

Week of November 13th

Half Days of School this Week, November 15th and 16th, Dismissal at 12:10 p.m.

What's Happening?

Family Teacher Conferences-Reflecting With Our Children

This week you will talk with your child's teacher about their development in all areas: academics, social emotional learning, and behavior. It can be difficult to know how to support your child in their development after a conference. How do we address areas where growth is needed? How do we recognize and celebrate successes?

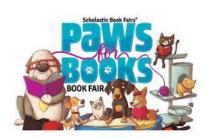
There are so many ways to approach school related conversations with our children. Some possible approaches are:

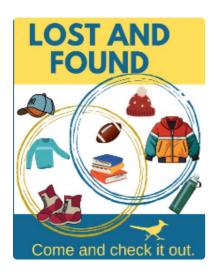
1. **Sit with your child and create a plus/delta chart.** Where is your child making progress or experiencing success (plus), where is your child getting stuck, needing support, or showing a relative weakness (delta). After reflecting on these things working together to set goals and discuss ways that support can be provided could be a productive next step. Listne to your child's goals. If they sound a bit unrealistic help to paraphrase what you are hearing. "Sounds like you want to work on organizing your homework." (Click here for a plus/delta chart)

- 2. **Start with the positive.** Your teacher shared these positive things about your development! Celebrate these things and ask your child how they have made this happen. This reflection will help them to see that they are taking intentional steps that are leading to this positive outcome. Then ask your child if they think any of these steps could be applied to an area where they want to grow.
- 3. Take baby steps. Sometimes a child might have several steps to take to achieve a goal. Help your child to think through the goal. First, the child might work with you every night to organize their papers. Then, your child might graduate to organizing their papers independently and you check in with them as a support. Eventually your child might do this each day independently and you check in with them once a week to see how they are doing and what supports they might need.

Scholastic Book Fair This Week!

The Scholastic Book Fair is open this week for students during the school day and will be open until 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15th. A flyer was sent home with students last week. Check it out to learn more about ways you can shop at the Book Fair!





Visit our Lost and Found

Preview the items in our Lost and Found by clicking on this slides presentation (Lost and Found-November 2023). The Lost and Found will be located near the office doors this week when families visit the Book Fair and attend Family Teacher Conferences.

Important Dates

November

- Nov 15th and 16th: Half Days of School due to Family and Teacher Conferences-dismissal at 12:10 p.m.
- Nov 16th: PFO Sponsored Dine and Donate at Buddy's Pizza (click here for flyer)
- Nov 17th: Changes to Lunch Choices
 Lunch Option #1 will be Turkey Dinner.
 - Turkey and gravy
 - Mashed potatoes



Green Beans

Lunch Option #2 will be a Wowbutter and jelly sandwich.

- Nov 18th: PFO Sponsored USA Hockey Night (see flyer below)
- Nov 20th: PFO Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center
- Nov 22nd to 24th: No School, Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 30th: Community Financial Credit Union Deposit Day

Click here for the entire P-CCS 2023-2024 School Calendar

Community Financial Credit Union at Gallimore



Community Financial Credit Union started last week at Gallimore. Students can open a bank account and learn how to save money.

New students to Gallimore can participate by filling out the application at this <u>link</u>).

PFO (Parent Faculty Organization)



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

USA Hockey Arena 14900 Beck Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170

A portion of each ticket sale will benefit Gallimore!

The opportunity to participate in the chuck-a-duck fundraiser

(cash only) will be available!

Doors open at 6:00. Game begins at 7:00.

<u>Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, November 12</u>. Tickets can be purchased on PTBoard. If paying by cash or check, please return the below information with your payment.

Student Name	
Teacher Name	
Number of Tickets	





DINE & DONATE

Support Gallimore Elementary

BUDDY'S PIZZA

THURSDAY, 11/16/23 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM 15075 BECK RD. PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 734-414-9429

Dining in - please show this flyer Calling for take out - please mention Gallimore Online orders from the Buddy's website - please use the promo code GIVEBACK All these options will give us 20% back!

Previous Gallimore News



Gallimore SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Book Resources for Families

Does your child struggle with friendships, anxiety, or another social-emotional skill? Gallimore has a picture book collection that includes books related to common social-emotional needs that we see in students. If you are interested in checking out a book from our collection, fill out this form and someone will contact you about getting the books. Note that some of them are virtual videos. If your child has a specific social-emotional need

that is not listed, contact Ms. Gennaoui and she can support you in finding a book that meets your child's needs.

Birthday Celebrations

At the start of the school year we shared this document with families: **Gallimore's birthday treat practice**. Please review this communication if your child has an upcoming birthday and they want to do something special at school.

When students celebrate their birthday on a school day we want to keep the celebration about the



child, so we ask that families do not send in individualized treat bags for students in the class. As a school we celebrate birthdays by sharing the students name on the morning announcements and often classroom teachers have a special way that they honor birthdays as well. Also, in just a few weeks you will see information from our media center about our Birthday Book Club. If you sign your child up for this opportunity they get to choose a book that is donated to the school library with their name on the inside cover in honor of their birthday!

Information from P-CCS

Walking With Grief

What do you do when everything changes? When you've experienced the death of a loved one it's like a tornado destroying everything, and it takes you from one world to another. Join the P-CCS Student and Family Engagement department on November 14, at 7 p.m. at the Penn Theater as Adam Arnould of New Hope Center for Grief Support presents Walking with Grief. Arnould will break some of the myths surrounding grief and loss and will provide insights and tools that can help as you are "walking with grief."

In Michigan, 1 in 11 students will experience the death of a sibling or parent by age 18, and in Wayne County, the numbers are even higher. Grief is normal, natural, and necessary, but never easy. This event is open to middle school and high school students, caregivers, school staff, and adults. Register for Walking with Grief here!

NWEA MAP Growth Student Progress Report

The most recent NWEA MAP Growth Student Progress Report will be available in the MISTAR Parent Connection on Monday, November 6, for elementary and middle school families. The following link describes how to locate your child's report and provides information and resources to help you understand their scores: How to access and understand your child's NWEA student reports.

A student's NWEA MAP Growth score is one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing and how to best support them. School and district leaders use assessment scores in combination with other information to monitor performance and progress at the grade, school, and district level. It is important to understand that a single assessment can't give students, parents, and teachers all of the information that they need to determine what a student knows and how to best support their learning. Information is also gathered through classroom observation, student in-class work, one-on-one interaction between student and teacher, as well as other formal and informal assessments throughout the year.

Please discuss any questions that you have about your child's performance with their teacher. If you have trouble opening the report, please contact your child's teacher and they can print a copy for you.



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