

PENN FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 2, 2026 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

- Important dates
- Penn Forest Family Hockey Night
- Read Across America
- STEM night
- March Mathness
- Tornado Drill

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Keep Reading Owls!

Our Read-A-Thon started last Sunday, and is off to a great start! Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and get registered! If you need assistance, please email our librarian, Jessica Bowers: jbowers@rcps.us

Read Across America Spirit Days This Week!

Monday– Reading Makes Us Bright– wear bright colors and/or sunglasses

Tuesday– Team Up for Reading– wear your favorite team gear

Wednesday-We are wacky for reading! Wear mismatched clothes or crazy socks

Thursday– Hats off to reading– wear a hat

Friday– Cuddle Up with a Good Book– wear Pajamas to school



FRACTIONS
OF **FURY**



Roanoke County kicked off this year's "March Mathness" challenge on Monday. Students across the division are challenged to reach as many IXL 80% grade level proficiencies as they can during the month of March. Every school was assigned one of four teams across the division. We are on the "Fractions of Fury" team. Two years ago, our school led the division, and brought home the trophy! We are hoping to reclaim it again this year! We only get credit for IXL math that reaches 80 % proficiency done at school. At home does not count. Please encourage your kids to give it their all, as we sharpen our skills in this challenge!



We have our huge school-wide STEM night on Tuesday night from 6-7:30 PM. You will enter through door 1A in the front of the school. You will get a flier and map upon entering. There will be several "attractions" for you to visit while here, and there will be a STEM project for your child in their grade level pod. We will have free hot dogs from The Sheriff's department, chips and drinks for sale through the PTA, and Donuts available for sale with our "Get Glazed" donut truck. Please make sure to stay with and supervise your children during the entirety of the event. It's sure to be a wonderful night, and we hope to see you there!



Railyard Dawgs Hockey Game This Friday Night!

We are having a Penn Forest Family Night at the Railyard Dawgs Hockey Game on Friday, March 6th with a puck drop at 7:05 PM. We have limited blocked seats at a reduced price for our Penn Forest families that night which can be purchased using the links below on a first come, first serve, basis. We are not singing the anthem this year– this is simply a fun Penn Forest community night!

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Pennforrest2>



Safety Drills This Week

We will have a state-wide tornado drill this Wednesday. The drill will be announced ahead of time. We also will have a county-wide bus drill at 2:10 PM on Thursday. Cars and buses may be a little behind on this day due to the drill. We appreciate your partnership in reinforcing safety protocols with your children.



Upcoming Dates: Mark Your Calendars!

03/03– PFE STEM night from 6-7:30 PM

03/06– Family Hockey Night at Railyard Dawgs–7:05 PM puck drop

03/12– Spring Pictures (Individual and class)

03/13– Now is a regular student day not a teacher work day

03/19– Career Day during the day for the students

03/31– Third grade performance at 6 PM

03/31– Last day to purchase a yearbook!