

The Panther Press

December 2023



From the Principal...

Dear Patrick Families:

I am very fortunate to be the principal of a school with such wonderful children, a motivated and dedicated staff, and parents who collaborate with us to provide a safe environment where students can learn and grow academically as well as socially.

Thank you all for your support and I wish you all the very best holiday season!

This month, we are focusing on Empathy! Please look for the family connection flyer in your child's next Tuesday folder.

Warmly,
Michelle Cook

Upcoming Events

December 1st-End of Trimester 1

December 4th-Inservice day-**No School**

December 6th-8th-Polar Pal Store

December 8th-Report cards available in ParentVue

December 13th-Snowflake Serenade: A Winter Musical Celebration 5:00-6:00 PM

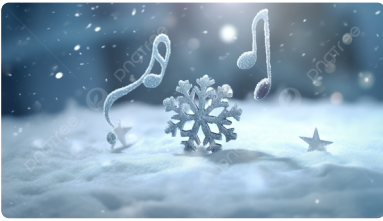
December 18th-January 1st-**Winter break-No School**



Watch your students Tuesday folder and Parent Square messages for more information on these activities and events.

Snowflake Serenade: A Winter Musical Celebration!

Student Drama Club participants would love for you to join us for winter musical celebration.



- When: Wednesday, December 13th 5:00-6:00 PM
- Where: Patrick Elementary Gym

November Student's of the Month

The following students were selected for their tremendous effort & dedication to showing Gratitude!

LeLu Breeding-Mr. Bjorge
Aiden Beck-Ms. Cascarina
Manny Solis-Quirarte-Mrs. Finney
Davin Schiefer-Mrs. Field/Mrs. Robertson
Carmen Ordaz-Melchor-Mrs. Hunter
Brogan Walker-Mrs. Laeger
Caleb Ranney-Mrs. Miracle
Swayze Lopez-Mrs. Petetit
Benjamin Crocchi-Ms. Mandy
Kamryn Briar-Ms. Wiley



Golden Awards

Each month a class is chosen for behavior & attitude that goes above and beyond expectations. This month we are honoring the following classes:

Library- **Mrs. Field's Class**
Hallway- **Mrs. Sanders' Class**
Cafe'- **Mrs. Finney's Class**

Student Leadership

Over the last several weeks Student Leaders have been busy growing their skills in responsibility and communication while they navigate the new schedule and increased expectations. During their weekly business meetings they have fine tuned the team's calendar for the month, discussed and assigned morning duties, created a game plan to help assemblies run smoothly, and have even designed a new Leader Paw (think Panther Paws) that only the Student Leadership Team gets to hand out! The morning duties consist of greeting fellow peers as they enter campus, helping in the cafeteria, and ensuring that peers know what breakfast is, and along with that, gentle reminders to go eat breakfast before the bell rings for those outside or in the library.



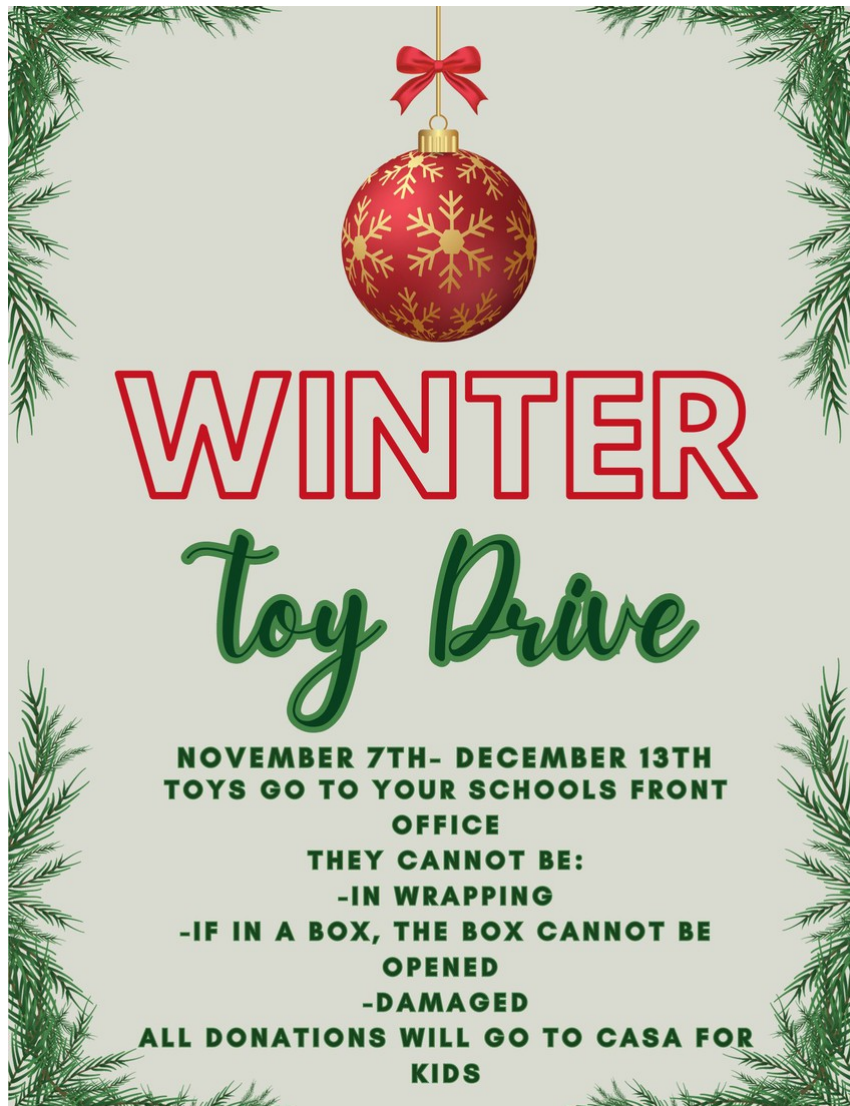
Thank you to:

Emily Sanchez, Nick Brinkley, Trevor Warner, Bailey Weisse, Cody Heppner, Gabriella Martin, Jimmy Farney, Lucy O'Brien, Belin Ansures, and Adilynn Vick.



Toy Drive

Madison Love, a CAHPS sophomore, is running a toy drive to support CASA for kids. If you are interested in donating new, or gently used and clean toys, please drop them by the front office between November 7th and December 13th.



PTO

Did you know PTO sponsors:

- Each classroom teacher with yearly funds
- Kona Ice
- Polar Pal Store
- Big Air Day
- Special Assemblies such as Wildlife Images, Science Works, and The Bug Guy

Even volunteering for one or two events throughout the year can

be extremely helpful. We would also love your input when planning.

PTO meetings are held the second Thursday of each month from 3:00-4:00 PM . Please check in at the office if you can join us!

Meeting Dates:

- November 9th, 2023
- January 11th, 2024
- February 8th, 2024
- March 14th, 2024
- April 11th, 2024
- May 9th, 2024

If you are interested in joining the PTO, please contact Laura Hudson @ laura5875@aol.com for more information.

2023-24 Patrick Elementary Teachers

We have an amazing staff and we look forward to working together with you and your child!



Kinder: Jennifer Sanders (jennifer.sanders@district6.org)
(amanda.figueroa@district6.org)

1st: Blake Field (blake.field@district6.org)
(karen.robertson@district6.org)

2nd Grade: Haley Cascarina (haley.cascarina@district6.org)

1st/2nd: Grade: Michael Bjorge (michael.bjorge@district6.org)

3rd/4th: Grade: Rebecca Hunter (rebecca.hunter@district6.org)

3rd Grade: Heather Laeger (heather.laeger@district6.org)

4th Grade: Clara Petetit (clara.petetit@district6.org)

5th Grade: Dawn Wiley (dawn.wiley@district6.org)

5th Grade: Jenelle Miracle (jenelle.miracle@district6.org)

MAPS: Jennifer Finney (jennifer.finney@district6.org)

Title I & ELD: Lori Raddatz (lori.raddatz@district6.org)

Special Education Resource: Tomorrow Nelson (tomorrow.nelson@district6.org)

Speech Language: Elysia Gabaldon (elysia.gabaldon@district6.org)

Support Staff

Our wonderful team of support staff are helping kids everyday. We appreciate everything they do!



Parent Drive Line

Please remember our goal is to keep all children safe. You can help us do that by:

- Keeping your child in the car until someone opens your door at the front of the school during parent drop off. We have staff out front from 7:30-8:00 AM.
- Staying in your car at parent pick-up, having your car tag displayed, and moving out of the congested drive line as soon as you have safely buckled your child into the car.
- Please do not park and walk up to get your student - you will be asked to get in the parent pick up line.
- Check in at the office welcome window any time you are on campus.

For students walking or being dropped off by car, please note that there is no supervision until 7:30 am. **No students should arrive to school or be let out of vehicles before 7:30am.** We care about our students safety and need to have an adult supervising them at all times during the school day.

CHANGE OF "GO HOME" PLANS AND EARLY PICK-UP

- We ask that all changes to your child's "go home" plans are communicated to the front office **prior to noon**. This allows plenty of time to notify your child's teacher that there is a change of plans for the day.
- Please make sure that your emergency contacts and person's authorized to pick up your child are up to date.
- If you are picking your student up early from school please be prepared to show ID to office staff.

**CHANGE
OF PLAN!**

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

LaClinica Health Services at Patrick Elementary

Hello From Your School Based Nurse,



Exclusion Day is coming in February. If your child is not up to date on immunizations, now is the time to develop a plan to make appointments for vaccines or formally decline through the state of Oregon. La Clinica can help in this area with immunizations available at every school in District 6. Contact your school office and your request will be forwarded to me.

As you talk to your kids this season, remember to add in reminders to wash hands often and not share drinks or food. This will help prevent the spike in illnesses we see in January. Also, we need to continue talking about medication and drug safety. Keep all drugs of any kind out of reach and out of sight of children. Remind children, even teenagers, never to touch an unknown pill they may get from a friend or see lying on the ground. The kids may think they are doing a favor by bringing the unknown substance to an adult, but in reality, it could be harmful. The Fentanyl levels in our community are high and simply touching a pill can be disastrous. We must add a little extra discussion in this area to keep our kids safe.

There are many celebrations and gatherings happening this month. I wish you the best time as you enjoy your family and friends. This time of year can be stressful as well as delightful. Please keep in mind that the holidays are not always a happy time for everyone. Check in with neighbors, friends or acquaintances who may or may not be struggling. Historically, people are challenged with their Mental Health during this time of the year. Your time and words may be the highlight of their season and a little love can go a long way.

To Better Health,
Angie Parker, RN
La Clinica School Based Health Center
Patrick Elementary
541-494-6859

Please check out our website for additional information and links to the consent packets for nursing visits: <https://laclinicahealth.org/services/school-based/>

YMCA Child Care Program--Campus Connections

WHO: Any student in grades K-6

WHAT: A structured program providing care, homework help and activities for students.

WHEN: Mon-Fri: After school until 6:00pm

MORE INFORMATION: <https://rvymca.org/programs/afterschool-programs/>



Annual State Assessment Notification

In November, your child will receive information regarding statewide testing and opt-out forms will be made available.

We know that these tests cannot possibly tell us everything about your child's academic progress. However, the results do provide a snapshot of your child's strengths and areas for improvement

and can be used as a means to ensure he or she is getting the support needed for future success. In addition, their participation will also ensure that schools and districts receive the targeted resources they need to help all students succeed, particularly those from historically underserved backgrounds.

The Oregon Department of Education has important information regarding the state test which can be found [here](#).

With any additional questions, please reach out to your child's respective school.

Link to English notice: https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/Annual_Notice_English.pdf

Link to Spanish notice: https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/Annual_Notice_Spanish.pdf

Section 504

Central Point School District provides accommodations and special programs for qualified disabled students. These activities are provided through section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Your child, or a child of your acquaintance, may be eligible for accommodations or special programming. The district maintains assessment resources to determine eligibility for the resources. If you are aware of a child with a potential disability, including children that may require speech or language services, please notify your principal or Tami White, Special Programs Coordinator 494-6231



About Us

Stay informed about our school and our student's learning adventures with this monthly school newsletter and on social media. We appreciate your support!

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