the Legends Gym

Enter West Door #3 or East Door #7

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non-school Mondays and after school!*

Non-school Mondays

- 8:30am-12:00pm
- Free breakfast (8-8:30am) is available
- Free lunch (12-12:30pm) is available
- Please send morning snack
- Morning & afternoon in-town busing

2017-18 School Year VSS Non-school Mondays for students in grades 7-12

- October 9, 23
- November 27
- December 4, 11
- January 22, 29
- February 19, 26
- March 12, 19
- April 16, 23

VSS After School

- 4:00-5:15pm
- Tuesdays-Thursdays
- An after school snack is provided

Contact Amy Korf at
218-863-5910 x4830 or
akorf@pelicanrapids.k12.mn.us
with questions about this program

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BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE

By Trevor Steeves,
Building & Grounds Superintendent

A new school year has begun and we are finishing several summer projects such as: flooring at the Elementary and High School, new windows & adding wall insulation, new roofs at the high school, Elementary LED lighting upgrade. These projects will help with energy efficiency in both buildings.

The walking track is open for use, if you are new to using the track please stop at the High School office and get a background check and an access card.

Enjoy the fall by getting out and seeing our fall sports teams at our beautiful facilities.

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surrounding districts

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K-12 Licensed Teacher
to Student Ratio is 13:1
K-2 Average
Class Size is 15

Citizenship & Global Competency



Student Lighthouse Teams
lead projects to 'make a
difference' in the school
and in the community

Programs

Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Preschool, Voluntary Prekindergarten

- Viking Preschool Programs
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Viking Student Success K-12

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