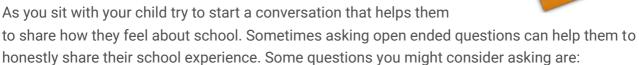


# What's Happening?

#### Report Cards Available via MiStar on Wednesday

Dear Gallimore Families,

This week students will receive formal feedback from their classroom teacher via the second trimester report card. As you know, students have conversations with their teachers frequently and are receiving formative feedback on a daily and weekly basis. Taking a few minutes to look at your child's second trimester report card with them is important.



- When you think of yourself as a learner this year, what are you most proud of or where have
  you grown the most? If your child hesitates to answer you might need to rephrase this
  question by adding a specific content area like math or specific social emotional area like
  friendships or problem solving.
- What goal(s) could you set for yourself as you work continuing to grow as a learner, friend, etc.

Outside of the specific marks on the report card ask your child to tell you about how they contribute to the school's goal of creating a community where everyone belongs. Ask them to tell you about a problem that occurred and how they tried to solve it. When we think about developing the whole child we want to have conversations about all aspects of their school experience.

Thank you for taking the time to celebrate your child and help them to reflect on the growth they have made so far this year. Report Cards will be available via MiStar ParentConnection on



Wednesday, March 20th.

Your partner in education, Mrs. Aimee Bell

#### **Student Leadership Committee Needs Your Help!**

The Student Leadership Committee is **collecting toy donations for Mott Children's Hospital from March 18th-March 22nd.** Toys that are most needed in the hospital are coloring supplies and easy games and puzzles, such as:

- Uno Cards
- · Mini Lego sets
- Coloring Books
- Crayons
- Play-Doh

We will only accept donations of new items, please. Thank you for your support! Please contact Ms. Gennaoui (<u>zaina.gennaoui@pccsk12.com</u>) with any questions.





## Rock Your Wildest Socks on Thursday, March 21st

People all over the world will show their support for people with Down Syndrome on Thursday, March 21st. Roadrunners are invited to raise awareness and celebrate diversity by wearing their wildest, most colorful, mismatched socks to school on Thursday, March 21st. The date 3/21 is significant because a majority of the time Down Syndrome is caused by something called trisomy 21. The person has 3 copies of their 21st chromosome instead of the usual 2 copies. This occurs in all cells.

## **Emotional Regulation**

Children have big emotions. As parents and guardians, it can sometimes be hard to know how to respond rather than react. Join the Student and Family Engagement Team on Thursday, March 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Discovery Middle School (45083 Hanford, Canton) as we dig deeper into the science behind dysregulation in children and learn how to help your child work through these big emotions. Families will walk away with a calming kit filled with tools to help get you started. This event is intended for families with children of all ages.

**Register here!** 

# **Important Dates**

#### March

- March 18th: NWEA reports available via MiStar
- March 20th: Report Cards are available via MiStar ParentConnection
- March 21st: World Down Syndrome Day: Rock Your Crazy/Mismatched Socks
- March 22nd: Gallimore Spirit Day: Pajama Day
- March 25th-29th: Spring Break, No School for Students or Staff

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#### **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
- April 25th: Middle School Informational Night for 5th Graders (more information coming soon)
- April 27th: P-CCS Mental Health and Wellness Fair at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

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

#### **June**

- SAVE THE DATE: June 7th: 5th Grade Farewell in A.M. (More details coming soon)
- 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 M-STEP Testing Schedule 2024

Grades 3-5 April 8 - May 17
Testing will take place from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Grade Lev	/el	ELA	Math	Social Studies	Science
5th Grade	е	April 15th April 16th	April 23rd April 24th (not Robertson) April 25th (Robertson)	April 29th	May 1st
4th Grade	е	April 18th April 19th	April 25th April 26th		
3rd Grade	е	April 30th May 2nd	April 18th April 22nd		

#### **Yearbooks Available Now**

Click here to order online: Order your yearbook for Gallimore Elementary School

Yearbook Order Code: 13312624

• Order Deadline: April 12th





## **Gallimore Good News!**



#### Word Play Parade 2024

Gallimore Elementary School students and staff celebrate words during a March is Reading Month celebration.

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# **PFO (Parent Faculty Organization)**

### Spirit Wear is Still On Sale!

Our Spirit Wear Shop remains open but in order to keep pricing fair, low, and maintain inventory our vendor is switching to monthly ordering. Orders will be placed like usual but should be placed by the 5th of each month.



We received great feedback from those who have already purchased regarding the quality of the items and sizing.



# **Previous Gallimore News**

#### Safe Visitor Kiosk

We now have a new system for checking in visitors. This same system will also be used when parents pick their child up before the end of the school day.

This system requires you to bring in your driver's license and it will automatically connect the information on your license with the information found in MiStar.

Please make sure your information in MiStar matches your driver's license and please make sure to bring a license any time you are visiting or picking up your child.



### **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**

## **New Student/Visitor Management System at P-CCS**

Keeping students and staff safe at school is a top priority at P-CCS, and the district just added another layer of protection with its new district wide student/visitor management system. P-CCS recently partnered with Safe Visitor Solutions on a system that will screen and check-in/check-out all visitors. It also can be used by parents to check-in and check-out students. This system will be delivered through a kiosk located in the building's secure vestibule adjacent to the main office. Parents and visitors will be asked to sign into the kiosk, which will screen visitors against several databases to determine if they will receive access to the building.

Parents and visitors will be asked to present a government issued identification card (a State of Michigan Drivers License will be most common), which will be used to scan the barcode information on the back. At this time, parents are asked to ensure that the information on their identification matches what has been entered into MiStar to avoid any potential issues.

This system is completely confidential and no information will be shared. School and security officials will only be notified should a scan come back with a question. To read more about this new system, please click on this <u>link</u>.

#### P-CEP Activities and Athletics Extravaganza

Join us for the annual P-CEP Activities and Athletics Extravaganza on Wednesday, March 20 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Salem High School Cafeteria. This is your opportunity to learn about all the exciting options for students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Take a tour and explore our P-CEP school buildings and athletic facilities. Students can meet coaches, advisors, teachers, and club members.

P-CEP is proud to offer students a wide variety of extracurricular options to enhance their experience at "The Park." From our athletic programs to more than 100 clubs and organizations, there's something for everyone. We hope to see you at this fun and informative annual event.

P-CEP Activities and Athletics Extravaganza 2024

### **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, March 18. The following link describes how to locate your child's report and provides information and resources to help you understand their scores: <u>How to access and understand your child's NWEA student reports</u>.

A student's NWEA MAP Growth score is one data point that teachers use to understand 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, families, 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 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.

The P-CCS Virtual Academy has opened enrollment for the 2024/25 year. Be part of an innovative virtual learning program. The VA has been designed to meet the needs of all our learners and their families. Improved flexibility to include both asynchronous days and Zoom learning days. Learners who learn best outside of the traditional classroom will find the VA a perfect fit. P-CCS Virtual Academy is a learning environment built to support student success. Enrollment is open through April 5, 2024. Please click on the appropriate link below for enrollment information.

In-Person to VA 24-25 Grades 3-5 Enrollment Selection
In-Person to VA 24-25 Grades 6-8 Enrollment Selection
In-Person to VA 24-25 High School Enrollment Selection

#### **Family Fitness Class**

Join us for this month's free family fitness class on Wednesday, March 20, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Liberty Middle School Cafeteria (46250 Cherry Hill Rd, Canton). 'WERQ' is a cardio dance featuring trending pop and hip-hop music. No experience is needed. All ages are welcome to participate. Register here!



## **Stay Connected and Contact Us**

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