

PARMA ACADEMY OF GIFTED ENRICHMENT

Family Communication 12/15/24

Important Dates

December

- 16-20 Spirit Week - see below
- 18 - Caroling at Parma Heights Senior Center
- 19 - 4th Grade trip to Valley Forge for music concert
- 23 - Winter break begins

January

- 1-5 - Winter break continues
- 6 - Classes resume
- 9 - MAP Benchmarking window opens
- 21- MAP Benchmarking window closes
- 21- Gifted/STEM Info Night, Valley Forge Media Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 30 - Cleveland Museum of Natural History Field Trip

February

- 4 - Read-A-Thon starts
- 6 - STEAM Night 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 6-7 Scholastic Book Fair
- *Every Wednesday is banking day.

Holiday Spirit Week



Holiday Spirit Days

16

DECEMBER

Festive Accessories

Wear your favorite holiday headwear, necklaces, ties, socks, earrings, etc.

17

DECEMBER

Pajama Day

Wear your favorite pajamas!

18

DECEMBER

Holiday Sweaters

Wear your favorite holiday or ugly sweater!

19

DECEMBER

Flannels

Wear your favorite winter flannel!

20

DECEMBER

Holiday Color Day

Wear your favorite holiday color combinations!

PCSD School Climate Survey for Families

We are surveying families' perceptions of school climate at all of our buildings within the following five subscales: teaching and learning, school safety, interpersonal relationships, environment, and parent involvement. We invite you to share your insights through our survey, which will be evaluated to identify ways to strengthen family engagement practices. The 27-item survey uses a 4-point rating scale (from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree). The survey completion time is approximately 10 minutes. Your participation will help us prioritize our next steps for maintaining and fostering an inclusive and responsive school community. Your voice is important! Please use the QR code or this [survey link](#) to access the survey.

- To view the survey in another language (Arabic, Dari, Pashto, Persian, Spanish, Ukrainian), please click [this link to download a translated PDF](#), then use the QR code or survey link to submit the survey.
- Please submit multiple entries if you have children enrolled in different schools.
- The survey will close at the end of the day on Friday, December 20, 2024.



Wizard of Oz

The Parma Schools Foundation is very excited to announce that they will be producing THE WIZARD OF OZ for their annual Summer musical on August 1, 2 and 3 of 2025. Attached is the audition information for the show, which will be presented at Normandy High School.

[Wizard of Oz](#)

Varsity Tutors

We're excited to announce our partnership with Varsity Tutors for Schools, bringing a powerful suite of online learning resources to all students in our district! Whether you need extra homework help, preparation for an upcoming test, or just want to explore new subjects, Varsity Tutors has you covered. All PCSD students in grades K-12 can now access these amazing tools at no cost, including:

- Weekly Live Online Classes
- 24/7 On-Demand Chat Tutoring
- Celebrity-Led StarCourses
- Self-study resources like recorded content
- Practice problems and adaptive diagnostic tests

To get started, simply log into your PCSD Clever account and click on the Varsity Tutors application!

PAGE Parent Advisory Committee

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent committee meeting. We will meet again in January!

PAGE PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

24-25

**NOV
19**

**4-5 P.M. IN ROOM 209
RSVP TO MRS. BUCHANAN**

**QTR 1 REFLECTION, DEC. EVENT
PLANNING**

**4-5 P.M. IN ROOM 209
RSVP TO MRS. BUCHANAN**

**QTR 2 REFLECTION, FEB EVENT
PLANNING**

**JAN
28**

**MARCH
18**

**4-5 P.M. IN ROOM 209
RSVP TO MRS. BUCHANAN**

**QTR 3 REFLECTION, FUTURE
EVENTS, STUDENT INCENTIVES**

**4-5 P.M. IN ROOM 209
RSVP TO MRS. BUCHANAN**

**QTR 4 REFLECTION, FIELD DAY,
RECRUITMENT**

**MAY
27**

RSVP TO:

BUCHANANT@PARMACITYSCHOOLS.ORG

Normandy Ski Club

Information from NHS Ski Club:

Normandy High runs a Ski Club that we open up to anyone who wants to join! We do not offer transportation, which is how we are able to do this. We know that many schools, even outside of PCSD, have canceled Ski Clubs due to lack of participation, so if you know anyone ages 8-18 that is interested we are happy to include them in our club!

Below are links to the Club Information and signup/payment form. If you do wish to register (or know someone who wants to) please contact Stephanie Busa or Karen Malafarina (see below) and we will provide the google classroom code to you or the student.

malafarinak@parmacityschools.org - Karen Malafarina

busas@parmacityschools.org - Stephanie Busa

Basic Club Information:

-Brandywine, 3:30-7:30

-5 consecutive Tuesdays starting in January

-\$335 all-inclusive price

[Club Information](#)

[Sign-up and payment information](#)

**Although our scheduled time is 3:30-7:30, our members can come and go as they please since transportation is not provided. Many students do not come until 4:30 or 5, and they stay until the park closes at 10:00.

Julia Robinson Math Festival

Register here: [Registration link](#)

Brought to you by the Crooked River Math Teachers' Circle

HUGE FUN!!



NE Ohio's Second Annual
**JULIA
ROBINSON
MATH
FESTIVAL**

Saturday,
January 18, 2025
10-11:30 AM
For ages 6-106



It's FREE!

<https://tinyurl.com/mathfun24>

There are many exciting events for students to attend at our public libraries! Here are a few upcoming events at the Parma Powers branch: [Library Newsletter](#)

PAGE Spirit Wear

Here is the link to our shop: <https://1stplace.sale/110015>

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SPIRIT WEAR STORE



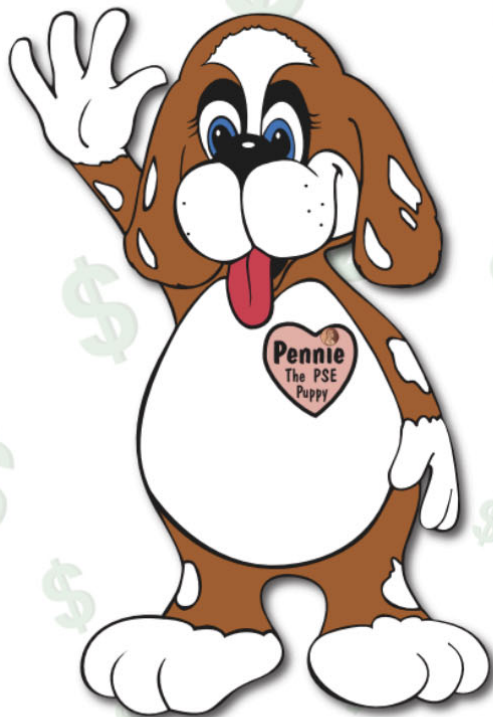
Indoor Recess

Please dress your students for the weather. We will go outside if the temperature is above 20 degrees and it is not raining. The weather changes rapidly this time of year, so it is a good idea to check the weather often and to dress students in layers/send a jacket.

As we approach winter, we will have more indoor recess days. We always seek donations of board games, puzzles, Jenga blocks, card games, etc., so the students can stay occupied while inside. If you have items you are looking to get rid of, please consider donating them to PAGE. Thank you.

PSE Banking

Every Wednesday is banking day! Students are encouraged to open accounts and add to their savings on Wednesdays if they want to participate. This is a real account they can manage through the PSE Credit Union.



JOIN
SCHOOL
BANKING
TODAY!

ASK SCHOOL OFFICE FOR DETAILS





October 11, 2024

Dear PCSD Elementary School Parent/Guardian:

As part of PSE Credit Union's Financial Literacy partnership with the Parma City School District, we are offering students in the Parma City School District elementary schools the opportunity to participate in the **Parma School Banking Program**.

In order for your child/children to open a Savings Account and participate please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and have your student bring it to the office to receive their membership application packet. (See sample of membership application on back of this letter.)

Once received and filled out by a parent/guardian, your child will bring their membership application card along with a \$5.00 initial deposit to open the account on the first day of School Banking which is **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**. They will receive a letter and a receipt of deposit. The account will be opened at PSE Credit Union and the students will receive a school banking packet with their account information the next school banking day.

If you are a current Student Banker bring you banking book and deposit on the first day of school banking.

Moving forward, School Banking will be held every Wednesday so that students can make weekly deposits at school.

School Banking helps students not only learn about money, but it helps them develop the basic life skill of managing money.

If you have any questions or need more information about this program, please give me a call at 440-545-5125 or send me an email at tbaszynski@psecuorg.net.

Sincerely,

Tabitha A. Baszynski
V.P. of Marketing & Member Relations/
School Banking Coordinator

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Classroom # / Teacher's Name: _____

Student Absences

While student attendance is essential, there will be times when our students get sick and must miss school. If your student will be absent, please call our building secretary, Christine Kirsh, at (440) 885-2390. The clinic can be reached by calling the same number and listening to the options, or by calling (440) 885-3764.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

PCSD
Parma City School District



It
adds
up...

EVERY tardy
EVERY early check out
+ **EVERY** absence

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

towards reading at grade level and graduating on time

ONE DAY → ONE WEEK → ONE MONTH → ONE YEAR



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Red, White, and Blue Calendar

We will utilize our Red, White, and Blue calendar for World Language and our Encore courses (art, music, PE). This includes band as the 5th grade music class. World Language will take place on scheduled days from 9:14-10:00 a.m. Encore is scheduled from 1:45 -2:25 p.m.

[2024-2025 Red, White, and Blue Calendar](#)

3rd Grade: Mrs. Adams

Red - World Language, Art

White - Music

Blue - PE

4th Grade: Miss Stimetz

Red - Music

White - World Language, PE

Blue - Art

5th Grade: Miss Morales

Red - PE/Health

White - Art

Blue -World Language, Band - Bring instruments on blue days, please

School Handbook

Our Parma City School Handbook may be [found here](#).