

ARSENAL PREK-5 PSCC MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026



WELCOME!

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Overview of PSCC
- Arsenal's Mission & Vision
- Student Enrollment
- PBIS
- Attendance
- Parent Engagement Opportunities
- Community Schools

PARENT SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

WHAT IS A PSCC?

Why do we have Parent School Community Councils (PSCC)?

The Parent School Community Council model was first adopted by the Board of Directors in 1993. It was designed to have a group of dedicated parents and community members in each school who serve as an advisory body to the principal regarding issues such as school safety, student achievement, curriculum, discipline, and parental and community involvement in the school.

Participating in the Parent School Community Council (PSCC) is one of the most effective ways parents and community members can be engaged. Each month, the PSCC has a meeting as an opportunity for parents, families, the community, school staff, and sometimes students, to discuss important topics related to the school and provide support to the leadership of the school.

Vision

We are committed to a culture of excellence at Arsenal PreK-5 by producing academic and social growth and achievement, where everyone is valued as a learner and leader contributing to the global society.

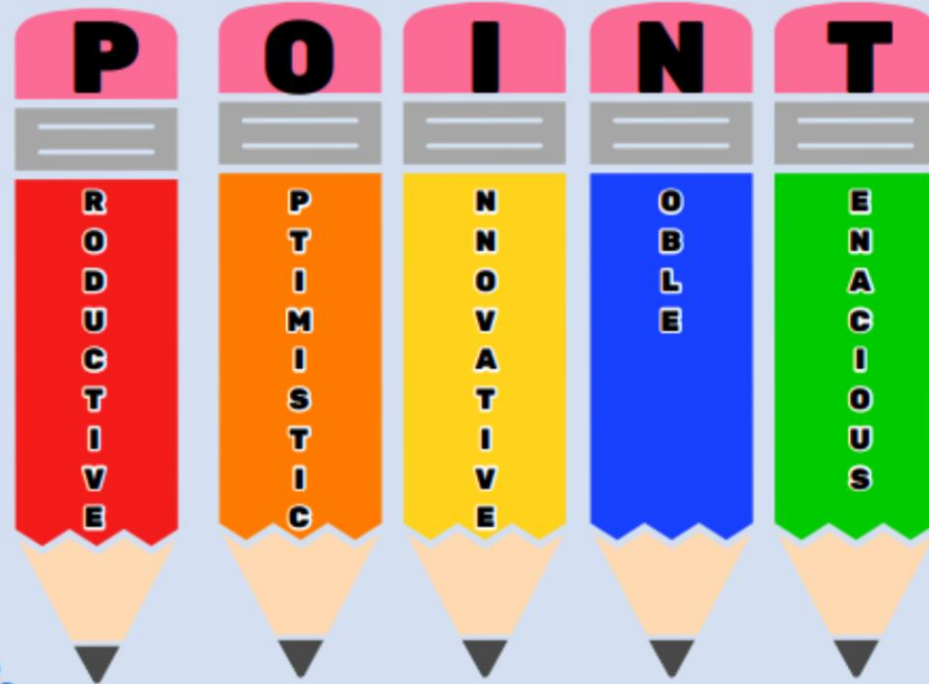
Mission

Arsenal PreK-5 will be a caring and high performing school by creating the conditions that engage all students, teachers, parents and community members in positive learning experiences that are innovative, differentiated, culturally relevant, and rigorous.



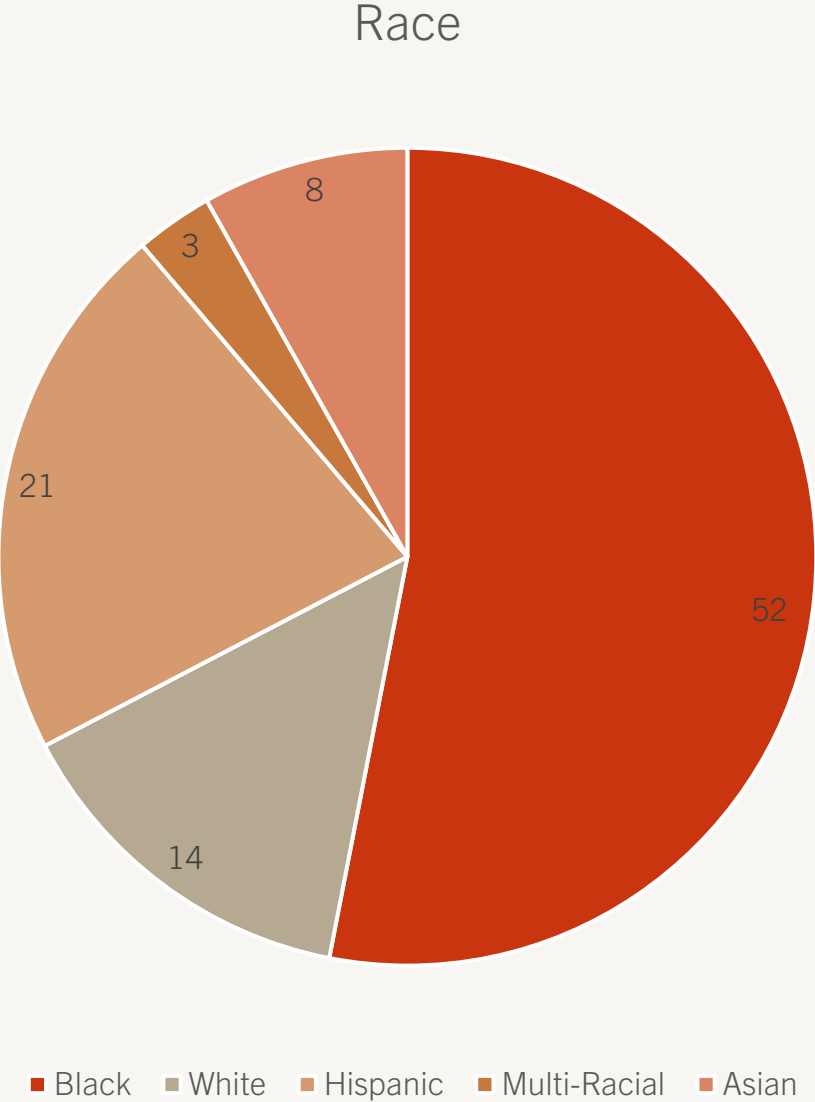
Arsenal All-Stars

ON



As Readers, Writers, Thinkers, and Problem Solvers

CURRENT ENROLLMENT



ATTENDANCE UPDATES

- Attendance is a priority. Please send your child to school every day. We want Arsenal All-Star students to attend 95% or more of the total school days within a school year.
- Please try to limit absences, which include tardies and early dismissals, from school unless it is necessary (personal illness or serious family emergency). Absences include illness, bereavement/ death in the family, weather emergency (impassable roads or quarantine), religious holidays, hospitalization, and principal-approved reasons for absence from school or class.
- Send a written excuse completed to school with your child upon his/her return. If absence notes are not received within three days, these absences will remain unexcused.
- Make every effort to see that your child is at the bus stop or in school on time. A student is late after 8:46 AM.
- Written requests are required for early dismissals. Early dismissals cannot occur after 3:00 AM.

HOME ACCESS CENTER

Back-to-School Forms are Now Available in the Home Access Center (HAC)!

START THE SCHOOL YEAR READY

Complete your child's required Back-to-School Forms quickly and securely through the **Home Access Center (HAC)**. Updating your information helps ensure your child's school has the most accurate contact, health, and emergency information before the first day of school.

YOUR FAMILY'S ONE-STOP STUDENT PORTAL

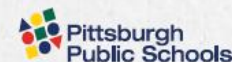
The Home Access Center gives parents and guardians 24/7 access to important student information and allows families to:

- ✓ Complete Back-to-School Forms
- ✓ Download and print report cards
- ✓ View grades and class averages
- ✓ Monitor attendance
- ✓ Check class schedules
- ✓ View published assignments and student progress
- ✓ Access transcript grades
- ✓ Communicate with teachers through quick links
- ✓ Access transportation information



LOG IN TODAY

Scan the QR code or visit pghschools.org/HAC to access the Home Access Center and complete by the first day of school.



DAILY SCHEDULE

- Intervention
- Lunch
- Related Arts
 - Physical Education (daily)
 - Science (daily)
 - Art (odd days)
 - Music (even days)
 - Library (odd days)

ARSENAL PreK-5
BELL SCHEDULE
2026-2027

Period	Start Time	End Time	Total Time
Teacher Arrival	8:00		
Paraprofessional Arrival Report to Duty Warning Bell	8:20		
Student Breakfast	8:25	8:40	15 minutes
Homeroom	8:40	8:46	6 minutes
1	8:46	9:29	43 minutes
2	9:29	10:12	43 minutes
3 2 nd Grade Intervention	10:12	10:55	43 minutes
4 LUNCH for PreK-1 st grade 3 rd & 5 th Grade Intervention	10:55	11:40	45 minutes
5 LUNCH for 2 nd , 5 th grade Kindergarten Intervention	11:40	12:25	45 minutes
6 4 th Grade Intervention	12:25	1:10	45 minutes
7	1:10	1:53	43 minutes
8	1:53	2:36	43 minutes
9 1 st Grade Intervention	2:36	3:19	43 minutes
Homeroom/Transition	3:19	3:25	6 minutes
Student Dismissal	3:25		

HALF DAY SCHEDULE

ARSENAL PreK-5 HALF DAY BELL SCHEDULE 2026-2027

Half Day Schedule 9.18.2026, 10.23.2026, 12.18.2026, 2.26.2027

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9 Students return to HR	10:55	11:40	45 minutes
Student Dismissal	11:40 11:45 11:55	All-call to begin transitioning Walker dismissal Bus dismissal	
Staff Professional Learning	12:30	3:30	3 hours
Teacher Dismissal	3:30		

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SCHOOL ACTION PLANS

MTSS- Academics

MTSS- Behavior Supports

Differentiated Instruction



Arsenal All-Stars



School Expectations & Rules

I will:

- **Be Respectful**
 - Show self-control.
 - Follow all directions the first time.
 - Use kind words and actions.

- **Be Responsible**
 - Wear school uniform daily
 - Use school materials correctly.
 - Put things where they belong.

- **Be Safe**
 - Keep hands, feet, and objects to myself.
 - Walk in classrooms and hallways.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Every Wednesday school information is shared via Class Dojo, Talking Points and Facebook. A blue Wednesday folder is sent home with important information. School calendars are sent home on the last Wednesday of the month for the next month.

Below are a few tips for parents to use.

- ✓ Parents should let students complete the work on their own and not complete it for them.
- ✓ Parents should know their student's log in information and have their Clever username and password.
- ✓ Stay in touch with your child's teachers. If you have questions or concerns, please contact a staff member.
- ✓ Provide a space for your child to complete homework. Encourage your child to read daily (20-30 minutes) or read with your child. Also, practice math basic facts throughout the week and make it a part of everyday home life.

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OVERVIEW

PPS Community Schools

Mission Statement:

Community schools promote student achievement, positive learning conditions, and the well-being of families and communities through tailored programs and partnerships.

Vision Statement:

Empowering Minds, Building School Community while Sustaining Transformative Impact.

Belief Statement:

Strong partnerships between District schools and community resources are essential to offering comprehensive programs focusing on academics, enrichment, health and social support, youth and community development, and family engagement. We are deeply committed to promoting student achievement, fostering positive conditions for learning, and enhancing the well-being of families and communities based on each school's unique needs. This commitment ensures that students receive the best education.

MS. EALY

COMMUNICATION

Please join and like our Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/ArsenalElementary/> .

Teachers will maintain contact with you, and we want YOU to stay contact with us.



ClassDojo



schoolology



talkingpoints



MS. BARBARINO

- 4th-5th Special Education Teacher
- Family & Community Engagement Coordinator (FACE)

Email address: bbarbarino1@pghschools.org

School phone number: 412-529-7307



MRS. THOMPSON

- 3rd Grade ELD Teacher
- Technology & Transportation Coordinator
- Family & Community Engagement Coordinator (FACE)

Email address: gthompkins1@pghschools.org

School phone number: 412-529-2959

PARENT ENGAGEMENT PLAN

- PSSC Meetings Monthly
- PAC Volunteers
- Parent Ambassador- Ms. Erika Gidley
- School Volunteers
- Quarterly Events with families/community members

FAMILY NIGHTS

Family Nights

A quarterly family night or concert occurs for the students, parents, and community members. These activities provide the parents with the opportunity to engage with curricular resources, meet other parents, learn in a fun way, and engage in school-related experiences with their children. These events are included in a year-long parent engagement calendar that is sent home and posted to the website and social media in September. The quarterly events for the 2026-2027 school year are below.

Welcome Back Event

August 19, 2026

3:30 – 5:30 pm

Title I Annual Meeting: Literacy & Mathematics Night

November 5, 2026

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Winter Concert

December 21, 2026

9:30 am – 10:45 am

Arsenal 360 International Night

April 1, 2027

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Spring Concert

May 21, 2027

9:30 am – 10:45 am



UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 18th** **Half day of school for students**
(Student dismissal is 11:55 am)
- September 21st** **NO SCHOOL for students (Yom Kippur)**
- October 16th** **Parent/Teacher Conference Day**
Conferences will be scheduled in advance.
They will be 15 minutes in length.
- October 9th & 23rd** **Half day of school for students**
(Student dismissal is 11:55 am)
- November 3rd** **NO SCHOOL (Election Day)**

FUTURE MEETING DATES

October 20th

November 17th

December 15th

January 19th

February 16th

March 16th

April 20th

May 18th

Meetings will occur via zoom at 10:00 am.

QUESTIONS



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MEETING PARTICIPANTS

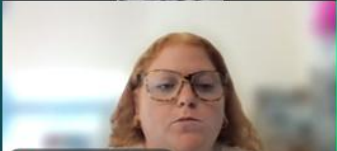
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- Tekeyla Jones joined as a guest
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- Ilse lopez joined as a guest
- Jenaro joined as a guest
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- Diana-NLA left



Landon Nicholas



Ruthie Rea



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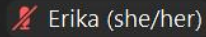


Morgan Ealy (she/her/hers)



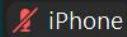
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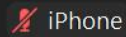
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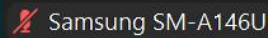
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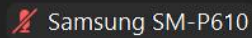
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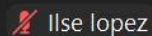


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Terrell

Ilse lopez



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Tekeyla Jones



Tekeyla Jones

 Arsenal PreK-5 PSCC Meeting 

LN

Landon Nicholas 10:03 AM

Nick Jones, parent of Madison and van driver

ME

Morgan Ealy (she/her/hers) 10:03 AM

Morgan Ealy (she/her) - Community Schools Site Manager

VM

Ms. Mason 10:04 AM

Ms. Mason, School Counselor :)

B

bbarbarino 10:04 AM

Brianna Barbarino- Learning Support teacher

E

Erika (she/her) 10:04 AM

Erika Gidley, parent of Madeline and Rae, PPS Parent Ambassador

D

Diana-NLA 10:04 AM

Diana Neighborhood Learning Aliiance K-5 Program Manager providing Free afterschool programming for Arsenal families

iPhone joined as a guest

TJ

Tekeyla Jones 10:05 AM

Tekeyla Jones. Neighborhood Learning Alliance Afterschool Program Manager

Terrell joined as a guest

VM

Ms. Mason 10:20 AM

I'm heading to my next meeting. Take care everyone. If you need anything,

Who can see your messages?

To:

Waiting room participants

Message Arsenal PreK-5 PSCC Meeting





10:39 AM
9/15/2026