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DETROIT EDISON PSA

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PIONEER NEWS

Bus Expectations – Cultural Force: Expectations



At DEPSA, we hold all students to high expectations for behavior and responsibility—on and off campus. This includes how students conduct themselves on the school buses. The bus is an extension of the classroom, and every student is expected to ride safely, respectfully, and consistently.

Bus Student Expectations:

- Follow directions from the bus driver and staff immediately.
- Keep hands, feet, and belongings to yourself at all times.
- Use appropriate language and voices while on the bus.
- Stay seated and face forward for the entire ride.

Failure to meet these expectations will result in loss of bus privileges and/or disciplinary action. Additionally, if your child does not consistently ride the bus, they will be removed from the transportation roster. We must remain fiscally responsible and ensure that transportation resources are available for students who rely on bus service daily. By meeting these expectations, we create a safe and positive environment that reflects our school's commitment to excellence in all spaces.



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- 11.7 - End of Q1
- 11.24 - Data Day for staff - no school for students
- 11.25-11.28 - school is closed

December						
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- 12.18 - PTC 4:30-7:30
- 12.19 - ½ day for students
- 12.22- Winter break begins



Thank you to all families who were able to attend Parent Teacher Conferences! We had over 90% of families who signed up in attendance.



Message from Mrs. Garvin, PreK Director

Get Ready for Our Next Exciting Study: Percussion Instruments!

During this study, your child will:

- **Explore** how percussion instruments are made
- **Discover** the many types of percussion instruments that exist
- **Experience** the wonderful sounds they create
- **Listen, play, move,** and even **make** their own simple instruments
- **Enjoy** expressing themselves through the joy of music and rhythm



How Music & Movement Promote Learning and Development

Music and movement naturally delight young children! They provide joyful ways to express creativity, release energy, and build important skills. Research shows that these experiences:

- Develop **both sides of the brain**, laying a strong foundation for future learning
- Nurture **social-emotional growth** through cooperation and shared fun
- Strengthen **physical development** by building coordination and rhythm
- Enhance **language skills** through songs, rhymes, and repetition

Support **cognitive growth** by improving memory, focus, and pattern recognition

Music and movement don't just make children smile—they help them grow, think, and learn in joyful ways. We can't wait to share this study with your PreK learners!



Strive for 5! (100% Attendance all week!)

Attendance Matters in PreK!

Coming to school every day helps your child learn, grow, and build important routines. The Michigan Department of Education created the "Attendance Matters" campaign to remind families that being in school every day makes a big difference.

Of course, we understand children may need to stay home when they are sick. That's why it's important to be here every other day they are able.



Message from Principal Withers

Thank you to every one who joined us in our 1st Parent-Teacher Conference of the 2025/2026 school year. We had a great turn out. Hope to see you soon as we prepare for curriculum night. Join us for a nice evening full of games, fun and learning for all ages. Date will be soon to come.

Kindergarten			
Ms. Gallato	17	27	63%
Ms. Robertson	19	28	68%
Ms. Cadiang	16	23	70%
	52	Total Average	67%

First Grade			
Ms. Morales	19	24	79%
Ms. DeVera	16	24	67%
Mr. Mariano	17	23	74%
Ms. Capuno	18	23	78%
	70	Total Average	75%

Second Grade			
Mr. Ambrocio	17	23	74%
Ms. Brewer	16	22	73%
Ms. Hasanpahic	13	25	52%
Ms. Manalac	14	23	61%
	60	Total Average	65%

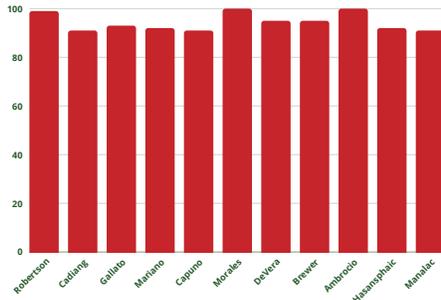
+Goal: 95% Weekly Homework Submission

Reading Trends

Kindergarten: 95% → 94%

1st Grade: 95% → 95%

2nd Grade: 95% → 95%

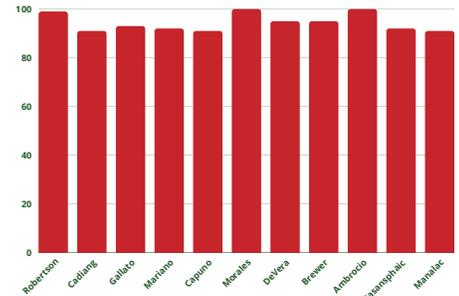


Math Trends

Kindergarten: 95% → 94%

1st Grade: 95% → 95%

2nd Grade: 95% → 95%



Trend: Last week most grade levels have reached on or above our targeted goal. Continue to strive for greatness as the year progresses and Kudos to the classes who have 100% submission.





COOPERATIVE CHALLENGE

Monday: This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to demonstrate a focus strategy. One way you can help yourself focus is by practicing Active Listening. Remember Active Listening has three parts: look at the speaker, sit still with hands in your lap, and be at zero noise.

Tuesday: One way you can help yourself focus is by putting away anything on your desk that you might play with rather than paying attention to the lesson. Keep extra things you do not need in your locker or backpack.

Wednesday: One way you can help yourself focus is by using the "Focus Signal", this will also remind your peers that they should be focusing on their learning.

Thursday: One way you can help yourself focus is by practicing self-talk. Self-Talk is when you coach yourself to make a positive choice. So you could remind yourself of the Active Listening parts when you feel yourself losing focus.

Friday: This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to demonstrate a focus strategy. When we focus on what our classmates are saying it makes them feel like what they have to say is important and that you are truly interested in what they are saying. This makes everyone feel good and helps us to work together as a team. Practice focusing on a classmate during the day today!

WEEKLY CHALLENGES



We're excited to announce our weekly class challenges to motivate and celebrate our amazing students! Please help your child's class win one—or all—of these fun challenges!

Strive for Five Attendance Challenge

Students who come to school every day, on time, and stay the entire day help their class earn a special surprise each Friday!

✨ This week's reward was popcorn and a movie!

Uniform Challenge

Help your child come to school every day in full uniform—including their tie and all-black shoes. Classes with 100% uniform participation are recognized for their teamwork and school pride!

Homework Challenge

Each week, classes that turn in 100% of their Read/Respond and C3 homework by Friday earn the Homework Trophy for the week!

Let's work together to help our students be champions in attendance, effort, and excellence!

With your partnership and support—we can do it! 💪



Message from Principal Dr. Peart

Let the Joy Continue!

Week 8 was amazing — our staff and students truly leveled up! 🌟 One Team, One Mission—With Joy, We Learn, Lead, and Succeed!

Attendance Matters – Cultural Force: Expectations

At DEPSA, we set high expectations for every student because consistent attendance is the foundation for academic success.

Currently, 19% of our students are identified as chronically absent. Together, we must change this trend by ensuring every child is present, on time, and ready to learn every day.

Our Expectation:

Students attend school daily and participate fully in learning. We celebrate students every Friday who attend 5 out of 5 days for the week—because showing up matters!

Why it Matters:

- Students who miss school fall behind academically and socially.
- Chronic absenteeism (missing 10% or more of the school year—about 18 days) can lead to poor grades and even grade retention.
- Attendance builds strong habits of responsibility, perseverance, and pride.

Our Commitment:

We will continue to recognize and celebrate students who meet our attendance expectations and partner with families to remove barriers to consistent attendance.

If you need support, please contact Mr. Brock, Student Support Specialist at cbrock@npfeschools.org

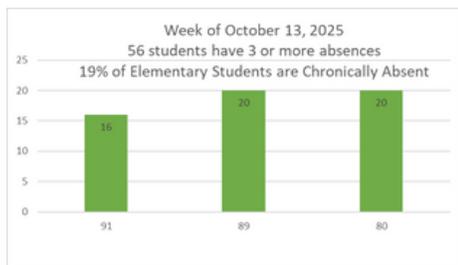
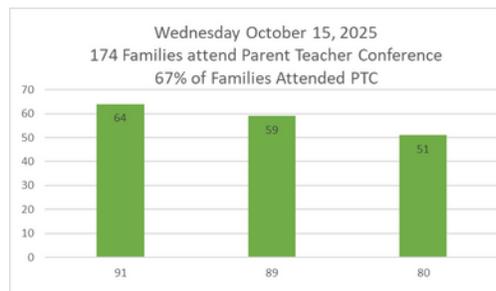
Strive for 5 has officially kicked off where students chant (Eithyan Noble-Molina lead the chant) and celebrate one another for having weekly perfect attendance. Students who attend school 5 days a week will receive a prize at the end of the week. Last week students received slime and popsticks.

Thank you for attending Parent-Teacher Conferences!

We are proud to share that 67% of our families participated — a powerful reflection of our shared commitment to student growth and success.

This aligns to our Cultural Force of Opportunities — creating meaningful moments for students, families, and teachers to connect, reflect, and set goals together. Your involvement provides valuable opportunities for partnership and helps our scholars reach their fullest potential.

Thank you for continuing to support our mission and for being active partners in your child's education. One Team, One Mission: With Joy, We Learn, Lead, and Succeed!



Cool Kids

Acts of Kindness



EXCITING NEWS! Ms. Bartolome's class was our very first class to do random act of kindness-compliment cards!



HOMEWORK

Monday 10/20

Read & Response, C3 Homework

•Students are expected to complete homework by their classroom teacher along with their Reading (Read and Response and C3). Homework is due daily.

Tuesday 10/21

Read & Response, C3 Homework

The goal is for each class to attain a 95% return rate on homework at the end of the week.

Wednesday 10/22

Read & Response, C3 Homework

Homework will be checked EVERY DAY- thank you for helping your child build their work ethic by completing their homework every night.

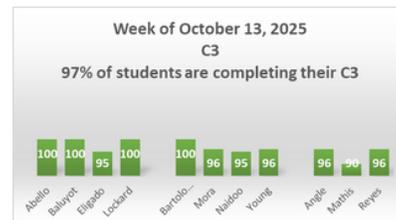
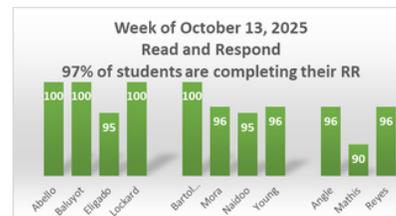
Thursday 10/23

Read & Response, C3 Homework

Shout of to the following classes who received 95% of higher submission rate: Ms. Abello, Ms. Baluyot, Ms. Eligado, Ms. Lockard, Ms. Bartolome, Ms. Mora, Ms. Naidoo, Ms. Young, Ms. Angle, and Dr. Reyes

Friday 10/24

C3 & RR Due





Message from Principal Collins

The Importance of School Attendance

Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in a student's academic success. When students attend school every day, they build strong learning habits, stay connected to their peers and teachers, and make steady progress toward their goals.

1. Every Day Counts - Each school day provides valuable instruction, discussion, and practice that cannot be fully replaced by make-up work. Even missing a few days can cause gaps in understanding, making it harder to keep up with new material.

2. Attendance and Achievement Go Hand-in-Hand Research shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to read on grade level, perform well on assessments, and graduate on time. Chronic absenteeism—missing 10% or more of the school year—has been linked to lower test scores and decreased engagement.

3. Building Responsibility and Routine - Showing up on time every day helps students develop habits of reliability, time management, and accountability—skills that will serve them well in high school, college, and the workforce.

4. Social and Emotional Connection - School is not only about academics; it's also a community. Attending daily allows students to form friendships, feel a sense of belonging, and participate in activities that build confidence and character.

5. Partnership Between School and Home- Families play a crucial role in ensuring strong attendance. Communicating with the school, setting routines, and addressing barriers (such as transportation or health concerns) can make a big difference.

ATTENDANCE KUDOS

140 kiddos are at 95% or better for attendance thus far! They showed their Lion Pride today by wearing Lions gear and or blue and white with jeans.



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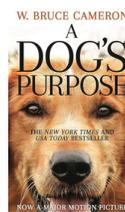
CLICK ABOVE TO ACCESS THE HOMEWORK FOLDER FOR RR AND C3S

Read & Respond

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Junior Academy

DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

2025-2026													Semester 2 swap with Ouoba	Semester 2 swap		Semester 2 swap with Montgomery
PERIOD	TIME	Brown ELA (260)	Gaspar 6/7/8 ELA Honors (261)	David 6 ELA (259)	Sicat 7 ELA (262)	Davis Morton Sci (227)	Reyes Cantrelle Sci (228)	Emma Math (264)	Francisco Math (263)	Bien SS (258)	Wellerritter SS (257)	Montgomery Digital Media (226)	Lee PE/Health (245)	Butler Performing Arts (252)	Ouoba French (242)	
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DEPSA is an International Baccalaureate School

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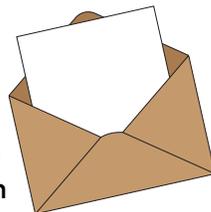
IB trait: Communicator

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

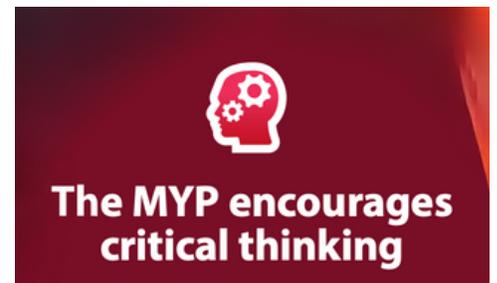
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Our IB Learner Profile for the month of October is Communicator. How can parents help to develop students who are communicators at home?

October 5th is World Teachers' Day. Celebrate by writing your teacher a letter to thank them for their dedication to your education.



Why do we implement the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme in Junior Academy?



It teaches you to analyse and evaluate issues, generate novel ideas, and consider new perspectives.





DEPSA HIGH SCHOOL MISSION BRIEFING

PARENT AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM MR. BLACKBURN

Hello **DEPSA** Families,

A huge shoutout to all the parents who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences this week! It was great to connect, review student data, and discuss ways to support your child's success this school year.

Here are a few simple ways you can continue supporting your student at home:

- Check PowerSchool regularly to monitor grades, attendance, and missing assignments.
- Encourage consistent routines – arriving on time and being prepared for class each day.
- Remind your student about our cell phone pouch policy and the importance of staying focused during instruction.

We also want to thank you for your ongoing support in helping students maintain strong attendance. Attendance is one of the most important factors for academic success, and we appreciate your partnership in this effort. Shoutout to 11th grade for leading with 94% attendance last week, followed by 9th and 10th grade (92%) and 12th grade (91%)! Also, a big shoutout to 10th grade for having the most students with perfect attendance last week

Families can help support attendance by:

- Making sure students get plenty of rest and arrive at school on time each morning.
- Calling the school or emailing Ms. Adams or Ms. Downer if your child must be absent, so we can document and support them.

Lastly, Please take a moment to read through this newsletter for all things DEPSA, and stay connected as we continue moving forward together.

One Team. One Mission.

UPDATES

- **CELL PHONE POUCHES HAVE STARTED. ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO USE PHONE POUCHES WHILE AT SCHOOL.**

EVENTS

- **CURRICULUM NIGHT: OCTOBER 22, 2025 - 4:30PM - 6PM**
- **NOV 7 END OF QUARTER 1**

UPCOMING GAMES/EVENTS

- **FOOTBALL: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 AWAY GAME VS. ALMONT**
- **VOLLEYBALL:**
 - **TUESDAY VS. CPA AT 5PM**
 - **SATURDAY TOURNAMENT @SUMMIT**

SENIORS DEADLINES

- **EARLY FAFSA DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2025. EARN 5 EXTRA TICKETS + VISA GIFT CARD + \$100 FROM MR. BLACKBURN**
- **SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE VISIT THIS FRIDAY.**

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