

# No School on Monday, January 15th to Honor MLK, Jr. Day What's Happening?

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

All are welcome to join us for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6 p.m, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.



This year's event, "It Starts with Me" - An MLK Day Celebration, will feature student performances, a keynote presentation by Dr. Christian Greer of the Michigan Science Center and more.

No tickets are required for this free community celebration, which is sponsored by Canton Township, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

# **Arrival and Dismissal Expectations**



Students should be ready to exit the vehicle with backpacks and other items in hand.



Car tags should be hanging from your rear-view mirror so that our process can be more efficient.



Students should only exit/enter the vehicle near the sidewalk.



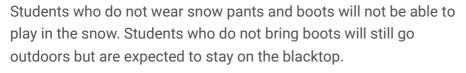
Vehicles should pull all the way up in the carloop.



Drivers should not pull around other vehicles. Please only do this if you are directed to by a school staff member.

#### 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.





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.

# **Gallimore Good News!**



#### STEAM Fair March 5th

The Gallimore Elementary STEAM Fair is back! Students were introduced to the Fair this week by some Gallimore Alumni. During the classroom presentations each student received an informational packet. This packet will give you all of the details about the event. Click here for more information: <a href="STEAM Fair 2024">STEAM Fair 2024</a> Informational Packet.

# **Important Dates**

### **January**

- 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: Cluster Concert for 5th Graders (flyer linked here)
- February 9th: NEW Date!! 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 5th: STEAM Fair Open House 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- 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 (<u>Order your yearbook for Gallimore Elementary School</u>)

#### <u>May</u>

- 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



# **PFO (Parent Faculty Organization)**



**DATE CHANGE\*\***: Family Game Night will take place on Friday, February 9th. (\*\*Date was changed due to the scheduling of the P-CCS Cluster Concert for all 5th graders on the originally scheduled date.)

# **Previous Gallimore News**



### 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 <u>Mistar Parent Connection</u>. 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 <u>gallimore.technology@pccsk12.com</u>.

#### 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). As we add more coaches, we are able to take girls off of the wait list!

- Link to Sign Up
- Flyer with more information!



### **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 <u>Sign Up Genius link</u> to learn more and to see if there is a time slot that works for you. We thank you in advance for your support!

### **Vacation Form Reminder and Homework Expectations**

If your family is planning to take your child out of school for 3 or more days a <u>Student Vacation</u> Form should be completed and submitted to the office. The form can be sent digitally to Melissa Lomibao, our office paraprofessional, at <u>melissa.lomibao@pccsk12.com</u> 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 <u>P-CCS Student Handbook</u>. Page 36 outlines the guidelines for elementary students.

# **Information from P-CCS**

**Mindful Movement: Family Yoga** 

Please plan to join us for Mindful Movement: Family Yoga on Wednesday, January 17 from 6 - 7 p.m. at West Middle School Family Yoga brings the whole family together for mindfulness, movement, relaxation, and fun! Practice all the elements of a yoga class -- breathing, yoga poses, rest, and meditation -- in an engaging and active way. The session is led by Ms. Katie from DownPup Yoga, the only yoga studio in the community designed just for kids and families. Ms. Katie is a certified Children's Yoga Instructor.

No yoga or fitness experience is needed; this session is for all abilities. \*Please bring a water bottle and yoga mat if you have one; very limited mats are available to borrow.\*

Register for Mindful Movement: Family Yoga here!

### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES**

This upcoming summer, eligible families will be able to receive money for select food items through the new Summer EBT program. Families are highly encouraged to complete the Summer EBT and Education Benefits with Michigan School Meals Program application.

Applications are available on the P-CCS Food & Nutrition Services page of the district's website. You may access the form by clicking on <u>P-CCS Application</u>. Please note: All families must submit the Summer EBT and Education Benefits with the Michigan School Meals Program form before count day (in early February 2024) to receive benefits over the summer. For more information, please contact healthy.meals@pccsk12.com

## **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: <u>LPT in '3'</u>.



### **Stay Connected and Contact Us**

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