

UPCOMING
EVENTS:

February:

3-8—School Counselor
Appreciation Week

14—Sweethearts' Ball

28—No School

March:

8—Daylight Saving Time

20—No School

April:

10-17—Spring Break

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The New Year

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Happy New Year

I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing Winter Break, filled with family time and lots of hot cocoa. I'm excited for the new year and what it will bring for our students and staff here at Pendergrass Fairwold.

I want to thank all you parents for such a wonderful welcome and start of our year here at Pendergrass Fairwold School. This is an ex-

ceptional school with extraordinary students, parents and staff!

As we begin 2020, I have a challenge for all of our families. I would ask that you join me in a New Year's resolution, to limit our screen time and increase our reading time. I challenge you to read to your child for at least 20 minutes, five nights a week.

Regular attendance helps children feel better about school, and themselves. Start building this habit now so they learn from an early age that education is important. Research shows good attendance helps students succeed.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your child. I know the end of this school year will be met with great success.

Welcome Officer Randy Benson

Pendergrass Fairwold School is pleased to introduce our new School Resource Officer. Officer Randy Benson will be on campus Monday through Friday when classes are in session.

Officer Benson is on campus daily to provide safety and security of our students and

staff as well as classroom visits, instructional support, student assistance and to provide answers to law enforcement questions.

PFS is committed to ensuring a safe school environment for students, staff and visitors. He is visible in the parking lots,

main entrances to the school buildings, in the hallways, cafeterias and in his office.



Our Mission To Educate

With a mission to educate, inspire and empower our diverse learners, Pendergrass Fairwold School (PFS) provides each of our students unique and personal pathways for their future success in life.

Pendergrass Fairwold School is home to students building on a long tradition of achievements and activities, and community contribution. Our high quality energetic staff and administration believe each student has a path to

achieve, and they strive to develop the most engaging experience so students can continue their personal journey of learning beyond the halls of Pendergrass Fairwold.

Nurse's Corner

School Nurse



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LET'S FIGHT THE FLU TOGETHER!

Influenza is a contagious disease of the respiratory tract (nose, throat, and lungs) that can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia and the worsening of other chronic health conditions. Flu symptoms may include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. The best way to protect your family from new influenza strains is to get vaccinated each year.

Follow good health guidelines: eat right, exercise, and get plenty of rest to help boost your immunity to

fight the effects of colds and flu. Wash hands frequently, do the elbow cough, and disinfect hot spots at school, work, and home. Treat the symptoms if you must, but avoid giving aspirin to children because it may cause a rare but serious illness called Reye syndrome.

MEDICATIONS

For those unique circumstances in which a student must take medication during the school day (prescription or over-the-counter), a medication form must be completed by your child's physician every school year. If the mandatory guidelines are not

followed, medication will not be administered.

IMMUNIZATIONS/HEALTH HISTORY

Please remember to turn in documentation of any required immunizations to the office at the start of and during the school year. **THIS IS A STATE LAW FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE!** On-time vaccination throughout childhood is essential because it helps provide immunity before children are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases. Vaccines are tested to ensure that they are safe and effective for children to receive at the recommended ages.



Oliver Gospel Mission

Pendergrass Fairwold School donated 40 individual cases of school supplies to the Oliver Gospel Mission. The school wanted to make sure less fortunate school-aged kids will have the pencils, notebooks and other supplies they need to succeed during the school

year. Giving back to the community creates a positive impact. With individuals who are willing to sacrifice their time and resources to help others that are in need, the world will be a better place. As long as we live

in a world with other people, loving and caring for each other is an absolute necessity.



Veteran's Outreach

Pendergrass Fairwold School donated grooming kits to the veterans.

We remember all the veterans' contributions as they always hold a special place in our hearts for their sacrifice and service. We honor all the men and women who've served our country in uniform,

because they put their lives on the line to protect our, your and their families.

Without your bravery & compromises, we would never be here to thank you. Your footprints will always be followed when it's time for us to protect the nation! We are not only thankful to you but also

motivated by you. You have showed us how to be brave & honest.



Recycling Club



Front:
Nicholas Osborne, Hakeem Mayrant,
KeyShawn Hart, James Anderson
Middle:
Gregory Thomas
Back:
Mr. Tracy Franklin

Renewing and reusing our resources is important to Pendergrass Fairwold School. In an effort to lead the way to a greener community, PFS has established a Recycling Club. Students recognize the importance of the recycling club and how it has helped the school become more environmentally conscious. Recycling bins are in all classrooms, workrooms, and office space to encourage students and staff to recycle items. The recycling club collects these bins and takes the paper to our large recycling bin for pickup. It is the goal of this club to make PFS a cleaner and "greener" school! The main objective of the recycling club is to instill recycling habits and enable our student to enhance their outreach efforts with various community service projects, focused around "reduce, reuse, and recycle."



Structured Teaching

Structured teaching is a visually based approach to creating highly structured environments that support individuals with autism in a variety of educational, community, and home/living settings (Mesibov, Shea, & Schopler, 2005).

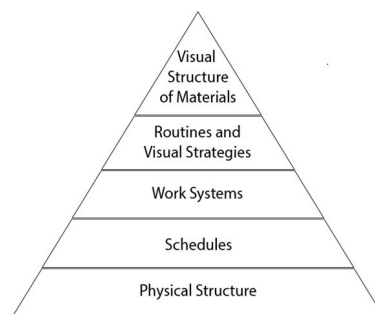
Structured tasks:

Students with autism benefit from visual structure when completing new and familiar tasks. Verbal instructions are difficult for an individual with autism to process and retain as language is transient, whereas visual structure is non-transient, will increase clarity of the task and removes the need for the student to process verbal language. Importantly, it also increases independence and generalization skills.

Structured tasks should not be limited to the independent work desk or to one-to-one teaching times; structure should be extended to all daily activities in all settings.

Aims of structured tasks

- ⇒ To remove/reduce the need for verbal instruction
- ⇒ To provide visual clarification of what is to be done
- ⇒ To show when a task is complete
- ⇒ To increase independence
- ⇒ To increase participation
- ⇒ To reduce anxiety
- ⇒ To teach target skills and
- ⇒ To help with generalization



Structured Teaching Pyramid



Save the date

Superintendent's State of the District Address

February 13 | 6 p.m.
Lower Richland High School

2615 Lower Richland Blvd., Hopkins, SC 29061

To RSVP, please contact Edith Caudle at edith.caudle@richlandone.org or call (803) 231-7510 by February 6, 2020.

Feb. 13, 2020

Superintendent's State of the District Address.

The community is invited to attend this annual update on district programs, goals and successes. RSVP to edith.caudle@richlandone.org

New Website Launch

Pendergrass Fairwold School is proud to announce the launch of our new website!

Our new school website is one effort we are making toward improving communication with students, parents, and community. Please take some time to explore our site and familiarize yourself with its layout and contents.

Some of the things you can expect to find on our website include:

- Current calendar and events happening in our school
- Frequent and up-to-date news articles about school events and accomplishments
- General information about our school and community

We look forward to using our new platform to keep the community more informed about the great and exciting things happening in our school. Please check back regularly!

<https://www.richlandone.org/Page/101>



Pendergrass Fairwold
Home of the Grizzlies

School Counselor's Corner

I can't believe we are half way through the school year! I have some new and fun things planned for the students. This year we will continue weekly classroom lessons which focus on character education, decision-making, career-readiness and communication. I regularly provide classroom lessons to all students on various topics.

Please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the year if I can be of any service.

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Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this newsletter. It is our desire to increase the commu-

nication from school to home and better support our students for this 2019-2020 school year.



School Enterprises

Pendergrass Fairwold School Enterprises offer the chance to teach students real-world skills like math, marketing, sales and so much more.

The furniture items include, chairs, ottomans, tables, footstools.

Looking for something modern and stylish that won't break the bank? Check out our affordable furniture with contemporary designs to suffice your needs.

The students are working very hard to customize each individual piece made. All furniture pieces are made to order. Order yours today!!!

The students also make jewelry, flower arrangements and gift baskets. Also if you have a green thumb, we have plants too.



Principal Redenburg and students (Marlesha Sells, Jada Brown, Essence Brown, and James Anderson) presenting footstools to Executive Director of Schools Dr. Eunice Williams, Superintendent Craig Witherspoon, and School Board Commissioner Jamie Devine, Chariman.



SPECIAL!

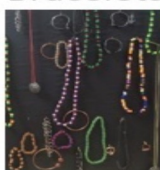
PENDERGRASS FAIRWORLD STORE

You want it... We got it....

Watches



Necklaces / Bracelets



Gift Baskets



Furniture



Plants



Flower Arrangements





Welcome Officer Randy Benson, City Of Columbia PD cont.

Officer Benson is a seasoned officer with the City of Columbia Police Department. He is a 22-year law enforcement veteran employed with the City of Columbia of Police Department for the past 2 years. He was employed a short time with Batesburg-Leesville Police Department, thirteen years with the Richland County Sheriff's Department, approximately three years with the Chapin Police Department and the Department of Mental Health Public Safety. Officer Benson is a

father of four and served in the United States Army for eight years.

The responsibilities of an SROs are similar to regular police officers in that they have the ability to make arrests, respond to calls for service, and document incidents that occur within their jurisdiction. However, beyond law enforcement, SROs also serve as educators, emergency managers, and informal counselors.

The overall goals are to maintain a safe and secure learning environment on the school campus, influence the development of positive attitudes by youth towards law enforcement, and to reduce juvenile crime through the use of intervention strategies, proactive policing, and networking.





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“We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams.”

Our school is a place alive with much energy, enthusiasm, and a high standard of excellence! It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here’s to an AWESOME new year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Pendergrass Fairwold. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student’s success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to stay in the know about your child’s assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.



Parent Reminders

ATTENDANCE:

If your child will be absent from school, PLEASE call the office at 735-3435 ext 252 before 8:00 in the morning. In the event you receive the voicemail, leave a message that includes your child’s name, and the reason for the absence. If your child is ill, please be specific with his/her symptoms. We are required by state law to report numbers of students ill with strep throat, stomach flu, colds, and chicken pox, so it is important that we have accurate count. We do not report student names, just numbers. If your child’s absence is not called in to the school in a timely manner, it is considered an unexcused absence.

You may also call ahead with any pre-planned absences. If your child needs

to be picked up for an appointment, please send a note or call the office as far in advance as possible so that you child can be prepared to leave in advance.

We appreciate advance notifications as it eliminates the need or us to try and find you student at the last minute when he/she is being picked up. If your child returns with a medical or dental appointment verification form, it is not counted toward the 10 days allowed for your child to be absent from school.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your child’s attendance up to date and informing the school of absences in a timely manner.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

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 caller ID and you have a missed 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. Rest assured that if your child is sick or injured, the school nurse will leave a message for you.