The Penfield School District, Penfield Recreation, and Eastside Family YMCA are working together to offer an after school program for students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade on the scheduled half-day of school on Friday, January 30. Busing will be provided from your child's school to Bay Trail Middle School. Children participating should bring their lunch to school; an afternoon snack will be provided. The program fee is 15 dollars per child and parent pick-up is until 6:00 p.m. Register your child today at www.penfieldrec.org.

Mark your calendars for the Penfield Trails Committee’s annual “Hiker’s Jamboree” on Saturday, February 14 at 10 a.m. in Penfield Town Hall Auditorium. The public is invited to come and learn about all the hiking programs in the Greater Rochester area at this free event. Light refreshments will be served. Also, Boy Scout Troop #310 of Penfield will give a brief presentation highlighting their recent trek to the famous high desert Philmont Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico that is an education center and art museum with miles and miles of hiking areas. All groups in the Rochester area that will host hiking programs in 2015 are invited to participate to meet the public and promote their programs. Groups wishing to participate should call Penfield Recreation at (585) 340-8655, option 6.

The Penfield Heritage Association’s next program, “People in Penfield’s Past...and Now,” is Sunday, January 25, 2:30–4:00 p.m. in the Braman Room at the library. Who were those brave people who made Penfield what it is today? The Heritage Association will take you back a few hundred years so that some of the “movers and shakers” can share their stories. It is their hope and intent to bring these former Penfield people back from their graves so that those of us who are “transplants” can better understand what brought them here, and more importantly, why! I know I won’t miss this program...and I hope to see you there.

At this time of year I like to remind everyone about the many aquatic programs offered by the Recreation Department. Programs at the pool are especially appealing if the current weather is getting you down or if you do not enjoy traditional winter sports. Why not join in most every Friday night through May at the Penfield High School pool? Come and play, swim, and exercise while enjoying this spacious pool that is divided to suit all your needs. The pool features a 4x4 tot-dock in the shallow end for little ones, a designated water walking area, and two lanes for lap swimming. The fee is just 2 dollars at the door. For more details go to www.penfieldrec.org.

Until next week, keep an eye on the below normal temperatures and wind chill!

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