

# PENN FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**March 16, 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>

## SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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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
- Career Day
- Spring Break
- SOARing Striders
- Yearbook

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## Career Day at PFE

We have our school-wide career day on March 19th here at the school. We are super thankful for the parents coming to be a part of this special day.

We do want you to know that there will be emergency vehicles, including a SWAT vehicle and ambulance, here at the school that day as part of our field day. If you pass by the school, or hear people talking in the community about these vehicles at the school, we wanted you to know in advance that is why and that everything is ok!

Thanks in advance to Mrs. White for organizing this event for us! If you are participating, and have follow up questions, please contact Mrs. White: [jnwhite@rcps.us](mailto:jnwhite@rcps.us)

## Yearbook Photos Wanted

**Mrs. Bowers is seeking pictures of our Penn Forest students this year at special events like our STEM night, Pumpkins on the Playground, skating parties, etc. If you have some good ones to share, please drop them in this link: <https://plicbooks.com/go/3H63B6>**

**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!

## **Anticipated SOL Dates**

We will be testing our 3-5 students beginning at the end of April. In third grade, the students take math and reading SOL tests, in the fourth grade they take math, reading, and Va Studies SOL tests, and in the 5th grade, students take the math, reading, science SOL tests, as well as an IRW (integrated reading and writing) test.

The IRW test for the fifth grade will be on April 16th. The other testing for grades 3-5 will be testing April 28– May 15. Please do your best to avoid planned doctor's visits, trips, etc. during this time.

## **SOARing Striders**



**SOARing Striders starts back for the spring on March 30th. This is available to fourth and fifth grade students. You must fill out a new permission form for the spring season to participate. Thanks to Mrs. Benson for serving as our coach this year, and to all our PFE staff who support it each week!**



## **Spring Break**

**RCPS schools will be closed from Monday, March 22– 26th for Spring Break. Schools will also be closed on Good Friday, April 3rd.**



## **Upcoming Dates: Mark Your Calendars!**

**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!**