



# ROADRUNNER REMINDERS

WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2024

## What's Happening?



### Schedule Change for ALL P-CCS Students

Due to the recent change in the date for the State of Michigan 2024 Presidential Primary, which will now take place on February 27, 2024, and with student safety as our number one priority, we have made the decision to move the March 4, 2024 professional development day to February 27, 2024. **Therefore, all schools will**

**be closed for students on Tuesday, February 27, and classes will take place as normal on Monday, March 4.** Our buildings are used by the community as public polling locations, and this change will support the safety and well being of our students.

### Chromebook Take Home -Last Opportunity to Sign Up

Technology staff will be at Gallimore on Friday, January 19th to check out devices and chargers to students who are eligible to participate in the District's Chromebook take-home program. This will be the last opportunity to sign up for the 2023-24 school year. This program is voluntary and does not impact a student's ability to use a Chromebook in class daily. To be eligible, families must complete the following steps by Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 4 pm:



1. Make ( or change) your selection on the Chromebook/iPad Take-Home Participation Agreement at the bottom of the form in [Mistar Parent Connection](#). After logging in, select **My Information** then **Review Now** across from your student's name.

2. Pay the liability (non-refundable insurance premium **OR** refundable deposit) in [RevTrak](#). The prorated insurance premium is \$17 for your first student, \$12 for your second student, and **FREE** for your third + student(s). A tip: **DO NOT** change the currency box (leave it as \$0.00) and only select an option from the dropdown menu.
3. Clear any/all outstanding technology-related debt, if applicable.

If you have questions, please email [gallimore.technology@pccsk12.com](mailto:gallimore.technology@pccsk12.com).



### **Copy/Project Helpers Needed**

During a recent P-CCS survey Gallimore families expressed an interest in having more opportunities to volunteer in our school. A copy/project helper position has been created in response to this request. If you are interested in supporting Gallimore School teachers you might enjoy this experience!

We are looking for some weekly copy/project volunteers. Click on this [Sign Up Genius link](#) to learn more and to see if there is a time slot that works for you. We thank you in advance for your support!

### **A Message from our School Nurse: Head Lice Reminder**

This is a time of year when we often see an increase in cases of head lice in the classroom. Head lice is often found among the school age population. It is transmitted via head to head contact. The best way to prevent getting head lice is to not share any items that touch the head especially combs, brushes and hats.

Checking your child's head a couple times a week during the school year and more often with class return to school after school breaks is important. We typically see an increase in head lice at the beginning of the school year and after vacation and school breaks. Transmission of head lice is rarely from the school environment. Head lice is most often transmitted during sleep-overs, play dates, family gatherings, after school activities such as girl scout or boy scout outings, play practices, gymnastics, and sporting events to name a few.

It is recommended that you check your child's head weekly. If you do find any lice or eggs in your child's hair, please contact the school office and the school nurse.

There has been a change in the headlice district guideline. We will no longer be sending classroom letters home when there is a case of head lice identified in your child's classroom as it is important that student confidentiality is maintained.

### **Girls on the Run at Gallimore**

We are excited to announce that Girls on the Run is back for another season at Gallimore! Ms. Cunningham, 3rd grade teacher, will once again coach. ***Spaces at this time are limited.*** If you are interested in volunteering to join our Girls on the Run team as a coach, please let Ms. Cunningham know via email ([kirstin.cunningham@pccsk12.com](mailto:kirstin.cunningham@pccsk12.com)). ***As we add more coaches, we are able to take girls off of the wait list!***



- [Link to Sign Up](#)
- [Flyer with more information!](#)

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## Gallimore Good News!



### Game Cart is So Much Fun!

The Gallimore Game Cart was used during several recesses before break. Students enjoy choosing from a variety of games that they may not have at home or in their classrooms. New games have been added recently from PFO funding that was allocated due to the generous fundraising from our Gallimore families!

This cart will also be used to support our upcoming **PFO Sponsored Family Game Night on February 7th!** (more details will be shared later this month)

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## Important Dates

### January

- January 8th: School Begins Again
- January 12th: Spirit Wear T-Shirt Designs Due, Morning Announcements Applications Due
- January 15th: MLK Day-No School for Staff and Students
- January 18th: Last Day to sign up for Chromebook Take Home Program

### February

- February 7th: Family Game Night
- February 16th: No School for Students (professional development for staff)
- February 19th: No School for Students or Staff (mid winter break)
- February 27th: No School for Students (professional development for staff)

### March

- March 12th: Half Day of School, dismissal at 12:10 p.m.



- March 13th: Half Day of School, dismissal at 12:10 p.m.
- March 25th-29th: Spring Break, No School for Students or Staff

### April

- April 12th: Yearbook orders are due

### May

- May 22nd: Field Day
- May 27th: No School, Memorial Day
- May 31st: Fun Fair

### June

- June 11th: Half Day of School, dismissal at 12:10 p.m.
- June 12th: Half Day of School, dismissal at 12:10 p.m. **Last Day of School**

[Click here for the entire P-CCS 2023-2024 School Calendar](#)

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## PFO (Parent Faculty Organization)



GALLIMORE STUDENTS ARE  
WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN A  
**SPIRIT WEAR  
DESIGN CONTEST!**  
All designs are due by **FRIDAY, 1/12**

Creating the design in Canva is recommended and should be emailed to Ms. Gennaoui, [zaina.gennaoui@pccsk12.com](mailto:zaina.gennaoui@pccsk12.com), or can be submitted on paper to the office.

The design will be printed in one color and will have the option to come in class colors or any of the previous colors offered in the spirit wear shop.

One design per grade will be selected to be added to our spirit wear shop. The three winning designers will receive one free spirit wear item.

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**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.

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### Winter Weather Guidelines

We will do our best to get students outside each day, even during the colder temperatures. Please send your child with winter gear each day. **Please label everything** as our lost and found quickly fills up. We also recommend packing an extra pair of socks and gloves for the days when the playground is really wet.



Students who do not wear snow pants and boots will not be able to play in the snow. Students who do not bring boots will still go outdoors but are expected to stay on the blacktop.

We use the following temperature guidelines as we make decisions about outdoor recess:

- **Above 15 degrees:** students will go outside
- **Between 10 and 15 degrees:** students may go outside for an abbreviated amount of time
- **Below 10 degrees:** students will have indoor recess

We have many resources to support families during the winter months, please do not hesitate to let us know if you are having a hard time finding snow boots, snow pants, etc. and we can support.

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### Vacation Form Reminder and Homework Expectations

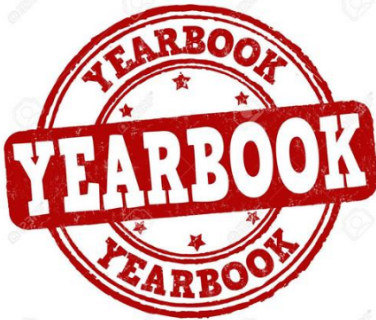
If your family is planning to take your child out of school for 3 or more days a [Student Vacation Form](#) should be completed and submitted to the office. The form can be sent digitally to Melissa Lomibao, our office paraprofessional, at [melissa.lomibao@pccsk12.com](mailto:melissa.lomibao@pccsk12.com) or it can be printed and sent to school with your child. Forms should be submitted 5 days before the start of the vacation.

When students are away from school it is difficult for the teacher to know the exact topics that will be covered each day during the absence. This is because classroom learning is fluid and based on student understanding of the topics and classroom discussions. For more details regarding



absences related to vacation please refer to the [P-CCS Student Handbook](#). Page 36 outlines the guidelines for elementary students.

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### **Yearbooks are Available to Order Now!**

Click here to order online: [Order your yearbook for Gallimore Elementary School](#)

- Order Deadline: April 12th
- Yearbook Order Code: 13312624

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## **Information from P-CCS**

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### **Cultivating Wellness: Unleashing Inner Calm and Stress Reduction through Embodied Practices**

Stress is a significant factor affecting our overall well-being, and finding effective ways to manage and reduce stress is crucial. On January 10, 2024, the P-CCS Office of Student and Family Engagement invites you to take part in Cultivating Wellness: Unleashing Inner Calm and Stress Reduction through Embodied Practices.

In this online program, Debra Hopper, an experienced Embodiment Coach, will guide participants through the power of embodiment practices as a means to alleviate stress. By bringing our senses to the present experience, we can shift away from the "fight or flight" response and explore a broader range of choices in how we engage with life.

Throughout the program, participants will be introduced to practical tools and techniques that can easily be incorporated into their daily routines. By the end of the session, participants will have a mini toolkit at their disposal, complete with instructions for integrating these activities into their daily lives.

Session A: 10 - 11 a.m. (via Zoom)

Session B: 6 - 7 p.m. (via Zoom)

[Register for Cultivating Wellness here!](#)

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## Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Weekly Podcast

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools produces a weekly podcast with all the important district information for students, staff and families. You can view the latest LPT in 3 podcast on the district's official YouTube channel at: [LPT in '3'](#).

### Stay Connected and Contact Us



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