



## A Letter from the Principal

Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have already been in school for over 9 weeks! Our students have come in ready to learn and we have settled into the daily routines. Please remember that you play a vital role in your child's success at school. You can help by asking your child about his/her day, having a positive attitude about learning, and reading to or with your child every night. You would be amazed what 20 minutes of reading with your child each night will do her his/ her language development and reading skills. Thank you for all your support at home!

Soaring Beyond Expectations!

Sylvia Averett

### Upcoming

#### Field Trips

##### 2nd Grade

South Girard School

October 6th

##### Kindergarten

Pumpkin Patch

October 20th

##### AR Award

Minnie's & Library

October 24th



## PBIS - Hawk Cards and Celebrations

We have been working with our Positive Behavior Support (PBIS) initiative to ensure safe, responsible and respectful learners. Whether we are in the classroom, in the halls, in the cafeteria, outside at recess, or in another area of the school, we have spent time reviewing our school's expectations and how it should look and sound to be appropriate in our school. We know when students are not feeling safe, no learning can occur. In an effort to reward students, teachers have been giving Hawk Punches when they see a student demonstrating safe, respectful and/or responsible behaviors. When students earn twenty five punches over a specified time period, they are able to participate in our Hawk Celebration. At the end of the semester, students from each class will be recognized for being safe, respectful and responsible in our school.

Students who are caught displaying Hawk Behavior are written a Positive Behavior Referral and are sent to the office to retrieve a gold coin. Students who have earned seven golden coins at the end of the semester will participate in our Super Celebration. Of the students participating in our Super Celebration, I will draw six Hawk names for a privilege to have a special lunch with me in the office!

Be sure to ask your child or children how they are being safe, respectful and responsible at school. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe at school!

## Red Ribbon Week - October 23 - 31, 2017

### Your Future is the Key, So Stay Drug Free!

It's time for Red Ribbon Week, and we are super excited this year, as we have lots planned for the entire week.

Monday: "Proud to be Drug Free"	Wear Red
Tuesday: "Team Up Against Drugs"	Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt or Jersey
Wednesday: "I'm a Jean-ious - I'm Drug Free!"	Wear Jeans
Thursday: "Friends Don't Let Friends Do Drugs"	Twinning It (Dress as a twin with a friend!)
Friday: "Our School Chooses to Be Drug Free"	Wear School Shirt or Colors (Green & Blue)
Monday: " Drugs and I Don't Mix"	Mix & Match Clothes
Tuesday: "Drugs Are Scary"	Wear Your Costume**

\*\*Last year's costume parade was such a big success with our students, that we've decided to bring it back!

Students who wear their Halloween costumes will be permitted to participate in the parade. Costumes must be **appropriate** and **can not** be scary. For safety reasons, masks will be allowed during the parade only, and will not be allowed to be worn in the classroom.

Please look for more information coming in your child's folder soon!

# Calendar of Events

## October

5th - End of First 9 Weeks



9th - No School

Columbus Day



12th - Report Cards Issued



17th-19th - Honor Roll Ceremonies



23rd - 31st - Red Ribbon Week



27th - Empower Hour / Parenting Day



31st - Halloween



## November

7th - Fall Picture Retakes



9th - Progress Reports Issued



9th - Thanksgiving Dinner (1st, 3rd, 5th)



10th - No School

Veterans' Day



14th - Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00

20th - 24th - Thanksgiving Holiday



## PARENTS: Important Reminders

❖ Please remember to keep the office informed of any changes in your contact information as soon as possible. It is important for us to be able to contact you in the event of an emergency. If you have missed a phone call from the school, please understand that we are unable to identify the person, extension number, or department that was trying to reach you.

❖ Don't forget to sign in at the office and pick up a visitor badge. Adults in the building without a Visitor's Pass will be escorted back to the front office.

❖ Parents are not allowed to walk students to class or to visit the classrooms until after 8:30, to ensure teachers have adequate time to get students settled for the day.

❖ School begins at 8:00 and dismisses at 3:00. Students who arrive to school after 8:00 **MUST BE** accompanied into the front office by an adult. Students have to be checked in on the front computer by the person bringing them to school.

❖ Transportation changes can not be made over the phone; there are no exceptions to this rule. If a student needs to change the way they get home in the afternoon, you can:

1) Send a written note with the student to school in the morning. The note must include how the student gets home, the address the student will be going to if riding a bus, or the name of the daycare that will be picking them up. You must also include how long the change will be in effect, a signature, and a phone number where you can be reached.

2) Come into the front office with your identification and we'll make the necessary changes.



# Box Tops for Education

PCES is collecting Box Tops for Education again this year. For more information email Mrs. Dress-Gunter at:

[pdress-gunter@pcboe.net](mailto:pdress-gunter@pcboe.net) We will be making our first Box Tops for Education & submission soon, so please get as many labels in as you can by November 30.

## Tardies at PCES

Students at PCES are averaging over 50 tardies a day for the 2017-2018 school year. In the month of September alone, we had over 800 tardies!

The District Student Code of Conduct lists Excessive Tardies as a Class I Offense. Because it is such a problem at PCES, we have implemented a new policy.

Once your student accumulates 10 tardies, you will receive a letter and be required to schedule a conference with the administration. Failure to schedule or attend your conference will result in After School Detention for your student. Students with continued excessive tardies can be assigned detention or suspended.

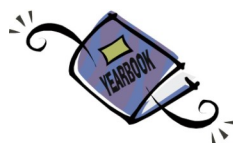
School starts at 8:00 EVERY DAY. Please make every effort to have your student in class on time.

## Yearbooks on Sale!!

The 2017-2018 yearbooks are on sale now. Order your student's yearbook before Christmas Break, and the price is **ONLY \$20!!**

After Christmas, the price will increase to \$23.00.

Our 2017-2018 yearbook will be all color and hold lots of exciting photos from this school year. Students who order a yearbook will also be invited to the end of the year signing party. Make sure your child doesn't miss out on this year's memories!



## Family Fun Night

Please join us at PCES on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in the Cafeteria for an unplugged hour and a half of old-fashioned fun!

Play our games, or bring your family favorites to share. No electronic or computer games, please. Your entire family is welcome. There will be music and an M.C. to make this event extra fun and exciting! We hope you join us!!!! (Children must be accompanied by an adult.) Looking forward to seeing everyone!

\*\*\*\* If you are available to assist with this event in any way, or would like to donate a fun item for the free raffle, please contact D. Howard at [dhoward@pcboe.net](mailto:dhoward@pcboe.net)

\*\*\*\*All children must be accompanied by an adult!

## Breakfast at School

Mornings can be really crazy! The alarm doesn't go off, the kids don't want to get up, there's no time to eat breakfast before the bus comes or they're just not ready to eat. Or maybe your teenager grabs a can of soda and a candy bar on the way to school. If this sounds like your house, we have good news for you.

Breakfast is available at school! Take advantage of this option to ensure your child eats a nutritious breakfast. Recent studies show a link between nutrition and learning. A nutritious breakfast helps students be more alert so they can actively participate in class. Breakfast has vitamins and nutrients for a strong and healthy body.

Breakfast at school is affordable, too. A full breakfast is **FREE!!** Nowhere else will you find a balanced breakfast at such a low cost, so take advantage of this opportunity to start the day on the right foot. Your child will find breakfast at school provides not only a nutritious meal but also a relaxed atmosphere for socializing with friends and siblings.



- If your students has lost any item at school, such as a jacket or a bookbag, please stop by
- the school from 8:30-2:30 to look through our lost and found, located in the cafeteria.

