



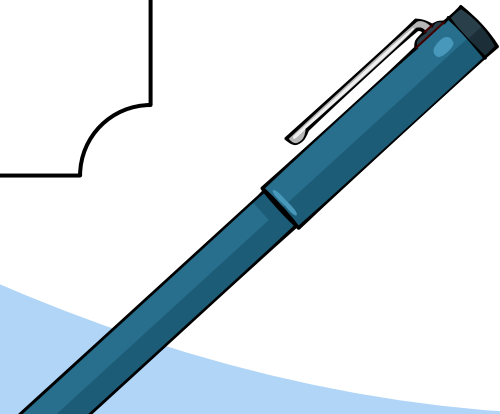
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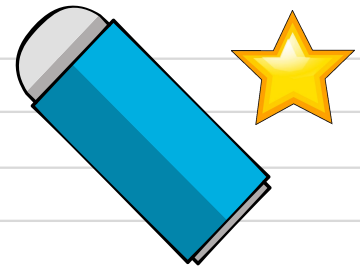
# Learning Opportunities

# Beyond the School Day

PHM Forum May 13, 2026



# Introductions



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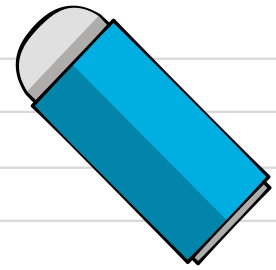
Principal of Discovery Middle School

### Background:

- 7 Years in PHM; 10 Years in Indiana; 20 Years as an Educator
- Served as Middle School Principal, Elementary Principal, Elementary Assistant Principal, I.B. PYP Programme Coordinator, Exceptional Education Teacher, 4th Grade Teacher
- Bachelor Degree from University of Notre Dame, Masters Degree from Walden University, Specialist Degree from Nova Southeastern University
- Parent of 3 children



# Introductions



## Kristel Wheeler

Assistant Principal Penn High School

### Background:

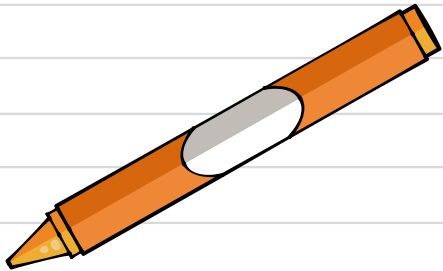

- 7 Years at PHS; 12 years as a teacher in Arizona.
- Served as a Resource Teacher, Dean of Students and Assistant Principal all at PHS.
- Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Dakota, Masters Degree in Special Education and Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University
- Parent of 2 boys (12 & 9)





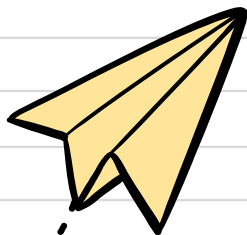
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# ACADEMIC TEAMS



Challenge your brain  
and dig deeper into  
content areas!

# Middle School Academic Super Bowls



## Discovery Middle School 2026 Academic Super Bowl Teams

### Area Contest

**Teams A & B** Class 1 Results

Social Studies - 1st & 2nd place

Math - 1st place

English - 1st place

Science - 1st & 2nd place

Interdisciplinary - 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> place

### State results:

English - 1st place

Social Studies - 4th place

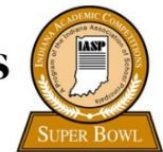
Interdisciplinary - 2nd place

Math - 2nd place

Science - 8th place




in the state, Junior Division  
(2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row!)



# Academic Super Bowl





# Elementary Spell Bowls Middle and High School Spell Bowl Teams

All PHM Elementary Schools compete in a Spell Bowl for grades 3-5 giving students the opportunity to compete locally and move up to a state level with their team. Middle and High School students can join their Spell Bowl teams and do the same!

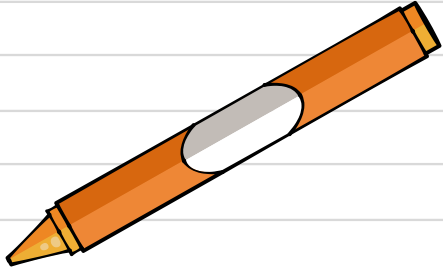

## Indiana Academic Spell Bowl State Finals Results





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# ATHLETIC TEAMS



Challenge your  
physical abilities and  
stay active!

# Middle School Athletics



## Available Athletics at PHM Middle Schools:

- Boys Wrestling 6th, 7th, 8th
- Girls Wrestling 6th, 7th, 8th
- Boys and Girls Cross Country 6th, 7th, 8th
- Girls Volleyball 7th, 8th\*
- Boys Football 7th, 8th
- Cheerleading 7th, 8th\*
- Girls Basketball 7th, 8th\*
- Boys Basketball 7th, 8th\*
- Girls Track 7th, 8th
- Boys Track 7th, 8th

\*Cuts are Made for these Teams

## INTRAMURALS:

Pickleball, Soccer, Basketball,  
Ping Pong, Tennis

\*Seasonal, all-inclusive, shorter duration (similar to a club) vary from building to building.





# Running is Elementary Track and Field/Cross Country in MS and HS

PHM Elementary Students in grades 4 and 5 can participate in Running is Elementary. Once in Middle School they can join Cross Country in 6th grade and then continue with it and also join the Track team in 7th grade. They can continue in both C.C. and Track all throughout High School!





Wrestling  
Volleyball  
Basketball  
Football

Girls Flag Football

Cross Country

Tennis

Baseball

Softball

Golf

Swim & Dive

Lacrosse

Rugby

Pickleball

Bowling

Hockey

Intramural Basketball

Dance

Cheer



### Summer Camps at Penn

Baseball

Softball

Basketball

Unified Track

Tennis

Soccer

Wrestling

Volleyball

Dance

Flag Football

Cheer

Football

# Unified Sports: Bocce Ball, Cornhole and Unified Track


PHS 9-12th grade students can participate in Unified Track. Bocce is a Fall Sport, Cornhole is a Winter Sport and Unified Track is a Spring Sport.



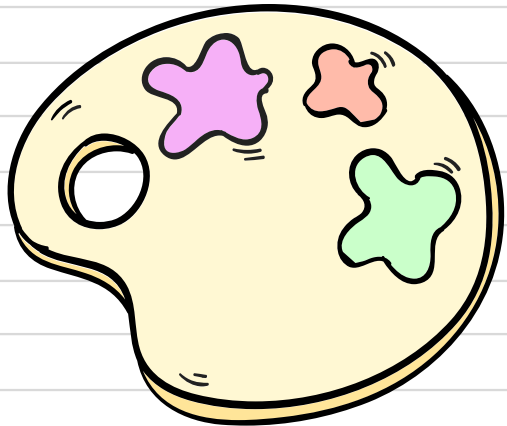


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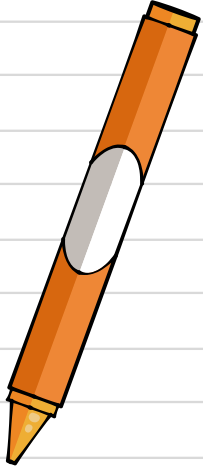
# Clubs



Be part of something  
that inspires you to  
create or cultivate  
new friendships!



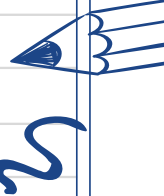
# Middle and High School School Clubs



Reading Club  
3D Design and Print Club  
Debate Club  
Robotics Club  
News Club  
Coding Club  
Theatre Club  
Art Club  
Chess Club  
Student Council  
National Junior Honor Society

Chess Club  
Model UN  
Table Top Games  
Mock Trial  
Kingsmen Court  
Anti Vape Club  
Kingsmen Against Cancer  
ESports  
National Honor Society

This Varies  
Based on  
Student Interest  
at Each of the  
Middle Schools  
and High School



# Middle School Debate Teams

Middle School Debate Team Members held a public speech and debate meet at Penn High School



## High School Speech and Debate Teams

High School Speech and Debate prepares students for future careers in the fields of law, politics, consulting, business management and public relations



# DECA



**DECA is a national Career and Technical Student Organization that has chapters in all 50 states and several other countries**



**Distributive Education Clubs of America-Global Career and Technical Organization**

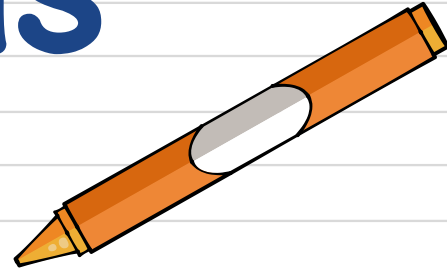


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# PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS



Connect rhythmically,  
create musically and  
showcase talent!



# Middle and High School Performing Arts

## Band

Penn Marching Band

Seasonal Concerts

Jazz

Pep

Percussion Winter  
Guard

## Choir

ISSMA

Solos/Ensembles

Seasonal Concerts

Sounds of the Season

Music at the Mall

## Theater

Hamlet

Shuddersome: Tales of  
Poe

Hadestown: Teen  
Edition

Dr. Seussical the  
Musical

## Orchestra

Chamber Cafe

ISSMA

Ensamles

Solos

Seasonal Concerts

Pops in the Park

Commencement



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# COMMUNITY SERVICE



Give back to your  
community and  
connect with others!



# National Junior Honor Society Ambassadors and Advocates



## DISCOVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY FALL GROUP COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

OUR 154 NJHS STUDENTS COMPLETED 262.5 HUMAN HOURS OF SERVICE AT THE FEED THE HUNGRY WAREHOUSE IN SOUTH BEND, IN FROM OCTOBER 14TH-21ST. STUDENTS SORTED DONATED SHOES DESTINED FOR KENYA, ZAMBIA, LIBERIA, AND HONDURAS.

THESE SHOES WILL GO TO PEOPLE WHO OTHERWISE WOULD BE BAREFOOT. FOOD, SPORTS DRINKS, AND OTHER SUPPLIES WILL ALSO BE SHIPPED TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED.





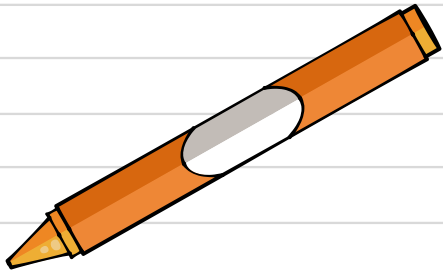
# Key Club





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# TRAVEL ABROAD



Grow as a global citizen  
and step outside your  
comfort zone!

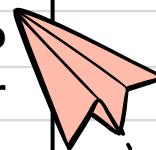




# Middle School Summer International Trips



PHM International Field Trips are open to all PHM Students in the summers of their 7th and 8th grade years. In High School the only requirement is for the student to be enrolled in a prerequisite course.



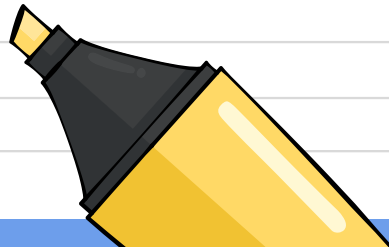


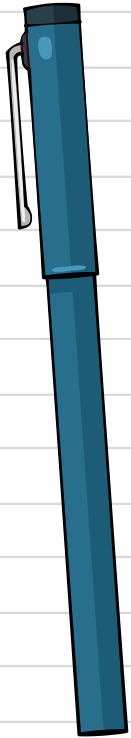
# Learning Opportunities Beyond the School Day!

Well-roundedness  
comes not from  
sitting in a  
classroom but from  
experiencing the  
larger world.

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# Thank You!

What questions might you have?

