



PENN FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 16, 2024
PFES Newsletter



CONTACT INFORMATION

Need to contact your student's teacher? On the PFES web site click on "about us" you should see "Staff Directory." The teacher contact information is listed on this page.

<https://www.rcps.us/PennForest>

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To report an absence or make a change of transportation please go to the PFES Web site. Under "Quick Links" choose the form that fits the change needing to be made.

We ask that you report any type of absence as soon as possible and make any transportation changes by 11 AM each day.

We make regular posts on our Facebook page showing you a look inside the school almost daily. Please use the link below to get there. Remember that the password is, "Hootie."

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/pennforestowls/?ref=share>

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Fun Run Information
- VALLSS testing
- SOARing Striders
- Pumpkins on the Play-ground date change

2024 PTA FUN RUN NEWS!



We have half-way through our fundraising!

As of Monday morning, we are a little over half-way towards our fundraising goal of \$20,000. Please make sure to register your child if you have not done so, and start raising money for our awesome school!

Here is the link to register: <https://app.givebacks.gives/pfes2024/>

Are you willing to help with your child's grade level on the day of the Fun Run? If so, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoA4DA9AD2FAoFFCE9-51171907-funrun>

You need to have a volunteer form on file with the school (updated every year) to volunteer for school events.

Third-Fifth Grade Clubs Are Starting Soon!

Later this week, third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be able to pick a club they would like to participate in first semester. The students will do these clubs on early dismissal days, the day before Thanksgiving break, and the day before winter break. Fifth graders get the first choices at clubs, then fourth graders, then third graders. It is likely that third graders will not get their second or third choice, so please emphasize to them how lucky they are to get to do a club, and when they are older they will get to choose first. This is something unique to Penn Forest, and we do this as a way to connect with our kids, motivate them, and to give them a non-academic thing to look forward to here at school. Students who owe teachers work or have been disruptive in the classroom, will work in the library to complete that work or work on strategies to correct their behavior before they can join their club. We thank our staff that support our clubs for offering this special opportunity to our students!

VALLSS Testing

We have been testing our first grade students using the new VALLSS testing format, which replaced the PALS literacy screener. We will start screening our second grade students this week. Once we have completed testing in all of first and second grades, we will send home a report of how your child did. (The Kindergarten testing window doesn't start until 09/30). Students who are identified as at risk on this screener, and other students who are at a moderate risk but need additional intervention will start getting VALLSS tutoring during the day to support their literacy development. You will be notified by a letter in their Wednesday folder if your child is on this list to receive this extra support. We will start tutoring the first graders next week, and the second grade students the following week. These are fluid groups and may change depending on students' development throughout the year.

OLDER NEWS

SOARing Striders Started Today!

SOARing Striders is the name of our run club here at Penn Forest. It is open to all fourth and fifth grade students that wish to participate. Mrs. Nabozny (Katie Hale got married) sent home information to sign up already to all fourth and fifth grade students. Your permission allows these students to stay after for each of these run days (most Mondays weather permitting). If for some reason we need to cancel, you will get an email from her by noon, and we will send your child home their normal way for a Monday. Please keep an eye on the weather, and your email on these days! If students have disruptive behavior at run club, they will not be permitted to continue to participate.

Mark Your Calendars!

09/16– SOARing Striders starts for those 4th/5th registered-pick up at 3:15 PM. Please triple park to pick up!
09/17– Gifted Art– pick up at 4 PM– single file park
09/23– SOARing Striders– pick up at 3:15 PM– triple park
09/24– Gifted Art– pick up at 4 PM– single file park
09/25– Three-hour early dismissal—ends at 11:25 AM

DATE CHANGE!

Pumpkins on the Playground has been moved to 10/25 from 6-8 PM to not conflict with the Rec night at the CSHS football game as that affected many of our families. The rain date will be 11/02/24.