

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2024

## What's Happening?

## **Everyone Belongs**

Our schoolwide theme this year is "Everyone Belongs". One way we help others to feel connected in our community is by learning how to properly say their name and also using their name when we greet them or engage in a conversation with them.

Over the next few weeks teachers will guide students through experiences that given them the opportunity to explore their own name and share important pronounciation information with others about their name. Also, in our daily morning announcements we will model for students how to greet others as we cultivate a community where "Everyone Belongs."





#### **Smart Watches at School**

This week we noticed many students using Smart Watches at school. While students are at school Smart Watches should be off and in their backpack. Any contact home during the school day should be going through the main office or the classroom teacher.

We recognize that many of these watches are being used to communicate with family members and care takers before and after school. When students arrive at school they can certainly

send a message sharing that they have arrived; however during school hours (8:55 a.m. to 4:01 p.m.) all Smart Watches should be off and in backpacks/lockers. Please contact Mrs. Bell directly with additional questions regarding this P-CCS expectation.

### Please review the P-CCS Cellphone/Electronic Device language below:

• Students may have cellphones or smart technology (for example a smart watch)at school as long as it is powered off and not in use. Cellphones should remain in back packs or lockers. All home contacts during the school day should be initiated from the school office.

The entire student handbook can be reviewed on the P-CCS website or by clicking on this link.



### **New Lunch Choices and Menus This Year**

P-CCS is no longer using Nutrislice for our school lunch menus. You can now find the weekly lunch menu on our district website. There are many new options this school year.

This link will take you directly to the menus:

https://nutrition.menulogic-k12.com/#/plymouth-canton-community-schools/calendar

## **Looking for information about Gallimore Robotics?**

Here's a summary of what's in the works for this school year. More will be shared here and in Mrs. Bell's newsletter as details are finalized. As a volunteer-run group, we run teams based on what our volunteers (mostly parents) are able to organize. We are planning a winter league for 4th/5th graders (January-March) and aspring league for 3rd graders (March-May). These teams meet for about 90 minutes once a week, sometimes more towards the end of the season. The days are determined by coach and meeting space availability.



If anyone is interested in coaching a Fall\* FIRST LEGO League team (3rd grade or 4th/5th) and participating in a November festival/competition, this is a possibility, and we can help you get started. Interested coaches should email <a href="mailto:gallimorerobotics@gmail.com">gallimorerobotics@gmail.com</a> for more details.

\*\*Please note\*\* We are not taking names of interested students at this time.

## **Dates for Your Calendar**

## September:

- Sept 9th: Spirit Wear is available online (click here for the flyer). New designs coming soon!
- Sept 19th: School Picture Day (flyers were sent home last week)
- Sept 20th: Gallimore Fall Festival at Three Cedars Farm (<u>flyers</u> were sent home Friday)
- Sept 26th: P-CCS Back to School Bash Rescheduled from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Sept 30th: Back to School Check-in Deadline

#### October:

- Oct 9th: No School (Teacher Professional Development)
- Oct 31st: Half day of school K-5 with dismissal at 12:10 p.m

#### November:

Nov 1st: School Picture Retake Day

Click here for the entire P-CCS 2024-2025 School Calendar

# **Important Deadlines**

## **Back to School Check In Due September 30th**

- The Back to School Check-in is Required for ALL Kindergarten through 12th grade families.
- This process allows families to easily update medical, demographic, and contact information in MISTAR Parent Connection (formerly Parent Portal). This is also where families indicate if they would like their child to participate in the P-CCS Chromebook Take Home Program.
- Once logged into <u>MISTAR Parent Connection</u>, you will look for the 'Back to School Check-in' link at the top of the home screen and follow the prompts. This registration will be available through Friday, September 30th.
- Learn more about this process by clicking this link (<u>Back to School Check-in</u>)

## **PFO Updates**

## **PFO (Parent Faculty Organization)**

All families are a member of the PFO (Parent Faculty Group). The PFO is a group that works collaboratively with the school to generate resources for classrooms and to create family and student focused activities that enrich learning and bring families together. We encourage you to find a way, BIG or small, to contribute your ideas and time to our PFO. We can do amazing things when everyone makes a small contribution. Click here to view our PFO Calendar for the year. (Additional dates will be added as more details are available.)

#### Kalahari Resort Fundraiser Deadline Extended

Our first fundraiser of the school year has already begun. Get a discounted rate and support our school by booking a trip to Kalahari Resort. Kalahari is an indoor waterpark resort where everyone can find something to enjoy! Click here to learn more about this fundraiser. The deadline has been extended to September 13th.





## **Walking Club Volunteers Needed**

We are excited to kick off the 2024-2025 Gallimore Walking Club season! This optional activity takes place during lunch recess. Students walk or run laps on the playground and are awarded tokens for the miles they complete. We are trying a new method for tracking laps this season, so tell any returning Gallimore students not to worry if they don't see the Walking Club cards!

Many of our students love Walking Club days, but we need adult volunteers to make them happen! It's easy; just sign up (<u>click here</u>), show up, help students track their laps, pass out charms for the Walking Club necklace chains, and cheer on our Roadrunners!

Like last year, we will hold Walking Club on different days of the week to accommodate more parents' schedules. **Our first event will be held this Wednesday, September 11**. Look for more signups as we lock in the schedule for the rest of the fall season.

All volunteers must sign in at the office and walk to the playground at the back of the school. You'll find us by the Walking Club table on the blacktop. Feel free to email Brittany at <a href="mailto:bkrutty@yahoo.com">bkrutty@yahoo.com</a> if you have any questions.

Walking Club Sign-Up: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAFA62CA5FFC70-51236939-walking">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAFA62CA5FFC70-51236939-walking</a>



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## Information from PCCS



### **Back to School Bash Rescheduled**

We are excited to announce the new date for the P-CCS Back to School Bash! Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 26, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the P-CEP Bus Loop (located behind Salem High School - 46181 Joy Rd, Canton).

Though fall might be a little cooler, the fun and excitement of this event remain! We invite all P-CCS students, families, and community members to join us for an afternoon filled with games,

food, and plenty of fun. This is a great opportunity to meet school and district leaders, learn about the many programs P-CCS offers from preschool through high school, and kick off the school year together.

Additionally, we're offering tours of the P-CEP campus—a perfect way for younger families to get a sneak peek of the high school in a fun and engaging setting. It's not too late to start the school year with a bang! We can't wait to see you there.

## **Emotional Regulation**

## Tuesday, September 17

Children have big emotions. As parents and guardians it can sometimes be hard to know how to respond rather than react. Join us 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.



#### Session A:

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI

#### Session B:

6 - 7:30 p.m.

West Middle School Cafeteria, 44401 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI

### Register Here



# Attendance Matters: 10 Days or Less for School Success

The new school year is upon us and we are excited! The new year brings lots of opportunities for our students and their families.

This year, we're placing a special emphasis on the power of consistent attendance. Why? Because we believe in unlocking every student's full potential, and that starts with being present. As

a district, we will monitor attendance and notify parents/guardians on a consistent basis when students are absent.

Key benefits of daily attendance:

- · Stress reduction
- Stronger connections with peers and teachers
- Enhanced learning experiences

Let's work together to make daily school attendance a habit. Your child's success starts with showing up.

# P-CCS Community Education Offers Great Youth and Adult Enrichment Opportunities

P-CCS Community Education youth and adult recreation and enrichment activities are now open for enrollment. A variety of after-school, evening, and weekend opportunities are being offered this autumn. Some classes begin as early as the week of September 16, so register today at PCCS.REG.ELEYO.COM/COMMUNITYED.

There are still openings in the popular two-year-old Stay and Play program, as well as the Youth Dance program for ages 2.5 up to 18 years. Weekly classes begin in September and conclude in May.

Fall basketball leagues for third through eighth grade also start in late September. Volunteer coaches are needed so additional teams can be formed. Head to the Community Education website for league details and to enroll. Winter leagues open in October. Be sure to sign up for Community Education e-notifications for regular updates. Follow us on Facebook @PCCSCommEd to stay in the know.



# Click Here to Meet Our Specials Teachers and Support Team



# Click Here to Read More About Our 3rd-5th Grade Classroom Teachers



AT GALLIMORE, WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER EVERY DAY TO ACHIEVE OUR GREATEST POTENTIAL.

GALLIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## **Stay Connected and Contact Us**

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