



# The Indian Update



Jason Rakers, Principal

January

## CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH-Courage

**Report Cards:** The end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Report cards will be going home Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to look it over and contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

**PTO:** The Parent Teacher Organization at PES always creates fun and educational activities for our children. If you want to be a part of the experience, come to the next meeting on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

**Skyward Family Access:** This is just a reminder about our web-based tool that allows you to view and update student information at a time that works for you. It is secure and only you can see information about students in your household. You can see attendance, grades, emergency information, the amount of money in your lunch account, and more. A link to Skyward Family Access is on our website. You can also log in to your family access account and check/edit your contact information. Any changes will save automatically to Skyward. Contact Kim in the office if you need help.

**AR Point Challenge:** Reaching the end of the 2nd quarter, our student body has collectively compiled a grand total of just over 9,500 AR points by reading books. That is 1,100 MORE than last year at this time! Wahoo! This is 43 % of our challenging 22,000 'send Mr. Rakers to the dunk tank' goal. We are so proud of our students who have worked extremely hard to reach their AR goal. Please continue motivating your child to read the required 15 minutes (or more) a night. Our children have a better chance to reach their dreams if they are good readers.

**State Mandated Assessments:** The state-mandated 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) testing will be completed in one **testing session April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We ask that you please avoid any pre-planned absences during testing. Thank you for working with us on these important assessments.

**Safety Procedures:** Thank you for continuing to abide by our safety procedures for our students. We appreciate your support in our efforts to keep our students as safe as possible. Please keep in mind that if you come to the front door, you will be asked to identify yourself and your reason for visiting. If you bring your child to school in the morning, please allow them to walk into the building on their own, as we are attempting to limit the amount of adult traffic into our school for monitoring purposes. If you would like to talk to a teacher about your child's education, do not hesitate to come in. We want you to know that you are always welcome. Our safety measures will not keep you from learning about your child's education. Please come to the main entrance or schedule a meeting in advance if you want to meet with a teacher.

**Lost and Found:** Our lost and found is growing! Check it out the next time you are at school.

**High School Registration:** Orientation and registration dates will be announced soon for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students should hear from the high school soon.

# Important Dates In January

\* Dates and times are subject to change. \*

**December 24<sup>th</sup>-January 4<sup>th</sup>-NO SCHOOL**

**Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>-NO SCHOOL (Teacher's Institute)**

**-BB at Sorrento Tournament (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)**

**Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>- School Resumes for Students**

**-VB at Sorrento 6:00**

**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>-PES Security Drill with Bond County Sheriff Dept.**

**-BB at Mt. Olive 6:00**

**Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>-BB vs. Wood River (H) 4:00**

**-VB Pep Rally & PBIS Celebration (Faculty vs. VB 1:30)**

**Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>-VB vs. Litchfield (H) 6:00**

**-2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards Go Home**

**Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>-2nd Quarter AR Party (Choc. Treats & Dodge Ball Tny.)**

**Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>-Winter Student Benchmarking Tests**

**-PES Parent Teacher Organization Meeting 6:00**

**-BB at Lebanon 6:00**

**Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>-BB vs. Ramsey (H) 6:00**

**Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>-BB vs. St. Rose (H) 6:00**

**January 19-22 - 7<sup>th</sup> BB Regional at Pana Sacred Heart (Tower Hill)**

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>- NO SCHOOL (MLK Jr. Day)**

**Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>-VB vs. Ramsey (H) 6:00**

**-BOE Meeting at GHS 7:00**

**Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>-VB vs. Mulberry Grove (H) 4:00**

**Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>-12:30 Dismissal for School Improvement**

**January 26-29 - 8<sup>th</sup> BB Regional at Pana Sacred Heart (Tower Hill)**

**Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> -VB at St. Rose 6:00**

**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> -VB at Greenville 4:00**

**Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>- VB at Mulberry Grove 6:00**

**March 9-Sports Boosters Breakfast**

**April 29-May 3-PARCC State Mandated Testing**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> -PES Color Run**