

PENN FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November 10, 2025
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

- New Mulch on the playground!
- Veteran's Day Program
- Fun Run Prizes
- Make Up Picture Day

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Veteran's Day Program is on Tuesday



Our Veteran's Day program will be on 11/11 where our Fifth grade Students will be singing. We invite our fifth grade parents and anyone in our Penn Forest Community that is a Veteran to join us for this special celebration. If you have siblings to 5th graders that you'd like to attend that are in Preschool-1st grades, please let their teacher know to send them. Grades 2-5 will be in the program area. We encourage our students to wear red, white, or blue for this special day! Anyone attending the program will enter through the cafeteria exterior doors which will be opened at 8:45 AM.



New Mulch!

Our playground got new mulch delivered and laid out last week! It looks so good! We also got additional mulch poured into our Gaga Ball pit– which has been a hit this year with our students!

Thanks to Officer Chris for helping Ms. Griffin with this Gaga Ball pit project to get it ready for our students! This pit was generously donated by a former Penn Forest family (The Watkins) in honor of their time here.

Fun Run Celebrations!

Our students enjoyed a school-wide assembly outside last Friday where our top Fun Run Fundraisers in each grade got to throw a pie at Ms. Griffin in celebration of us reaching (and surpassing) our school-wide goal! Congratulations to these grade level winning students:

Preschool– Lilith Harris (\$300)

Kindergarten– Liam Wallace (\$645)

First– Easton Lewis (\$3,245)

Second- (3– way tie)- Wavery Trawick, Carter Terry, Julian Angelini (\$300)

Third– Dylan Balzer (2,675)

Fourth-Lucia Dredla (\$525)

Fifth-(3-way tie)- Catherine Murray, Shade Miller, Harrison Black (\$500)

Congratulations Future Principals!

The following students get lunch with the Principal and get “Principal of the Day” honors in the next two weeks for their fundraising efforts for the Fun Run. If your child is on this list, Ms. Griffin will email you before their day to let you know ahead of time!

Easton Lewis
Dylan Balzer
Kenna Nichols
Liam Wallace
Lucia Dredla
Abby Walden
Owen Walden
Owen Curtis
Xavier Borowicz

Makeup Fall Pictures



Makeup pictures are on 11/11. We have a list of students that were absent that day that we will have photographed. If you were not happy with your child's photo, and want it retaken, please email Michele in the front office: mcporterfield@rcps.us

Mark Your Calendars!

- 11/10– No SOARing Striders today
- 11/ 11– Fall Make up Picture day and Veteran's Day program (9 AM)
- 11/12– Fourth and Fifth Grade math formatives
- 11/13– Gifted Art until 4 PM / Third grade math formative
- 11/17– Mrs. Urgo being honored at the School Board Meeting Tonight!
- 11/21– Fifth grade Field Trip to Greensboro Science Center
- 11/26– 11/28- Schools are Closed for Thanksgiving Break