

The PEN

Pasadena Elementary News, January 2024

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Message from the Principal

Dear Pasadena Elementary Families,

Happy New Year! As we embark on a new year filled with possibilities, I extend my warmest wishes to each of our families.

May 2024 be a chapter of success, resilience, and joy for our students, parents, and staff.

The end of the marking will be fast upon us. It is important to ensure that your student is independently completing assignments in all class areas, including Cultural Arts. Please help your



student to stay ahead so that assignments are not turned in at the last possible moment. All students are expected to complete assignments independently and in a timely manner following a lesson rather than accumulating incomplete assignments and submitting them at the end. Assignments are intended to be a follow-up and an indicator of independent student application of the skill taught. It also provides us with student strengths and needs for reteaching and extending student learning.

As we turn the page on a new calendar year, it is always a good time to set intentions for the coming year. Routines are often forgotten after a long break. Teachers will review school and classroom expectations as well as revisiting important Second Step (social emotional) lessons. This is a great time for you to reinforce the importance of classroom participation and encourage your student to stay engaged in instruction.

Parking in designated fire lanes and/or bus loops is prohibited. Maryland Motor Vehicle Law § 21-101.1(b)2,3 states: A person may not drive a motor vehicle in violation of any provision of this title on any property that is owned by or under the control of this State or any of its political subdivisions, county boards of education, or community colleges and that is open to vehicular traffic and used by the public in general. Any person who violates any provision of this subsection is in violation of the law to the same extent and is subject to the same penalty as if the motor vehicle were driven on a highway. **We appreciate your assistance in keeping the fire lane clear.**

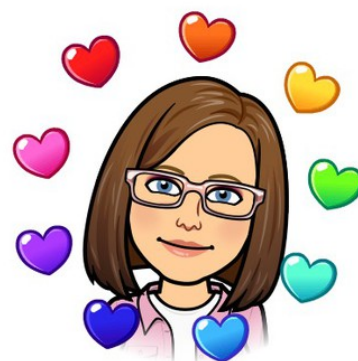
Temperatures continue to fluctuate both indoors and outdoors. Please help your student dress for the weather, recognizing temps will hover closer to 70 degrees indoors. Sunlight can add warmth to classrooms, so dressing in layers is best. Students will go outdoors for recess when the temperature (& wind chill) is at least 32 degrees. Coats, hats, and gloves are needed on a daily. If your student is missing coats or hoodies, we have a small collection just outside the cafeteria.

Staff and students will return to school on January 2, 2024.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
[Jennifer Quirino](#), Principal

Counselor's Corner

I will introduce students in grades K-5 to an online program called Xello. Xello offers a variety of activities to assist students in building self-knowledge, exploring career options and creating achievable plans for the future. Students will begin by creating a portfolio of their likes, dislikes, interests and strengths. Primary students will navigate Career Town and complete activities to explore roles in our community. Intermediate students will research careers that match their interests and strengths.



Please let me know if I can be of assistance,
[Michele Noble](#), School Counselor

Reading

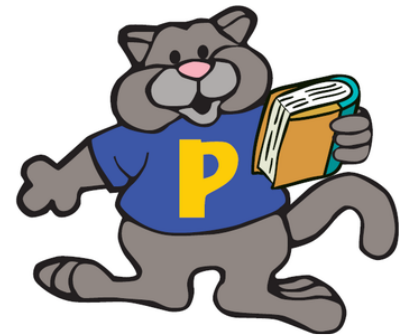
Our PES Panthers are working hard and mid-year assessments are coming up! In order to prepare the next iReady Reading diagnostic, we have a new bulletin board tracking if we can reach our first goal of 50 lessons passed! So far, we have several PES Panthers that have already gotten their name on the board! So many students are really close! I hope to add more names in the next two months so we can show how far we have grown since October. The iReady My Path lessons target areas that need practice and are a great way to build reading levels. If your child is stuck, they may just need some support getting through lessons that might be too easy or too repetitive. Happy Reading!



[Cathryn Nash](#), Literacy Teacher

Media Center Notes

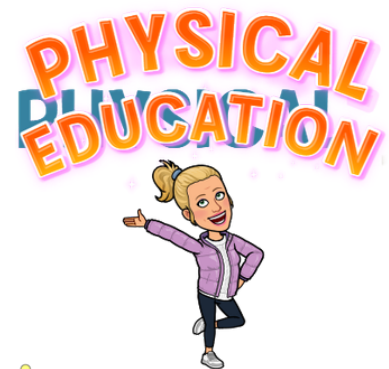
Students in PreK and Kindergarten will investigate story elements including setting, characters, and problem and solution. First graders will be working with character traits and making a personal connection to a story. Second graders will begin to navigate the OPAC, our online library catalog. Students in grades 3-5 will explore elements of different genres using book trailers for this year's Black-Eyed Susan nominated chapter books and graphic novels. All students will have the opportunity to rate another Black-Eyed Susan nominated picture book this month: Lunch from Home by Joshua David Stein.



[Julie Bradshaw](#), Media Specialist

Physical Education

During the month of January students will be exploring animal walks, rolling, balancing and transferring weight to different body parts as part of our tumbling unit. Students will also get to climb on top, below, through, and around our Movement Education Equipment. **Please make sure your child wears sneakers/tennis shoes to school on their P.E. days. Boots, crocs, etc. are not a safe choice to wear in the gymnasium.**



[Carrie Deaver](#), Physical Education Teacher

EEE - Global Studies

In Global Studies, Kindergarten is "Tinkering with Tools," while first grade will begin the unit, "African Masks." Second grade will be designing personal flags in "Flag Stories" and third grade is in the process of "Harnessing the Wind" with their windmills. The fourth grade will be constructing a model chair for a client. Fifth grade will be starting a hydroponics growing unit.



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[Ryan Peters](#), EEE Global Studies Teacher

Art with Mrs. O'Boyle

Artwork continues to be uploaded to Artsonia (this is a slow, time consuming process). Kindergarten and new families will be getting an email soon about how to create a new account, participation is completely optional. Students who have an active account with parental permission will have artwork published. Please invite family members and friends to view your student's page, join their fan club and leave them a special message about their artwork. Students earn special Artsonia ribbons. All artwork remains on the Artsonia website from year to year. Thank you for supporting our Artsonia page! Artsonia is a secure and safe way to show off your child's artwork online with family and friends.



EEE and Art are looking for donations of unused tiles for a future mosaic project. If you have any around your house that you're willing to donate, please send them in to school. Any size or color is appreciated.

[Karen O'Boyle](#), Art Teacher

Music Notes

Fifth grade will be working on a music career project and exploring both performing and non-performance jobs in the field of music. Third and fourth grades will be learning the note names on the treble clef staff. Second grade will enjoy a field trip on January 17 to see a performance by the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra that will include songs themed around space. First grade, Kindergarten, and Pre-K will continue to work on rhythms and pitches. [Fifth Grade Chorus Students](#): will have a field trip to Chesapeake High School to participate in the Chesapeake Cluster Choral Concert on January 25.



[Anna Gavrilov](#), Music Teacher

Band & Orchestra

Happy Holidays! The winter concert was a success! Thank you to all of the families that came out and supported our wonderful Panther musicians. If you would like a video of the concert, please message me directly and I will provide you with the link! I am currently still uploading videos, so if you already emailed me, I promise it's coming :) beginning strings will start using their bow after winter break, so please double check that your student has one. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

[Jacob Allison](#), Orchestra & Instrumental Teacher

Notes from the Health Room

As we transition to cooler temperatures and many students are wearing hats, please be sure to monitor for head lice. Head Lice is a widely misunderstood "nuisance-type" health problem. Head Lice can happen to anyone. It is not a sign of poor health or being dirty. Immediate action can prevent the spread to others. Please check your child for any signs and symptoms as described in the document below. If your child is infected, please follow the recommended suggestions for treatment and guidelines for returning to school.

[Beth Kirchner](#), RN

Head Lice Fact Sheet

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Family Academy

[Family Academy](#) is an online video library of resources for our parents and guardians with information on Wellbeing & Growth, Academics & Programs, and Navigating AACPS. Attached is a flyer for staff that can be shared to inform them about Family Academy, and there are two flyers in English and Spanish for parents/guardians that can be sent home with students to their families. If you have any questions or suggestions for Family Academy, please contact Tamara Beger in Communications at tbeger@aacps.org.

Family Help Line:

We are excited to share that the Family Help Line now has 5 language options: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Urdu. Families can call 410-222-5001 and leave a message in their language of choice. Families can leave messages at any time, including after-hours and weekends. Bilingual Facilitators and the Communications Department will continue to check the messages and help families with their needs. Please share this additional tool with families!

Family Academy Flyers.EN.SP.pdf

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VISION STATEMENT: We envision Pasadena Elementary to be a school where we maintain high expectations for academic standards through rigorous instruction. We will continue to foster a positive, caring school climate where we respect and value diversity and prepare individuals for success in higher learning and careers.



MISSION STATEMENT: Pasadena Elementary is dedicated to preparing students for college and career readiness, promoting academic excellence and citizenship for all students.

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