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# Pomperaug Pathfinder 2020-21

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# Welcome to PES!

## **School Guide**

*Pomperaug Elementary School  
607 Main Street South  
Southbury, CT 06488*

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## Welcome!

August, 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Pomperaug Elementary School. The staff at Pomperaug Elementary School is very proud of our students and our educational programs. We believe that quality education can be achieved through high expectations of student performance and behavior, together with a strong partnership between home and school. The staff is dedicated to providing the best educational opportunities for your child. Together we can inspire all of our children to achieve their potential.

This guide will provide you with general information about Pomperaug Elementary School. In addition, the Region has an Elementary Handbook that includes a wealth of information about Region policies and procedures.

We welcome your interest and concern and urge you to contact your children's teachers if you have any questions about the educational program or your children's progress.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Forish  
Principal

*Children are gifts to be treasured,  
That need to be shown,  
Love, patience and fairness;  
That their value is known.*

*They need freedom to grow,  
But with a strong guiding hand,  
To learn honesty, courage and;  
When to take a stand.*

*Encouragement and praise,  
Should be directed their way,  
So dreams can be reached and;  
Accomplished each day.*

*Author Unknown*



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## **PERSONNEL**

### **OFFICE**

Theresa Forish, Principal  
Cathy Winter, Secretary  
Lauren Legato, Secretary

### **KINDERGARTEN**

Alexandria Downs  
Lauren Leary  
Katherine Moffa  
Christine Musante

### **GRADE ONE**

Julia DiLuoffo  
Hannah Falk  
Jessica Macharelli  
Lynsey Passarelli  
Alyssa Caffrey\*

### **GRADE TWO**

Victoria Agostinelli  
Jennifer Corbin  
Katherine Blake  
Stacey Kean

### **GRADE THREE**

Michelle Haddad  
Katy Pokrywka  
Cindy Rosa

### **GRADE FOUR**

Kathryn Dennen  
Matthew Jordan  
Alyssa Scalora

### **GRADE FIVE**

Frank Battaglia  
Mark Ciccone  
Debbie Spencer

\*Long term sub for Lynsey  
Passarelli

### **SPECIALISTS**

Kimberly Saginario, Art  
Margie Iaiennaro, Health  
Kristyn Mastropietro, Library Media  
Kelly Farrell, Music  
Elizabeth DelVecchio, Music  
Sue Catuccio, Physical Education  
Melissa Patterson, Physical Education

### **SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

Stefanie Clifford, Counselor  
Darcy Lockwood, ELL  
Sarah Walkup, Interventionist  
Katie Gordon, Reading Consultant  
Amy VanZandt, School Psychologist  
Erica Alderi, School Social Worker

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFF**

Jeanmarie Carbone, Learning Center  
Melanie Wilson, Learning Center  
Angela Guardiano, Occupational Therapy  
Barbara Hansen, Physical Therapy  
Lynne Dolan, SERT  
Amanda Hamel, SERT  
Jennifer Passarella, SERT  
Stephanie Pingaro, SERT  
Callie Curnan, Speech  
Tracy Kirk, Speech

### **NURSES**

Rachel Cronin, RN-BSN  
Lynn Frantz, RN

### **TUTORS**

Diane Bresson  
Susan Jackson  
Nancy Ramsey

### **SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICER**

Glenn Messenger

### **CUSTODIANS**

Andy Pighinni

### **PARAPROFESSIONALS**

#### **Regular Education**

Kathy Baisch  
Lauren Cox  
Lynn Giroux  
Patty Kelleher  
Linda Koller  
Barbara Slaiby  
Connie Yacavone

#### **Special Education**

William Allen  
Shannon Barbarisi  
Dana Beebe-Center  
Robin Ciccario  
Karen Fimmano  
Allison Grabiec  
Denise Guerrero  
Heather Kellogg  
Lorelai Milano  
Jane Murray  
Alexa Nelson  
Kenzie Ouellette  
Lisa Parsell  
Rebecca Riley  
Heidi Sojka  
Brianna Stone  
D.J. Szymczak  
Regan Worthington

### **IT SUPPORT**

Todd Johns

### **CAFETERIA**

Michael Chirichella  
Cathy Gervais  
Denise Wildman

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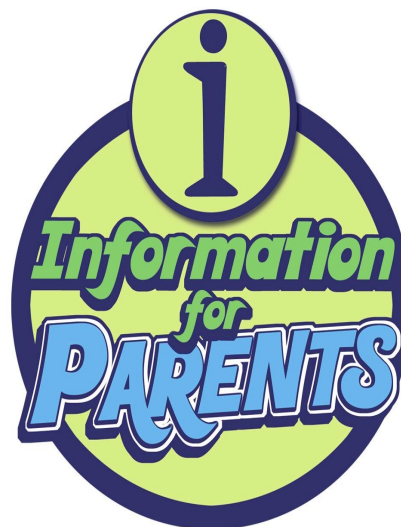
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### DIRECTORY

|   |  |
|---|--|
| District Website .....                      | <a href="http://www.region15.org">www.region15.org</a>             |
| Pomperaug Elementary School Website.....    | <a href="http://www.region15.org/pes">www.region15.org/pes</a>     |
| PES PTO Website .....                       | <a href="http://www.pespto.org">www.pespto.org</a>                 |
| Pomperaug Elementary School                 |  |
| Office .....                                | 203-264-8283 press 0   |
| Office email .....                          | <a href="mailto:PESoffice@region15.org">PESoffice@region15.org</a> |
| Health Office.....                          | 203-264-6230   |
| Cafeteria.....                              | 203-264-8283 ext. 840  |
| Fax.....                                    | 203-264-7387   |
| Superintendent                              |  |
| Mr. Joshua Smith .....                      | 203-758-8259   |
| Assistant Superintendent                    |  |
| Dr. Carrie Chiappetta .....                 | 203-758-8259   |
| Director of Finance                         |  |
| Mr. Joseph Martino.....                     | 203-758-8259   |
| Pupil Personnel and Special Services        |  |
| Mrs. Jessica Sciarretto, Director .....     | 203-758-8259   |
| Mr. Donald Rapuano, Assistant Director..... | 203-758-8259   |



### SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

#### REGULAR SCHOOL DAYS

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 9:00        | School Day Begins      |
| 10:50-11:30 | Grade K Lunch & Recess |
| 11:20-12:00 | Grade 2 Lunch & Recess |
| 11:50-12:30 | Grade 1 Lunch & Recess |
| 12:20-1:00  | Grade 5 Lunch & Recess |
| 1:00—1:40   | Grade 3 Lunch & Recess |
| 1:30—2:10   | Grade 4 Lunch & Recess |
| 3:10        | School Day Ends        |

#### PLANNED EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 9:00        | School Day Begins      |
| 10:00-10:30 | Grade K Lunch & Recess |
| 10:30-11:00 | Grade 2 Lunch & Recess |
| 11:00-11:30 | Grade 1 Lunch & Recess |
| 11:30-12:00 | Grade 5 Lunch & Recess |
| 12:00—12:30 | Grade 3 Lunch & Recess |
| 12:30—1:00  | Grade 4 Lunch & Recess |
| 1:00        | School Day Ends        |



Children can not arrive at school before 9:00 AM since there is no supervising until that time. Thank you.

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## **VISITORS**

There is currently a temporary restriction on nonessential visitors to school facilities in the district. Prior to entering the building, parents/guardians should contact building administration to arrange a time and to explain the purpose for the visit. Parents and guardians will be allowed to enter the main entrance of the building. For dropping off items such as lunch or items needed during the school day, parents/guardians will be asked to make sure they are labeled and place them on a table in the vestibule. If a parent/guardian needs to drop off medication, please make arrangements with the school nurse ahead of time. To the greatest extent possible, parent meetings will be arranged via conference call or other electronic means.

Visitors with an appointment should report directly to the main office of the school. All visitors are required to scan their drivers license as part of this process. Following the sign-in process a visitor badge is printed and must be worn at all times while on school property. Prior to leaving the school, all visitors **must** visit the front office and sign-out by scanning their visitor badge.

## **ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES**

### **IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL:**

Call the Health Office at 203-264-6230.

You may leave a message on the answering machine.

### **WHEN YOUR CHILD RETURNS TO SCHOOL:**

Write a "Reason for Absence" note.



## **PHOTOGRAPHS and VIDEOS**

If you do not want your child to be photographed or identified in any materials that may be viewed publicly, please contact Mrs. Forish.



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## DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

### Arrival Drop Off and Dismissal Pick-up will both operate similarly

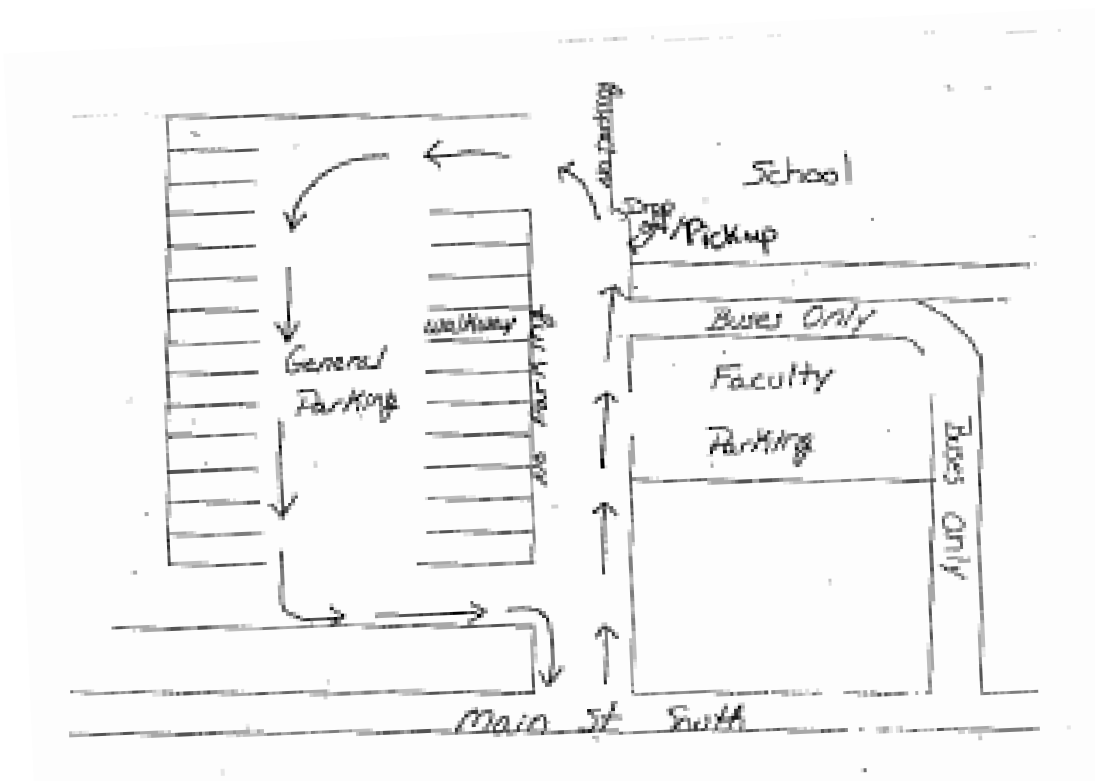
- The parent drop-off/ pick-up lane is on the side of the building.
- Parents should enter the school through the main driveway.
- The drop-off/ pick-up lane can accommodate up to four cars at a time.
- Students should exit and enter from the right/passenger side of the vehicle.
- Parents should not get out of the car except to assist their child(ren).
- Students who are dropped off will enter the school building through the cafeteria doors.
- Students who are being picked-up will exit through the cafeteria doors.
- DO NOT pull around a car in the drop-off/ pick-up line, wait for the cars in front of you to pull away.

With patience, courtesy and by following the procedures, all students can be dropped off safely. Allow yourself time so as not to have to rush. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

**Students can not arrive at school before 9:00 AM**

**Parent pick-up will start at 3:10 PM**

**Parent pick-up on early dismissal days will start at 1:00 PM**



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## **School Dismissal Manager**

Region 15 elementary schools all use School Dismissal Manager (SDM). SDM provides an organized and efficient tracking system for afternoon dismissals. In addition, parents can manage their child(ren)'s dismissal quickly and easily using SDM. The system has easy-to-use mobile and desktop interfaces that allow parents to make changes to their child(ren)'s dismissal in advance or for the current day. Parents can report early dismissals and schedule recurring dismissal instructions. Free apps are also available for Android and iPhone users.

Please note that when creating an exception for the current day the cut-off time is 2:10 PM on regular days and 12:00 PM on early release days. If you will need your child earlier than dismissal time, we ask that you schedule an early dismissal pick-up in SDM for at least 30 minutes before the end of the school day; by 12:30 on early release days or 2:40 on a regular days. We understand that there may be a rare family emergency, but with the volume of families providing transportation we will be unable to accommodate last minute pick-ups. If there is an emergency situation you can call the school office. You may call up until 3:00 PM on a regular day, and 12:50 PM on an early release day. After that time, the office will be focused on dismissing our students safely and may not be able to respond to your call until after dismissal.

## **PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

The PES PTO is very active supporting the school and its mission. Parents and teachers are invited and encouraged to attend all PTO meetings which will be virtual this school year. Mrs. Forish shares the latest information at these meetings. If you cannot make the meetings, the PTO distributes the minutes through the PTO email. You can also access PTO information on their website:

**[www.pespto.org](http://www.pespto.org).**

### **PTO 2020-21 Executive Board**

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|--------------------|--|
| Evi Banks          | <a href="mailto:evibanks@yahoo.com">evibanks@yahoo.com</a>                 |
| Colleen Bradshaw   | <a href="mailto:colleenmbradshaw@yahoo.com">colleenmbradshaw@yahoo.com</a> |
| Heather Dwyer      | <a href="mailto:vtgeek@yahoo.com">vtgeek@yahoo.com</a>                     |
| Michele Friedeberg | <a href="mailto:mrs.friedeberg@yahoo.com">mrs.friedeberg@yahoo.com</a>     |
| Chelcie Georgette  | <a href="mailto:chelciegeorgette@gmail.com">chelciegeorgette@gmail.com</a> |
| Liz McConnon       | <a href="mailto:elizemay@hotmail.com">elizemay@hotmail.com</a>             |
| Jill Wiebke        | <a href="mailto:Jillwiebke@gmail.com">Jillwiebke@gmail.com</a>             |

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**2020**

August 24: First Day (Schools 1000)  
 August 25: Conference  
 August 26: First Day (Schools 2100)  
 August 27: Teacher Work Day (Schools 5000)  
 August 28: First Day  
 August 31: Teacher Work Day

September 1: First Day of School for Pre-K (Schools 1 to 12). Planned Early Dismissal for all schools.  
 September 2: First Day of School for Kindergarten. Planned Early Dismissal for all schools.  
 September 3 and 4: Planned Early Dismissal for all schools.  
 September 7: Labor Day (Schools not in session)  
 September 28: Town Meeting (Schools not in session)

October 8: Planned Early Dismissal for all schools. (1/2 First Day Day)  
 October 12: Columbus Day (Schools not in session)

November 2: Planned Early Dismissal (Days 8 & 15 only) (Conference)  
 November 3: Election Day (Schools not in session)  
 November 4: Planned Early Dismissal (Days 20, 2021) (Conference)  
 November 5: Planned Early Dismissal (Days 8 & 15 only) (Conference)  
 November 25: Planned Early Dismissal for all schools.  
 November 26 and 27: Thanksgiving Break (Schools not in session)

December 4: Planned Early Dismissal for all schools. (1/2 First Day Day)  
 December 24, 25 and 26, 29, 30, 31, 2020: Winter Break (Schools not in session)

**2021**

January 4, 2021: New Year Day (Schools not in session)  
 January 18: Martin Luther King Day (Schools not in session)

February 12: (Schools not in session)  
 February 15 to 16: Presidents Day (Schools not in session)

March 12: Planned Early Dismissal for all schools. (1/2 First Day Day)  
 March 24 and 25: Planned Early Dismissal (Elementary 2021) (Conference)

April 2: Good Friday (Schools not in session)  
 April 12 to 16: Spring Break (Schools not in session)

May 14: Planned Early Dismissal for all schools. (1/2 First Day Day)  
 May 21: Memorial Day (Schools not in session)  
 June 7: Teacher Work Day (Schools not in session)  
 June 14: Anticipated Last Day for Students (Planned Early Dismissal for all schools).

**2020 – 2021 Pomperaug Regional School District 15 School Calendar (Approved August 10, 2020)**

| August 2020 |    |    |    |    |    |     | September 2020 |    |     |     |     |     |      | October 2020 |    |    |    |    |     |      |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--------------|----|----|----|----|-----|------|
| Su          | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | Sa  | Su             | M  | T   | W   | Th  | F   | Sa   | Su           | M  | T  | W  | Th | F   | Sa   |
|             |    |    |    |    |    | 1   |                |    |     |     |     |     |      |              |    |    |    |    |     |      |
| 2           | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8   |                |    | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | 5    | 4            | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | (9) | 10   |
| 9           | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15  | 6              | 7  | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12   | 13           | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18  | 19   |
| 16          | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22  | 13             | 14 | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19   | 20           | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25  | 26   |
| 23          | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29  | 20             | 21 | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26   |              |    |    |    |    |     |      |
| 30          | 31 |    |    |    |    |     | 27             | 28 | 29  | 30  |     |     |      | 25           | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30  | 31   |
|             |    |    |    |    |    | [0] |                |    |     |     |     |     | [20] |              |    |    |    |    |     | [24] |

| November 2020 |     |    |      |     |    |    | December 2020 |    |    |    |    |     |    | January 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |      |
|---------------|-----|----|------|-----|----|----|---------------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Su            | M   | T  | W    | Th  | F  | Sa | Su            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F   | Sa | Su           | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | Sa   |
| 1             | (2) | 3  | (4)  | (5) | 6  | 7  |               |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | (4) | 5  |              |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2    |
| 8             | 9   | 10 | 11   | 12  | 13 | 14 | 6             | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11  | 12 | 3            | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9    |
| 15            | 16  | 17 | 18   | 19  | 20 | 21 | 13            | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18  | 19 | 10           | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16   |
| 22            | 23  | 24 | (25) | 26  | 27 | 28 | 20            | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25  | 26 | 17           | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23   |
| 29            | 30  |    |      |     |    |    | 27            | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |     |    | 24           | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30   |
|               |     |    |      |     |    |    | [14]          |    |    |    |    |     |    | 31           |    |    |    |    |    | [18] |

| February 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |      | March 2021 |    |    |      |      |      |      | April 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |      |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|------------|----|----|------|------|------|------|------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Su            | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | Sa   | Su         | M  | T  | W    | Th   | F    | Sa   | Su         | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | Sa   |
|               | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6    |            | 1  | 2  | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    |            |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3    |
| 7             | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13   | 7          | 8  | 9  | 10   | 11   | (12) | 13   | 4          | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10   |
| 14            | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20   | 14         | 15 | 16 | 17   | 18   | 19   | 20   | 11         | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17   |
| 21            | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27   | 21         | 22 | 23 | (24) | (25) | 26   | 27   | 18         | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24   |
| 28            |    |    |    |    |    | (17) | 28         | 29 | 30 | 31   |      |      | (22) | 25         | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | (16) |

| May 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    | June 2021 |    |    |    |    |    |    | Calendar Key |  |                         |  |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------|--|-------------------------|--|
| Su       | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | Sa | Su        | M  | T  | W  | Th | F  | Sa |              |  |                         |  |
|          |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |           |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |              |  | Schools not in session. |  |
| 2        | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 6         | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |              |  | Painted Early Dramatic. |  |
| 9        | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 13        | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |              |  | Snow Days               |  |
| 16       | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 20        | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |              |  |                         |  |
| 23       | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 27        | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |              |  |                         |  |
| 30       | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |           |    |    |    |    |    |    |              |  |                         |  |

180 Instructional Days/187 Staff Days

Revised Calendar Approved by the Board of Education  
 August 10, 2020

Approved by the Board of Education Meeting January 20, 2021

**Snow Days:**

School cancellations for weather or other emergency circumstances will extend the last day of school up to 10 days. School closure in excess of 10 days will be made up during the Spring Break starting with Monday and working toward Friday.



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