

BOARD REPORT

# Updated Policy for Food/Snacks in Classrooms

Amanda Tanner, Board Member

In an effort to best meet the needs of all students in our school district, we recently revised our policy related to food and snacks in classrooms. As of the 2018-2019 school year we were able to begin implementing our newly revised policy. With a lot of work from our Wellness Committee, and approved by the school board, everyone has worked together to look out for our student's safety.

Within our district, we have students in each of our schools with diagnosed life-threatening food allergies. The changes made to our policy are intended to better care for our students and are the result of a recommendation from our district Wellness Committee. The Wellness Committee is comprised of school administrators, district employees, community members, parents, and a board member.

The updated policy outlines The following:

- We will no longer allow food to be served on individual student birthdays. We will allow for activities that involve food up to once a month in each classroom, at the discretion of the teacher. Individual teachers will create their own classroom birthday recognition practices, which often include learning components on the student's special day.
- In all cases of food being involved in classrooms, families will have prior notice of the events, including information about what types of food will be available, and ingredients if needed. Food practices in individual classrooms will be mindful of life-threatening allergies, food sensitivities, health, and the potential for disruption, and will be communicated by individual classroom teachers.
- There are many occasions when schools wish to recognize accomplishments of students. We will continue to explore and implement strategies unrelated to food. We hope to create a safer, healthier environment, and minimize loss of instructional time and disruption throughout the school year.

In order to make implementation of the new, safer policy, we need your help. Please do not bring food to school for consumption in the classroom, unless pre-arranged with the school and/or classroom teacher. Also, instead of bringing food or snacks for birthday and holiday celebrations, please consider sharing stickers, pencils, erasers, etc.

In addition, the Wellness Committee has provided a list of "approved snacks", which is available in the school office and on the district website. The committee put a lot of effort into putting together an extensive list which includes a large variety of options. For further guidance, please see Pullman School District Administrative Procedure 6700P, by going to [www.pullmanschools.org](http://www.pullmanschools.org), under the School Board tab, Policies and Procedures, 6000's

Although this is a big change, and we may miss bringing treats for birthdays, or sending candy valentines to our students' classrooms, by doing those things, we may have been unknowingly putting other students at risk of having serious health reactions. We'd like to thank the community in advance for their understanding, and commitment to keeping all of our students as safe as possible.

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## Important Upcoming Event 2019-2020 Course Registration Process

Although it may still seem like winter on the Palouse, it is not too early for PHS to be thinking about course options and offerings for next year. For this year's 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th graders, this process will begin in early March. One of the first transitions for our 8th grade families is our 8th Grade Parent Night. This event will take place on March 19th in the PHS Auditorium. The transition from 8th grade to 9th grade is an important process and we put a lot of time and effort into facilitating our students' passage from the middle school to the high school. The process of registering for classes on a computer will take place towards the end of March. Despite our best efforts, this can be a very stressful time for students and families, especially if they have not had a family member attend PHS before. Please feel free to contact the PHS staff if you have any questions or concerns about the process.

For the current 9th, 10th and 11th graders, the process will begin with whole-class meetings and wrap up with registration on computers during English classes at the end of March. For all students, this is a good time for parents/guardians and their students to review academic plans. Initiate a discussion about your son or daughters plans beyond high school. Have those plans changed recently? If so, do we need to consider a different academic plan? Have we looked carefully at the requirements for acceptance for your student's specific goals after high school? We recommend students continue to challenge themselves academically and take a collection of rigorous courses that build a strong academic record. That goal also needs to be balanced with including classes that keep the work load manageable and student motivation high. If you have questions about the classes that should be taken, the PHS staff will be happy to help answer those questions.

## Coffee with Bob

Join us for updates from Superintendent Maxwell!



12-1pm at the District Office  
240 SE Dexter Street

### 2018-2019 Dates

- October 29
- November 26
- December 11
- January 8
- February 4
- March 7
- April 11
- May 2
- June 5

Questions? Contact Shannon Focht: 509.332.3581 or [sfocht@psd267.org](mailto:sfocht@psd267.org)

## A Push for Positive

Juston Pollestad, PHS Interim Principal

Pullman High School is well known for its commitment to excellence in the classroom, impressive state assessment scores, and highly successful athletic and activities programs. With all our successes, it's important to remember to do things the right way, not take things for granted, and to focus on the positives going on around us every day. One example of focusing on the positive, is the "Compete with Class" sportsmanship award that was implemented by our Assistant Principal **Mr. Chris Franklin** at the start of our Winter sports season. Mr. Franklin instituted this award concentrating on sportsmanship. As you can see in the letter below, this award is unique because its' focus is to recognize the positive efforts made by students from our opposing teams. This program has been a huge success within our league. We have received letters from Great Northern League schools, parents, and community members recognizing our efforts to focus on the life lessons students can learn through activities.

The positive efforts we are making here at PHS are contagious; not only to the students and staff we connect with every day, but even to opposing schools. Our "Compete with Class" award is just one example of many things we are doing at PHS to focus on the positive.



### Pullman High School

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January 8, 2019

Alec Vermaire  
Athletic Director  
East Valley High School  
15711 E. Wellesley  
Spokane, WA 99216

Dear Alec,

At the end of each basketball game, Pullman High School recognizes a "Compete with Class" Sportsmanship award that is given to the athlete (one male and one female) from the visiting team who best exemplifies the attributes of character, integrity, and sportsmanship and receives a Sportsmanship Certificate and lapel pin. These athletes do not need to be a starter or of a certain grade level. When selecting these athletes, a panel of observers consider the following characteristics demonstrated during their games: a student-athlete who is team focused, is a positive role model for other athletes, displays good sportsmanship and respect towards officials and opponents even in the face of adversity, has a positive attitude, and exhibits integrity by doing what is right when no one is looking.

I am pleased to write this letter congratulating *Destiny Hilliard* and *Zach Honegger* for being awarded the Sportsmanship Certificate of Recognition and lapel pin in the recent basketball games played at Pullman High School on January 8, 2019. Our committee would also recognize *Oakley Morehouse* from the boys' JV game as he went out of his way to help up a Pullman Player that was knocked down hard after a play. Please congratulate them on demonstrating a "Compete with Class" attitude during the game.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Principal for Student Activities & Athletics  
Pullman High School  
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cc: Matthew Stevens, East Valley HS Principal, Kelly Shea, East Valley SD Superintendent, Juston Pollestad, PHS Principal, Bob Maxwell, PSD Superintendent



# Stephanie Bray Selected as Franklin Elementary School Principal



**Stephanie Bray**, currently interim principal at Franklin Elementary, was selected through a rigorous process and from among three finalist candidates to be recommended for hire as principal of Franklin Elementary School beginning in July 1, 2019. The recommendation to appoint Mrs. Bray to the position of Principal at Franklin Elementary School will be considered by the Pullman School District Board of Directors at the February 13, 2019 board meeting. We are pleased with the strong applicant pool that was interviewed and are confident that we have recommended an excellent administrator for Franklin Elementary.

A comprehensive interview process was conducted on February 8th and included a formal interview and presentation to the interview committee, a written exercise, an observation and written feedback of a lesson, a tour of Franklin and an interview with Franklin students, and open forums for staff and the community. The comprehensive interview process began at 10 a.m. with four finalist candidates, however one of the candidates withdrew early that morning due to an emergency. Stephanie Bray emerged as a capable and desirable candidate. She is currently serving our students and staff at Franklin on an interim basis, and is very familiar with Franklin staff and families.

The interview committee consisted of district and building administrators, a board member (Susan Weed), a district instructional coach, 4 Franklin staff members, and 2 Franklin parents selected by lottery.

Students from Franklin that met with Mrs. Bray noted that “she is kind and nice” and that she “has good ideas and activities for kids”.

Nearly 50 staff members and community members joined the candidates at two open forums where they had the opportunity to meet and talk to each candidate. The feedback from staff and community members was very supportive of selecting Mrs. Bray to continue as Franklin principal. One employee noted that Mrs. Bray is “student-first always, extremely knowledgeable about improving instructional outcomes and values staff members.” A parent noted that Mrs. Bray “works hard, works well with kids, cares about the Franklin community and communicates very well with staff and parents.”

Mrs. Bray has many years of elementary-level teaching experience and has also served the district as a teacher on special assignment focusing on Curriculum and Assessment. She is a graduate of Idaho State University and holds a Master’s degree in teaching from Eastern Oregon University and Principal Certification from Washington State University. Superintendent **Dr. Bob Maxwell** said, “Stephanie Bray has proven herself to be an effective, compassionate administrator. In addition, she has extensive elementary experience and is a talented educator and leader. We are thrilled that Stephanie is excited to continue serving Franklin as their principal!” We look forward to keeping Mrs. Bray at Franklin Elementary School!

## The Pullman Education Foundation would like to thank the following for their generous donation to the Annual Appeal made by December 31, 2018.

**Contributions to the Annual Appeal can be made at any time to Pullman Education Foundation, PO Box 151, Pullman, WA 99163.**

### Friends (\$10-49)

- Carol Dahl
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- Sandra Albers
- Angelo Baladez
- Lee and Maxine Bamesberger
- Connie Brown
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- Carol Chipman
- Richard and Kathy Emtman

### Leaders (\$500+)

- Midge Bashaw
- Chuck and Sue Hilliard
- Amy and Chip Tull

The Pullman Education Foundation offers \$10,000 in college scholarships for graduating seniors at Pullman High School. Applications and more information can be found by visiting the Counseling Center College Funding page at [phs.pullmanschools.org](http://phs.pullmanschools.org). Deadline for all PEF applications is April 12.

The Pullman School District Board of Directors and the Pullman School District shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities programs without regard to race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation (including gender expression or identity), marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, participation in the Boy Scouts of America or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment.

The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: **Robert Kramer**, Assistant Superintendent, Pullman School District Administrative Offices, 240 SE Dexter Street, Pullman, WA 99163, 509.332.3144. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations in the application process by contacting the Personnel Coordinator at (509) 332-3584.

## Child Find 2018-2019 Early Childhood Developmental Screening

PULLMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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- WHO:** Children - Birth through 5 years of age who are living in the Pullman School District. If your family is living in a temporary situation, you may contact the district in which you are currently staying for a screening.
- WHAT:** This screening is an opportunity to identify, locate, and evaluate children who might have a disability and to address potential concerns.
- WHEN:** **Friday mornings during the 2018-2019 school year:**
- \* September 7th
  - \* October 5th
  - \* November 2nd
  - \* January 11th
  - \* February 1st
  - \* March 1st
  - \* April 12th
  - \* May 3rd
- WHERE:** **Community Child Care Center/Head Start**  
530 NW Larry Street (aka Greyhound Way) (behind Pullman High School)  
Pullman, WA



**For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact:**  
Instructional Programs Office  
Pullman School District  
Phone: 509-332-3144



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