



# ROADRUNNER REMINDERS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024

**Reminder: No School on Tuesday, February 27th**

## What's Happening?

### STEAM Fair, Tuesday, March 5th

Join our Gallimore students and families on Tuesday, March 5th for the STEAM Fair Open House. From 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. students will showcase their STEAM Projects. You will be amazed by the creativity of our Roadrunners! We hope to see you there!



### Teacher Feature Raffle

The Teacher Feature Raffle is a fun way for our Roadrunners to have a special experience with a Gallimore staff member.

Each student will receive one ticket for FREE. Additional tickets are purchased for \$1.00 each. Students often want to put multiple tickets in one raffle basket or they want to put a ticket in many different teacher baskets.

TEACHER FEATURE- Students are still able to purchase tickets tomorrow, so feel free to send your child to school with money and a completed Teacher Feature form. Tickets can also be purchased at the PFO sponsored Skate Night on Tuesday, February 27th.

# TEACHER FEATURE

Prize	Teacher	Prize Description	Student Winners	Guests per Winner
1	Mrs Bell	Principal for the Day	1	0
2		Mario Cart	2	1
3		Menchie's	1	1
4	Ms. Gennaoui	Lunch w/ Ms. Gennaoui	1	1
5	Mr. Anderson	Lunch of Your Choice w/ Mr. Anderson	2	1
6	Ms. Cunningham	Cookie Making/Decorating	1	1
7	Mrs. Jewett	Pizza Lunch w/ Mrs. Jewett	1	1
8	Mrs. Jones	Woods Walk Experience (Repeated throughout spring)	1	2
9	Mrs. Cady	Taylor Swift Lunch w/ Music and Bracelet Making	1	2
10	Mr. Mike Gold	Pizza Lunch w/ Mr. Mike Gold, Mr. Matt Gold & Mr. Robertson	6	0
	Mr. Robertson			
	Mr. Matt Gold			
11	Mrs. Juriga	Taylor Swift Lunch w/ Music and Bracelet Making	1	2
12	Mrs. Smolenski	Taylor Swift Lunch w/ Music and Bracelet Making	1	2
13	Mrs. Berry	Dessert + Activity of Your Choice	1	2
14	Mrs. Heimberg	Ultimate Frisbee	10	
15	Mrs. Wegrzyn	Board Game Time	1	2
16	Mrs. Larson	Pom Pom Creatures and Cookies	2	2
17	Mr. Victor	March Madness Viewing w/ Pizza (Thurs 3/21)	1	2
18	Mrs. Covington	Broadway Pizza Brunch (must be between 11 am - 12 pm on a school day)	1	2
19	Staff	Staff & Student Kickball Game	4 per grade level	0

**TEACHER FEATURE RAFFLE**

**\$1 per ticket**

Winners will be drawn at Skatin Station on 2/27. Winners do NOT need to be present to win. Every student will receive ONE FREE ticket.

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INCLUDE EXACT CASH OR CHECK IF PURCHASING AT SCHOOL. THANK YOU.

THOSE PURCHASING AT SCHOOL MUST RETURN THE FORM AND PAYMENT BY TUESDAY, 2/20. RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS BY THURSDAY, 2/22. STUDENTS CAN ENTER THE RAFFLES ON FRIDAY, 2/23 OR MONDAY, 2/26 DURING LUNCH. TICKETS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED AND ENTERED INTO THE RAFFLES AT SKATE NIGHT PRIOR TO 7:00P.M.

## Important Dates

### February

- February 26th: PFO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- February 27th: No School for Students (professional development for staff), PFO Sponsored Skatin' Station Event with Teacher Feature Raffle!
- February 29th: Community Financial Deposit Day

### March

- March 1st: Favorite Sports Team Day (if you do not have a favorite team wear your Gallimore spirit wear!)
- March 5th: STEAM Fair Open House 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- March 6th: Author Visit for March is Reading Month: Kelly Baptist
- March 12th: Half Day of School, dismissal at 12:10 p.m.
- March 12th: [Word Play Parade](#) at 11:40 a.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 ( [Order your yearbook for Gallimore Elementary School](#))
- April 18th: 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. -5th Grade Music Concert Berry and Gold,



- April 18th: 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. - 5th Grade Music Concert Robertson and Heimberg
- April 23rd: **\*\*please note date change\*\*** 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. - 3rd Grade Music Concert
- April 23rd: **\*\*please note date change\*\*** 7:15 -8:00 p.m. -4th Grade Music Concert

### 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](#)

## Gallimore Good News!

Gallimore Elementary School was recently featured in the monthly publication, "Canton Today". This magazine is delivered to families with a Canton address. [Click here](#) to read the article.

This week a few Gallimore 4th graders will be interviewed by 88.1 The Park. Good luck to Natalie and Ava! We can't wait to hear what they have to share about Gallimore. Look for them to be featured during the Moments with Merritt segment on 88.1 The Park broadcast.



### Zone of Enrichment

Canton's #1 elementary school

**T**he state of Michigan has over 3,000 elementary schools. Gallimore Elementary, home of the TAG program for talented and gifted students, is ranked number one, according to U.S. News & World Report. Gallimore is also a Magnet school and a National Blue Ribbon School (2017 and 2023), and has flourished under the dynamic leadership of Principal Anne Bell.

"We help gifted learners deepen their understanding and focus," she said. "Social and emotional supports are also vital for a nurturing environment."

Currently, the TAG program has 320 students and 12 classroom teachers. However, it served more than 25 students when Dr. Rick Orendak launched it in November 1977.

Dr. Orendak is currently a professor of gifted education at Purdue University.

"In 1977, P-CCS wanted me to create a program to help optimize the skills of high-ability kids, but they didn't have any mechanics to find them," Orendak said. "I just created the TAG program at Miller Elementary. Our goal was to spot talent and do something meaningful with it."

The TAG program currently runs from elementary to middle school.

"TAG grades three to five are at Gallimore and grades six to eight are at East Middle School," Bell said. "The Park (PCEP) offers acceleration, honors classes, differentiation, the International Baccalaureate program, and other academics."

Flexible and divergent thinking, creative curiosity and the ability to make later connections are some of the indicators of giftedness.

"Students have been at a more accelerated pace," Bell said. "Having mastered

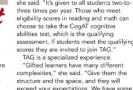
grade-level standards across a variety of disciplines, these students can present as leaders in their general education classroom, which makes it difficult for them to reach their full potential."

How are TAG students discovered?

"The P-CCS District uses the NWEA MAP growth standardized test as a screen," she said. "It's given to all students twice-three times per year. Those who meet eligibility scores in reading and math can choose to take the CogAT cognitive abilities test, which is the qualifying assessment. If students meet the qualifying scores they are invited to join TAG."

TAG is a specialized experience.

"Gifted learners have more different complexities," she said. "Give them the structure and the space, and they will exceed your expectations. We have some



my creative, out-of-the-box thinkers with tremendous potential who need guidance and encouragement to thrive."

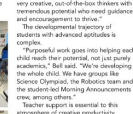
The developmental trajectory of students with advanced aptitudes is complex.

"It's a joyful work going into helping each child reach their potential, not just purely academics," Bell said. "We're developing the whole child. We have groups like Science Olympiad, the Robotics team and the student-led Morning Announcements crew, among others."

Teacher support is essential to this concept of creative productivity.

"Our classrooms have a loose tight structure, and looking same pace one-size-fits-all," she said. "We recruit teachers who are growth-minded who keep growing and learning along with the kids."

TAG creates a tight-knit sanctuary for high-ability students dedicated to meeting their own boundaries and capabilities via advanced challenges.



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## PFO (Parent Faculty Organization)

- PFO Meeting Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in the media center.
- Skatin' Station Event and Teacher Feature Raffle 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

## Previous Gallimore News

### 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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## Information from P-CCS

### Vote on a Long-standing Non-Homestead Millage Renewal

On Tuesday, February 27, P-CCS residents will have the opportunity to vote on a long-standing Non-Homestead millage renewal, that would continue to generate operating revenue that is essential for our district, over the next 20 years.

This is NOT a request for a tax rate increase, but simply an appeal to continue at the same funding level that has been maintained since 1994. This millage applies only to local business, industrial, and commercial property, and property that is not the owner's primary residence. That means that this millage does NOT apply to your primary residence in our community. Business and commercial property owners will continue paying the same millage rate they are currently paying.

The Non-Homestead millage represents about 16 percent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools operating revenues each year. For P-CCS, this represents about \$33.5 million dollars of our general budget. In addition to supporting education programs and services, we use these funds for teachers, school safety officers, school nurses, counselors, social workers, food service workers and support staff who help ensure our students can learn, prepare and thrive in a safe, nurturing learning environment. If the millage is not approved, the state will not make up the gap in funding.

For more information on this important proposal, please click on [PCCSK12.com](http://PCCSK12.com)

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### P-CCS Early Middle College

Please join the P-CCS Early Middle College for a family information night on March 6, from 6 - 7:30 pm, at Plymouth High School, 8400 N Beck Rd, Canton, MI 48187, in Room 401. This will be an open house format with the opportunity for students and parents to speak with college representatives from Schoolcraft and Washtenaw Community College to learn more about their program and answer questions. Students apply for the EMC in the spring of their ninth grade year.

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### School of Choice

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education passed a limited School of Choice resolution at its meeting on Tuesday, February 13, opening up a minimum of one seat for kindergarten through grade 10 with a maximum of 500 seats for the 2024-25 school year. For the seventh consecutive year, the district will enroll students through the school of choice provisions in Section 105 and 105c, which means that families from Wayne County and all surrounding counties (Washtenaw, Macomb, Oakland, Monroe) are welcome to apply.

As part of the resolution, and similar to last year, P-CCS will first open a one-time Intra-District (for resident P-CCS students) Transfer application process that began last week (February 14). Similar to School of Choice placements, Intra-District Transfers will only be available for open seats; however, they will be considered before School of Choice placements are made. This application is located on the official district website under the Student Services area and can be found by searching 'School Choice Options' in the search engine.

The online School of Choice application window will be open from Friday, March 15 to Monday, April 15 and can be found at [www.pccsk12.com](http://www.pccsk12.com). All applications will be considered after the April 15 deadline; the application window closes at 11:59 p.m. EST on that day. The actual number of School of Choice students enrolled into P-CCS from outside of the district will depend on availability.

For more information, click on this [Link](#).

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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'](#).

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