

## What's Happening?

WALKING CLUB





# Walking Club Volunteers Fai

The Gallimore Walking Club is excited to announce the start of our spring season on May 2 and are looking for volunteers to join the students at recess and hand out reward tokens to walkers. We meet at the Gallimore playground from 11:45-1:15 and have sessions on a variety of days to accommodate different schedules. (Click here to volunteer) Hope to see you this spring!

#### MAKER NIGHT JOIN US AT GALLIMORE TO CREATE AND CRAFT WITH RECYLED MATERIALS

## Family Event: Maker Night April 26th

Admission is free. We do ask that you RSVP on PTBoard (www.ptboard.com) by Wednesday, 4/24. Donations of recycled materials or craft supplies are needed! Please have students collect materials and supplies and send them to the office (red drop off cart will also be available outside) from Monday, 4/15 through Thursday, 4/25. Click here for more details.

#### Dine n' Donate: Panda Express April 19th

<u>Click here</u> for additional details about this month's Panda Express Dine n' Donate on Friday, April 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

M-STEP Testing (April 15th through May 17th)

Students in grades 3 through 5 will be taking the M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) over the next few weeks. Students do not need to study for this assessment. One way you can support them is by encouraging them to do their best and to remember that they have been learning the concepts on the test throughout their years in school.

If your child is sick on a testing date, please do not send them to school. We have make up days scheduled closer to the end of the testing schedule and we will make sure your child has a chance to make up the test.

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

#### Take Your Child to Work Day: April 25th

P-CCS recognizes that some students may participate in "Take Your Child to Work Day". Participation in this event is considered an absence, just like any other day students are not in a school-sponsored activity. For more information about P-CCS Attendance policies please see page 30 of the P-CCS K-12 Student Handbook.

## **Important Dates**

#### **April**

- 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 Heimberg, O'Connor, and Robertson
- April 23rd: 6:00 6:45 p.m. 3rd Grade Music Concert
- April 23rd: 7:15 -8:00 p.m. -4th Grade Music Concert
- April 25th: Middle School Informational Night for 5th Graders 7 to 8 p.m. at East Middle School (families received <u>this note</u> via email on March 22nd)
- 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.





- May 6th: Arcade Fair (5th Grade Families are invited to attend, see invite for more details)
- · May 22nd: Field Day
- May 27th: No School, Memorial Day
- May 31st: Fun Fair

#### **June**

• June 7th: 5th Grade Farewell in A.M.

9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Mr. Robertson and Mrs. Heimberg

10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Mrs. Berry and Mr. Gold

- 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)**

#### 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**



#### 3rd and 4th Grade Families ONLY: Deadline April 15th

Every year we work collaboratively as a school team to place students in classrooms that are balanced based on student

academic needs as well as social and emotional needs. Information from families is one piece of data that we consider as we place students. Please take a few moments to share details about your child using the form linked below. This feedback will help us greatly as we work during the months of May and June to place students into classrooms for the 2024-2025 school year.

#### **Student Profile Form 2024-2025**

Please note, if you have more than one child who will be attending Gallimore next year, please submit a separate response for each child. When you complete and submit your first survey, you

will be given the option to submit an additional response for another student. If you choose to complete this form, please do so by 4:00 PM on Monday, April 15th, 2024.

## Spotlight on SEL with Ms. Gennaoui



#### **Feelings and Friendships**

Part of the learning that children experience in school is how to build strong friendships. It is important for them to know that they can be respectful and kind towards their friends, and also assertive with how they are feeling and their needs.

One way to do this is by using "I feel" statements. We might say, "When you do \_\_\_\_\_, I feel \_\_\_\_\_. I would like it if you \_\_\_\_\_." For example, a child might say to their friend, "When we are deciding

what to do at recess and I don't get to share my ideas, I feel frustrated. I would like a chance to share my ideas, too." This helps children to use less blaming words like "always" and "never" and focus on the impact of others' actions.

Here are some other scenarios you can practice at home with your child:

- Someone is disagreeing about the rules of a game with you
- Whenever your friend wins a game, they can't stop talking about their win
- A friend made plans without you at recess

While these statements may not solve the problem right away, they will help your child communicate their feelings.

If you'd like to read more about "I feel" statements, you can read <u>this blog post</u>. And don't forget, we have the <u>SEL Book Library</u> available to families if you would like to check out books to read with your child related to an SEL topic.

#### **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**

#### SJ5K

Registration for the 2024 SJ5K is now live! The race begins at 8AM on Sunday, May 5th at the PCEP Varsity Field. Register for the race or donate to the SJ5K <u>here</u> and watch our official video to meet the six amazing families we are supporting <u>here</u>. Thank you for your continuous support and we hope to see you there!

#### **Storytime Skills Program**

Interact your way through literacy activities designed to strengthen language development and foster higher-order thinking skills in this special Storytime Skills program. Join the P-CCS Student and Family Engagement department on Wednesday, April 17, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Canton Public Library for this fun and informative event. This Family Academy is specifically designed to give parents and guardians the tools needed to incorporate literacy at home to support their child's transition from learning to read to reading to learn. This event is intended for families with children ages 4 or 5.

Register here!

#### **Eating Disorder Presentation**

Did you know 28.8 million Americans will be diagnosed with an eating disorder in their lifetime? Learn more about the basics of eating disorders, early warning signs, eating disorder causes and prevention, as well as how to find resources and support for care at this special workshop on Wednesday, April 17. Join Kristie Wyler, MA, LLP, the Director of Eating Disorder Programming at McCaskill Family Services, for this informative presentation via Zoom.

Session A: 10 to 11 a.m. Session B: 6 to 7 p.m.

Register for this presentation on Eating Disorders here.

#### Third Annual P-CCS Mental Health & Wellness Fair

Mark your calendars for the Third Annual P-CCS Mental Health & Wellness Fair on **Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Kellogg Park** (Downtown Plymouth). Join us as we work to crush the Stigma of Mental Health with this free, interactive fair for families of all ages. Students and families can enjoy a day full of fun activities, meet Community Mental Health Experts and local businesses, and focus on your mental health and wellness.

This year's event will feature more than 90 mental health and wellness booths, a Creation Station, Chair massages, raffles, therapy dogs, the Family Fun Zone, free food, music, a carousel and a petting zoo. For more information, please visit our website at P-CCS Mental Health Fair 2024

#### Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is happy to announce that kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open for all students living within district boundaries. P-CCS offers an exceptional and innovative education to students of all ages. The district is committed to developing capable, involved citizens who recognize that they are citizens of the world, use critical thinking skills, and are lifelong learners.

P-CCS offers traditional Kindergarten and Young 5s Kindergarten (Y5K) for students who will turn five years old on or before December 1.

Following the Michigan Academic Standards for Kindergarten, Y5K students will have the opportunity to move to first grade or remain at the Kindergarten level following the completion of their first school year with a recommendation from their teacher. The recommendation will be based on the level of developmental areas the student demonstrates. Both Kindergarten and Y5K classes are full-day, meaning their start and end times follow the elementary school schedule. For more information on Kindergarten and Y5K enrollment and preparing for the school year, go to:

Kindergarten and Y5K page.



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

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