

OCTOBER 27, 2025



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DETROIT EDISON PSA

PIONEER NEWS

- Cider
- Donuts
- Resources
- Candy
- Treats
- Fun!

CURRICULUM
TRUNK
 OR
TREAT
WedNESday

OCTOBER 29 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Don't forget to wear your costume for the Trunk or Treat NOT school!



November						
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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





Message from Mrs. Garvin, PreK Director

How Cooking Experiences Promote Development and Learning

Cooking is a joyful and meaningful way for young children to learn. When children participate in cooking activities, they discover how food is prepared and how it supports their health and well-being. Cooking also helps them build a wide range of developmental skills.

Social-Emotional Development

- Children feel proud and confident when they help create something they can eat and share.
- Working together to follow a recipe encourages cooperation, patience, and teamwork.

Physical Development

- Simple tasks such as squeezing lemons, stirring batter, or spreading sunflower butter on celery strengthen small muscles in the hands and fingers.
- These actions also support coordination and control skills important for writing and self-help tasks.

Language and Literacy Development

- Cooking introduces rich new vocabulary, such as ingredients, recipe, grate, knead, and measure.
- Children practice listening, following directions, and talking about what they are doing—all of which build communication skills.

Cognitive Development

- Cooking inspires curiosity and problem-solving.
- Measuring, counting, and observing changes in ingredients (like dough rising) introduce early math and science concepts in a hands-on way.

Cooking is something most families already do at home, so why not invite your child to join in? Start with simple tasks like stirring, pouring, adding spices, or shaping dough. Talk about what you're doing and what you notice together.

The beauty of cooking with children is that they learn valuable skills while creating something delicious and having fun along the way!





Message from Principal Withers

This week we will be working on intentionality, communication and consistency. As a team we can make a difference in the lives of our scholars. We are only 42 days into the school year and we already over 80 students in primary academy alone who are chronically absent (4 absences or more). Please be mindful of the impact this can have on your scholars education early on. After 8:05am students are tardy. After 8:30am students are missing valuable information and their reading class. If you are having issues with getting your scholar here on time please let us know so that we can try to support.

Goal: 95% Weekly Student Attendance

Kindergarten: 95% → 90%

1st Grade: 95% → 90%

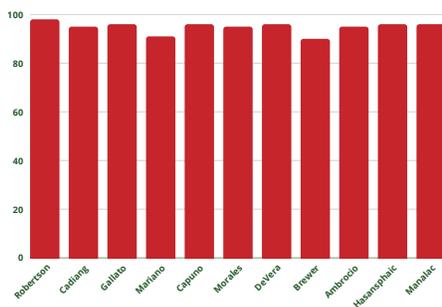
2nd Grade: 95% → 95%



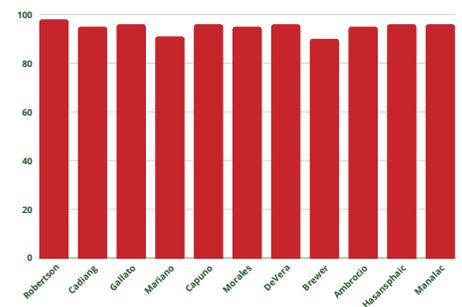
CONGRATULATIONS MR AMBROCIO! 96% ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



+Goal: 95% Weekly Homework Submission



Reading Trends
 Kindergarten: 95% → 95%
 1st Grade: 95% → 95%
 2nd Grade: 95% → 95%



Math Trends
 Kindergarten: 95% → 95%
 1st Grade: 95% → 95%
 2nd Grade: 95% → 95%

Trend: This week we have all averaged 95%...

HIP! HIP! HOORAYYYYYYYY

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS BRINGING BACK THEIR READING BOOKS DAILY. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THEY HAVE THEM FOR SFA CLASS



COOPERATIVE CHALLENGE

Monday: This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is to demonstrate a Stop and Think Strategy. Brain games such as: Telephone, Catch the Signal, and Sha Zam all help your brain practice stopping and thinking. Try playing one of these at recess today.

Tuesday: Sometimes you may want to say or do something right away even if it isn't your turn. This is when you need to stop and think. You need to exercise your brain muscles, stop and think, and use a strategy to help you wait.

Wednesday: There are many times during the school day when scholars should stop and think. For example you should stop and think when you feel like you want to call out an answer or when you want to get out of your chair during class.

Thursday: Try these strategies to stop and think today. You can take deep, slow breaths or count down quietly in your head.

Friday: Try these strategies to stop and think today. You can tell yourself to calm down, close your eyes to avoid distractions, and give the stop and think signal.

Parents please be mindful that this is a uniformed school. **ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN FULL UNIFORM** they will be given a uniform violation.
You must sign the violation and return it to the school.

ALL-STAR STUDENTS





Message from Principal Dr. Peart

Let the Joy Continue!

Week 9 was amazing — our staff and students truly leveled up! 🎉 One Team, One Mission—With Joy, We Learn, Lead, and Succeed!

Attendance Alert: 🚨

27% of our students have three or more absences — this is alarming! Every day counts toward your child's success. When students miss school, they miss valuable learning, routines, and relationships that help them grow.

Please make sure your child is in school on time and every day unless they are truly ill. Consistent attendance builds strong habits, confidence, and academic progress. Let's work together to get every child present and learning — because every day matters! 🙌

Shout out to Ms. Abello Class for having 95% ADA attendance!

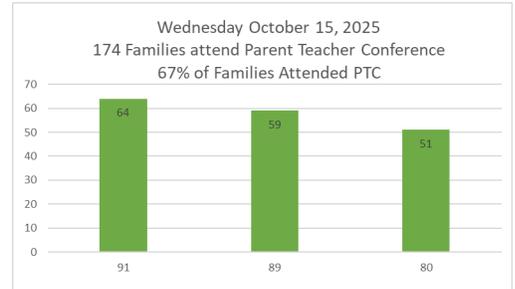
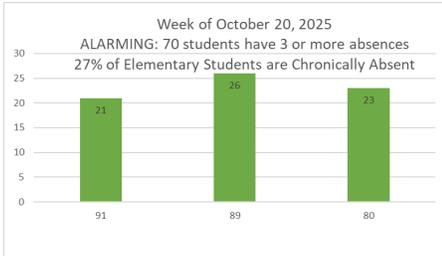
Thank you for attending Parent-Teacher Conferences!

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

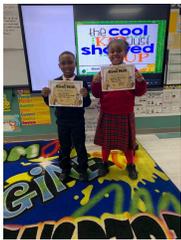
This aligns to our Cultural Force of Opportunities — creating meaningful moments for students, families, and teachers to connect, reflect, and set goals together. Your involvement provides valuable opportunities for partnership and helps our scholars reach their fullest potential.

Thank you for continuing to support our mission and for being active partners in your child's education.

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Cool Kids



HOMEWORK

Monday 10/27
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 10/28
Read & Response, C3 Homework

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

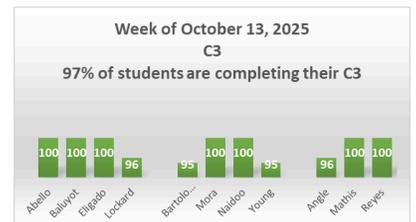
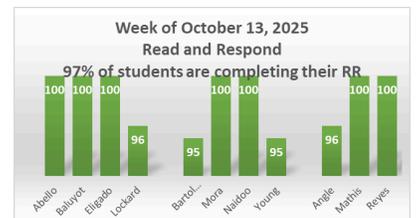
Wednesday 10/29
Read & Response, C3 Homework

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

Thursday 10/30
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. Mora, Ms. Naidoo, Ms. Young, Ms. Angle, and Dr. Reyes

Friday 10/31
C3 & RR Due





Message from Principal Collins

Healthy Eating Matters!

Healthy eating is crucial for growing middle schoolers. Please take a moment to monitor what your student packs for lunch each day. Many popular snacks and drinks contain high amounts of red dye or sugar—found in items such as chips, candy, and donuts—which can negatively impact focus, behavior, and learning, especially during afternoon classes. Let’s work together to help our students stay energized and ready to learn!

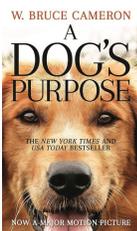


CLICK HERE

CLICK ABOVE TO ACCESS THE HOMEWORK FOLDER FOR RR AND C3S

Read & Respond

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DEPSA is an International Baccalaureate School

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.

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

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The MYP encourages critical thinking

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,

Hope you had a great weekend!

For our seniors, a reminder that the Early FAFSA Deadline is this Friday, October 31. Completing the FAFSA early can earn students 5 extra tickets, a Visa gift card, and chance to win \$100 from Mr. Blackburn!

Please ensure students are not damaging pouches or sneaking cell phones in the building. If students are caught with phones, a parent must come to the school to get it, no exceptions. Please support us by ensuring we have your support with maintaining a distraction free school.

As we move through the week, let's continue to push for strong attendance. Consistent attendance is one of the biggest predictors of academic success, and we appreciate your partnership in making sure students are present and on time every day.

Families can help support attendance by:

- Making sure students get a good night's rest and arrive at school on time each morning.
- Avoiding scheduling appointments during the school day whenever possible.
- Calling the school or emailing Ms. Adams or Ms. Downer if your child must be absent, so we can document and support them.

As always, thank you for your support in ensuring we meet our goals of 100% graduation, 100% college acceptance and 95% attendance!

One Team. One Mission.

UPDATES

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

EVENTS

- **TRUNK OR TREAT: OCTOBER 29, 2025 - 4:30PM - 5:30PM**
- **NOV 7 END OF QUARTER 1**

UPCOMING GAMES/EVENTS

- **FOOTBALL: DETROIT CENTRAL (6-3) @ DETROIT EDISON (7-2)**
- **HALLOWEEN: STUDENTS CAN WEAR COSTUMES: NO MASKS, NO WEAPONS IN COSTUMES, MUST BE APPROPRIATE ATTIRE.**

SENIORS DEADLINES

- **EARLY FAFSA DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2025. EARN 5 EXTRA TICKETS + VISA GIFT CARD + \$100 FROM MR. BLACKBURN**
- **42 SUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THE FAFSA SO FAR!**
- **ALBION COLLEGE VISIT THIS MONDAY AT 8:30 AM**

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE FULL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER](#)

