



POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

PIRATES

MAY, 2023 PD NEWSLETTER

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

May was a month of celebrations as we recognized our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week, celebrated our moms on Mother's Day and will end the month with Memorial Day, recognizing those heroes who gave their lives defending our country.

Congratulations to our PD Pirate track team for their hard work and efforts in making the season a success!!! May and June will bring several graduations. On a grander scale, congratulations to all the recent graduates of our local high schools and universities, including YSU.

Our preschool will hold their graduation on June 2, 2023, the elementary school will celebrate the 6th graders' accomplishments on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 and the big event for our high school seniors will be held July 7, 2023 at Stambaugh Auditorium.

On a personal note, I would like to congratulate Carlie Harmon on her graduation from Canfield High School and her acceptance to the University of Mount Union!! Carlie is the daughter of Jodi and Jimmy Harmon.

Also, I would like to recognize my nephew Rocco Garchar on his graduation from Struthers High School. Rocco had a great season on the basketball court and we're looking forward to great things for him in the future.

Sincerely,
Paul



It was a week of fun and appreciation as Potential Development celebrated teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Each day brought a new dress-up theme for students and teachers alike, and each day our staff was given a special treat. We appreciate our teachers and aides so much!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Friday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Graduation

Thursday, June 8, 12:30 p.m.

High School Talent Show (students only!)

Wednesday, June 14, 9:00 a.m.

Parent Meeting, High School

Friday, June 16 and Monday, June 19

Potential Development is closed

Wednesday, June 21, 10:00 a.m.

Police Day, High School

Thursday, June 22, 10:00 a.m.

Firefighter Day, High School

Thursday, June 29, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Prom, Davis Center at Fellows Riverside Gardens

Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4

Potential Development is closed

Wednesday, July 6

Graduation rehearsal

Friday, July 7, 10:00 a.m.

High School Graduation, Stambaugh Auditorium

Tuesday, July 11

6th Grade Graduation, Elementary/Middle School

Wednesday, July 12-LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

FIRST RESPONDERS WILL VISIT PD HIGH SCHOOL IN JUNE

On Wednesday, June 21, Youngstown Police Department officers will stop by the High School with a comfort dog and a cruiser. Students can meet the dog and sit inside the cruiser. Then on Thursday, June 22, Youngstown Fire Department members will arrive on a fire truck to educate our students about the gear, the truck, and fire safety. They will also be setting up the hose(s) to spray our students. Water balloons, super soakers, and sprinklers will complete the day. Students have completed coloring pages and letters of appreciation which will be given to our First Responders on those days.

Three Cheers for Local Companies

We are grateful for the support of the Poland Rotary which presented PD with a contribution from their Night at the Races & Chili Open to support our eSports program. Likewise, Pours for Potential, sponsored by Birdfish Brewing, was a rousing success. Special thanks to Birdfish, S & T Engraving and De-Lisha's for their commitment to PD!

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Potential Development is strengthened by the addition of three new Board members whose expertise and talent will help propel us into the future. Please help us welcome **Sue Filipovich**, Broker, Burgan Real Estate; **Angel Pixley**, Owner and COO of Thrive Counseling; and **Jomont Ware**, Coordinator of Student Enrichment and Diversity Programs for the Sokolov Honors College and Athletics at YSU.

CULTURAL DAYS AT PD

Fueled by a grant from the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley's International Institute Fund, PD High School students participated in cultural activities that showcased two ethnic groups of the Mahoning Valley. On May 4th, several classes enjoyed a Cinco de Mayo party with food, music and dancing. Then, on May 5th, Miss Melissa Dubaj's class welcomed Mrs. Mary Jo Blount, a local baking expert, who helped them bake her specialty, Italian Taralli. They learned about the region in Italy where these cookies originated as well as some of the ethnic customs brought to our area. Plus, they were able to eat their own creations!



Student-Athletes Participated in Special Olympics

Our Pirate flag flew high and proud as thirty-seven Potential Development students participated in the Trumbull County Special Olympics Invitational Track Meet on Saturday, May 13 at Girard City Schools Arrowhead Stadium!

