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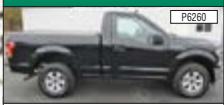
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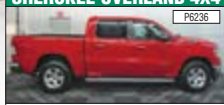
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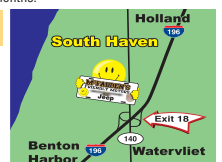
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CharacterStrong at Home: Four Ways to Get Involved

When Paw Paw Public Schools launched the CharacterStrong program this school year, it was with a commitment to make sure parents had the opportunity to know about the program and to have a say in how the program works. For parents who want to know more and participate in the success of the program, here are four ways to get involved.

- Attend Parent Chat Informational Sessions.** Each month educators from Paw Paw Public Schools hold an evening online meeting to share details about CharacterStrong, including lessons that have been covered in the classroom and lessons that will be covered in the coming weeks, plus a chance to ask questions about or comment on the program. These sessions are advertised on the PPPS website and on the district Facebook pages.
- Review Information Sent Home or Available Online.** Students in grades Pre-K-5 receive a letter each month highlighting the CharacterStrong theme being taught that month, and it has information and at-home activities. Information is available at any time for all Pre-K-12th grade levels on the PPPS website (<https://www.ppps.org/page/characterstrong-parent-resources>).
- Participate in Family Dares.** Every Sunday a Family Dare is posted to the PPPS Facebook district and school pages inviting families to participate in an activity designed to capture some more precious time as a family and do something that can bring you closer to one another and to extended families, neighbors, and the entire community of Paw Paw. This is a great way to see how CharacterStrong is designed to help our students build even better relationships with others.
- Learn More About the Program.** There are always opportunities for you to learn more about CharacterStrong. A monthly committee of parents and other stakeholders meets to look at the program, raise questions, and learn more. Those parents would be glad to communicate with any other parent who has questions or input and would feel more comfortable talking to a parent than with others. At parent-teacher conferences and other events staff people will provide a chance for you to review the curriculum and resources of CharacterStrong. At public information events, such as community forums or board meetings, questions are welcome.

With this important district-wide initiative, it is important that parents have the information they need and the opportunity to ask questions and learn more. If you have questions or want to get connected to a committee member or administrator, please feel free to contact your child's school at any time.



PPPS Family Takes to the Trails for CharacterStrong Family Dare of the Week.

PPHS Recognizes Students as "Leaders of the Pack"

This year, the staff members at Paw Paw High School have formed several new committees to work on school improvement. One new committee is the Student Recognition (SR) Committee. This group of staff members, including teachers and support staff, is working to recognize the everyday actions our students are taking to create a welcoming environment for all students.

Inspired by August guest presenter Monica Genta, this group is looking for the AWESOME to be found every day, and has created an Awesome Board. This bulletin board in the main hallway will be updated monthly, and features the kind actions students are showing one another.

In another initiative, lockers have been decorated with signs showing the student involvement in clubs, music, and athletics. The lockers will be updated throughout the year to highlight the amazing activities that are taking place in the building.

The SR Committee has also launched a "Leaders of the Pack" monthly award to recognize students who embody the District's Core Values of Integrity, Innovation, Community, Kindness and Success. Each month, students who are distinguished as Leaders of the Pack will be treated to breakfast and recognized on another bulletin board in the school.



Paw Paw High School Students take time to "Rake a Difference" in the community by helping senior citizens clean up their yards.



PPHS Football Players Show Kindness by serving at the PPPS Senior Citizens' Luncheon.

Aspire Academy Exemplifies Integrity in its Approach to CharacterStrong

When talking about the integrity of an object, it refers to the wholeness or completeness of that object. At Cedar Street, CharacterStrong runs as a whole.

CharacterStrong as a Whole:

Students at the Cedar Street Campus take the time to work together as a whole throughout the year. This year, all schools in the district are using CharacterStrong, but Aspire Academy is using it as a whole! Students are all coming together on Wednesday mornings as Mrs. Roberts, the guidance counselor, leads the lesson. Students decorated journals during the first Wednesday meeting, and these are for students to answer questions and record thoughts during the lessons. These journals stay with the students during the week. The rest of the week, students are encouraged to use their journals to answer questions from their teachers that relate to the large group message on Wednesday. Aspire teachers might ask about the new term for the week, how students are doing on their challenge, or how they can help change the climate at their jobs using the skills discussed Wednesday morning. The journals are checked randomly for completion, but students know they will not be graded or judged for the contents of their journals. They are personal and confidential. Students are already in the habit of getting their journals out first thing on Wednesday mornings and preparing for Mrs. Roberts' lessons. As the year progresses, Aspire teachers will be taking turns leading the group as a whole or dividing into House Time and working through lessons.



Paw Paw Youth Cross Country Run Club

The Paw Paw Elementary Run Club has become a beacon of fitness and fun for students ranging from Pre-K to fifth grade. Under the guidance of dedicated high school cross-country runners, these young boys and girls have embraced the thrill of running and the values of teamwork. Over the course of five weeks, they have convened for a weekly practice session, regardless of the weather, to prepare for the upcoming race on the high school cross-country course. With unwavering commitment, more than 90 students have registered and participated, demonstrating their dedication to a healthy, active lifestyle. This initiative not only promotes physical fitness but also offers these children the opportunity to cultivate a lifelong love for the sport of running.

On race day, the Paw Paw Elementary Run Club members put their training to the test as they race along a 1-mile or 2-mile loop on the challenging high school cross-country course. Beyond the physical benefits, this program instills essential life skills such as discipline, perseverance, and joy of camaraderie. The club has not only fostered a sense of community within the school but also encouraged students to adopt running as a lifelong pursuit, setting the foundation for a healthier and more active future. The Paw Paw Elementary Run Club is not just about crossing the finish line, it's about building character and embracing the exhilarating world of running.



Red Ribbon Week Recognized at PPMS

Red Ribbon Week is celebrated every year from Oct 23-31. It is a way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. The 2023 Red Ribbon Campaign Theme is, "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free.™" This year's theme was a reminder that everyday Americans across the country make significant daily contributions to their communities by being the best they can be because they live Drug-Free! To celebrate Red Ribbon Week, Paw Paw Middle School classes created anti-drug awareness posters to help promote drug statistics, effects on the body, and the dangers and consequences of drug use.



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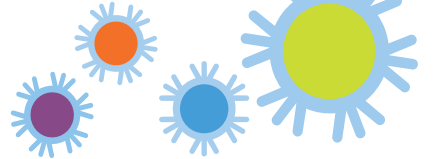
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With the first snow of the year, we were busy with multiple crashes. Law Enforcement goes through this every year, and this year was not different. Just a reminder in bad weather, give yourself extra time for travel, check your tire tread, have your emergency kit in your vehicle, etc.

Corrections staff done their yearly update and training for defensive tactics, legal updates (which is covered throughout the year when they come out), restraints, oc spray, tazer, etc.

Our animal control shelter currently has 12 dogs in it. With that said, just over half are up for adoption right now. We currently have no cats or other animals there. We always welcome the public to stop by and talk with the staff there as well as look for their next pet for the animals forever home.

Uniform Response had a pursuit in Geneva Township with a vehicle that was in violation of multiple infractions. The vehicle did crash in the ditch with the driver bailing out immediately. Our canine tracked the subject down and he was put into custody. The driver was charged with multiple offenses for the incident.

Uniform Response handled several incidents related to trespassing from hunters. Just a reminder to the public that there is no legal right to trespass when retrieving a deer without permission. There is no legal right to hunt a property line and shoot on to another person's property. Remember to register your deer upon success with the DNR.

Uniform Response had a pursuit starting in the Village of Paw Paw ending at Armstrong Corners (M40hwy & M43hwy). The initial stop was being made due to a BOL for the vehicle driving poorly and at times in the oncoming traffic lane. Deputies were able to deploy stop sticks and flatten both front tires just prior to Armstrong Corner. The female driver attempted to run on foot abandoning her 4-year-old child in the vehicle, however, she fell after a short foot chase and was taken into custody. During the pursuit of the vehicle, the deputies did not know there was a child in the vehicle. The child was taken back to our office and turned over to a relative. The driver was charged with multiple offenses. The driver also had 6 warrants for her arrest out of Indiana and 1 out of Novi. In all, the driver in now facing 13 charges.

Uniform Response to a larceny complaint in Bloomingdale Township of a stolen atv. It was a 2017 570 Polaris Sportsman, blue in color with a silver snowplow. Anyone with any information on it is asked to call our office.

Emergency Management Director has been working with county staff throughout the county for upcoming fire drills in county buildings.

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