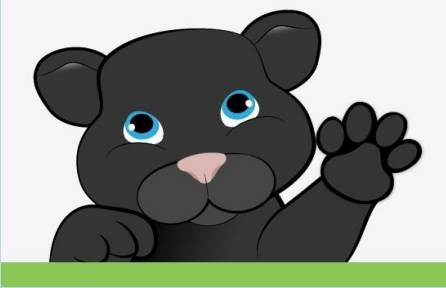


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Principal Nicole Parete



CUBBY CORNER

- 12/2 – Picture Retake Day
- 12/6 – Breakfast with Santa PTA Event @ 9:30 a.m.
- 12/9 – 12/11 – Holiday Store
- 12/10 – Winter Concert @ PES @ 7:00 p.m.
- 12/12 – End of Five Week Marking Period
- 12/17 – B.O.E. Meeting @ LES @ 7:00 p.m.
- 12/24/2025 – 1/2/2026 – School Closed for Winter Break
- 1/5/2025 – School re-opens



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones! The holiday season is quickly approaching, and we have many exciting activities planned for December.

Our Winter Concert will take place on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025**. This is always a highlight of the year, and I look forward to celebrating the hard work and talent of our students in band, orchestra, and chorus.

In the spirit of giving, we are seeking families who would like to sponsor a student in need by providing holiday gifts. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Medina at (845) 895-7257. All families receiving assistance are carefully vetted to ensure genuine need. We are also collecting food items to provide holiday meals. A flyer was sent home by grade-level, but we gladly accept any donations. Please send all items by **Friday, December 12, 2025**.

Our PTA has been hard at work planning festive events, including Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 6, 2025**. We hope to see you there!

Looking ahead, Session 2 of our After-School AIS Program will run from **February 23, 2026, through May 14, 2026**. Invitations will be sent in January. If you are interested in having your child participate, please let your teacher know. Parents must provide transportation for pickup.

Thank you for your continued support in making this season special for our students and community!

-Mrs. Parete

Early Dismissal Plan

In the event of a significant change in dismissal time due to weather or an unexpected problem, students/families will be notified via:

- **School Messenger** (To subscribe to text message alerts, text "Y" to 67587 from the cell phone that is on file with our school.)
- **Parent notification calling system** (Please make sure your emergency information is up to date with the main office.)
- **Website notifications**

The District has allocated seven emergency days as part of the 2025-2026 school calendar. Should the District exceed the number of emergency days allocated, we will pivot to remote instruction rather than close school for the day. Please note, we may also choose to use remote learning if one of our buildings must close due to unforeseen circumstances.

PBIS - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

PAW-SOME PBIS Programs at Plattekill

- *Positive Office Referrals*— a student can be nominated by a staff member when they are noticed for going above and beyond our PAWS Expectations. We have had several students already awarded this honor! Keep up the good work to all of our students.
- *Cubby's Special Lunch Spot* has been a big hit with our students. A special table is set up in our cafeteria in which students can purchase a reservation with PAWS Cash. Our students are really working hard to follow our PAWS Expectations! Thank you to our families for helping to reinforce our PAWS Expectations at home!
- *PAWSITIVE TRAITS Quarterly Awards*. This award is presented to students from each class that display the following character traits: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Congratulations to the following students:

Amiyah Bruno, Angelina Alba Rosa, Aryela Everingham, Ava Lyon, Aviana Buddal, Cameron Ferdinand, Cassie Orlik, Cedric Brown III, David DiChiara, David Marmolejos Jr., Desiree Profiro, Eleanor Horlick, Eli Loughridge, Isabella Osterhoudt, Jackson Williams, Jasmin Hercules Guevara, Karter Way, Levi Shuart, Luke Cramer, Lylah Acevedo, Nathaniel Wright, Nickayla Fuller, Paityn Detz, Savannah Rosado, Vincent Syngjyllari, and Wesley Butler.

PTA News

Thank you for a Successful Fall Book Fair!

We had an amazing turnout at our Fall Book Fair-thank you to all our volunteers who helped make this event a success!

Poinsettia Fundraiser Pickup

For those who purchased Poinsettias, pickup will be on December 2nd during dismissal at 3:30 p.m. and again between 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa

We look forward to seeing everyone who signed up for our Breakfast with Santa on December 6th. There are two time slots available: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. so be sure to sign up for one of them!

Holiday Shop

Our Holiday Shop will be held December 9th, 10th, and 11th. Students will have the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts. Be on the lookout for the volunteer sign-up sheet in your child's blue folder or reach out directly to Plattekillpta@gmail.com if you can help.

Next PTA Meeting

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on January 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.