



ROADRUNNER REMINDERS

WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2024

What's Happening?



Copy/Project Help at Gallimore

Thank you to the Gallimore parents who have already helped our teachers to make copies and finish up various projects. New dates have been added to the Sign Up Genius [linked here](#). Thank you in advance for your support!



Lunch and Learn: Great Opportunity for Students

During one of their lunches, some 5th graders got to hear from U of M nursing students about the transition to middle school. They learned about how to strengthen their relationships with friends, find trusted adults, and deal with nerves through breathing exercises and grounding techniques. Thank you to our nursing staff for putting together this opportunity for our students!

MAKER NIGHT

JOIN US AT GALLIMORE TO
CREATE AND CRAFT WITH
RECYCLED 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.](#)



April is Autism Awareness/ Acceptance Month

Friday, April 26th We Will Raise Our
Awareness and Show Our Acceptance

- **Autism Acceptance:** Love and acceptance go a long way. **Wear red or gold** to show your support and acceptance of autistic individuals.
- **Neurodiversity:** To celebrate the beauty in the diverse spectrum of the human mind, **wear rainbow-colored and/or tie-dyed clothes.**
- **Magnificent Mind:** Autism is a neurological variation, which means the brains of autistic people work differently than the brains of allistic (Non-autistic) people- and that's amazing! Celebrate how amazing it is that our minds work in different, wonderful ways by **wearing a fun hat!**



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		

Important Dates

April

- 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 [this note](#) 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

- 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.

<https://burpeeman.com/shop/ols/categories/gallimore>

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



Previous Gallimore News

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 [this blog post](#). And don't forget, we have the [SEL Book Library](#) 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 [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 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.

Information from P-CCS

Updated Guidelines From WCHD

Plymouth Canton Community Schools continues to rely on the guidance of Wayne County Health Department (WCHD) in managing communicable diseases in school. Although Covid-19 continues to impact many, guidance has changed on how it is best managed based on evidence of best practices. WCHD is now aligned with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Center for Disease Control in respiratory virus guidance (including Covid-19) in schools. As a result, P-CCS will begin following the updated guidance below as of Monday, April 22. This guidance is available at [Updated Guidelines](#) or www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

Please direct all specific questions to [your school nurse](#), or visit our [Covid-19 Toolbox](#).

Supporting Families With Canvas

Want to know how your child is doing with their assignments or grades? Want to stay on top of school communication? Join P-CCS teachers Kaelyn Bullock and Lori Langenderfer via Zoom for this special Canvas workshop geared toward families of middle school and high school students on Wednesday, April 24, from 6 to 7 p.m. Parents/caregivers will learn all about P-CCS's Canvas platform and will receive tips on how to help their students be more successful with their school responsibilities. Grades 6-12 use Canvas daily for assignments and to communicate with their teachers.

[Register for Supporting Families with Canvas 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](#)

Super Jess 5K (SJ5K)

The time has come to kick off the Super Jess 5K (SJ5K) to raise money for Plymouth-Canton community families who are going through a medical crisis. This year's SJ5K run/walk will start at the Varsity Football Stadium at 8 am on Sunday, May 5.

This race was started in 2011, when then-Canton sophomore Jesse Lindlbauer (known as Super Jess) suffered a near-fatal brain injury. Despite no previous symptoms, Jesse fought brain trauma, meningitis, and other complications brought on by what was believed to be a mild sinus infection.

The Plymouth-Canton community came together to raise funds for Jesse, and the first-ever SJ5K was created. Through the event, enough funds were raised to purchase items that supported Jesse's adapted life.

Ever since, the race has continued in Jesse's name and continued to support local families in crisis. Help from the P-CCS community has changed the lives of dozens of families and raised more than a million dollars in total.

Register, donate, or sponsor the race at <https://www.sj5k.org/>

Wayne RESA Survey

The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA) wants to know student, parent, staff, and community members' perceptions of school districts' efforts to meet the needs of students experiencing homelessness. Your responses will help Wayne RESA understand your needs so we can best serve you. Wayne RESA has partnered with Hanover Research to conduct this short survey.

Hanover Research is an independent research firm based in Washington, D.C., and is in no way affiliated with any other entity or organization. Your responses are anonymous and will be kept

confidential, so please be as open and honest as possible. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Please use the following link to take the survey:

https://hanover-research.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dbdlegyF3UTsSUu

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