

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2024

What's Happening?

This week we continued to focus on greeting others by name as a part of our goal to help others feel a sense of belonging at Gallimore School. During our morning announcements, we discussed what we can do next after we learn the names of the people in our community. Here are some of the things we are working on each day:



- Pronouncing names correctly
- Looking in the direction of the person we are greeting
- Following a greeting with a question
- Slowing down to listen for the response to our question



Gallimore's Picture Day

Gallimore's Picture Day will take place on **Thursday, September 19th**







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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>)

Safe Visitor Kiosk-License Needed

All P-CCS schools use the Safe Visitor Kiosk for checking in visitors. This system is also 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.

Dates for Your Calendar

September:

- Sept 19th: School Picture Day
- Sept 20th: Gallimore Fall Festival at Three Cedars Farm (flyer)
- 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
- Nov 5th: No School (Teacher Professional Development)

PFO (Parent Faculty Organization)

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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.)



Donations Needed-Stock the Lounge

Gallimore Families, We are collecting donations for the Gallimore staff lounge. These items are favorite drinks and snacks of our staff. Please consider helping us stock these items as a way to show our appreciation for all they do at Gallimore. For delivering any donations to school, there will be a red cart available outside of the main door/car loop area, starting Thursday, 9/12 through Wednesday, 9/18, during school hours. If you are sending a student with any donation, please have them drop off the item to the office. Click here to sign up to donate!



Volunteers Needed-Walking Club

Students walk or run laps on the playground and are awarded tokens for the miles they complete. Many of our students love Walking Club. 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.

To make this happen, we need adult volunteers! It's easy; just sign up (click here), show up, help students track their laps, pass out charms for the Walking Club necklace chains, and cheer on our Roadrunners!



Volunteers Needed -Fall Festival at Three Cedars Farm

To make our Fall Festival successful, we need your help. We need help with check-in, handing out s'mores (available after 6:30), and serving cider & donuts. We'd like everyone attending to have checked in by 8:00 and received their cider & donuts by 8:30 please. Volunteers slots are just 30 minutes. Click here to volunteer!

To those willing to volunteer, thank you for supporting our Roadrunners and their families! 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 bkrutty@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Walking Club Sign-Up:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAFA62CA5FFC70-51236939-walking



Spirit Wear is now on sale. New designs coming soon!



Updates 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.



Educating Our Students About How to Report a Threat

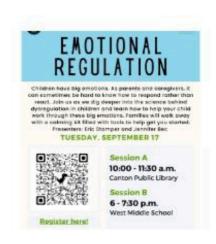
The beginning of the school year is a great time to remind students and families that all threats of violence, intended or not, are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly at P-CCS. This also serves as a good time to remind your students about the importance of sharing any information of a threatening or unsafe nature with a trusted adult, school employee, or law enforcement official.

Parents and students play a key role in our efforts to keep our schools safe. With that in mind, we want to again remind parents and students about the State of Michigan's OK2SAY Tip Line. It is a 24-hour source designed to empower all members of the community to report safety concerns so that appropriate local personnel can respond. The OK2SAY number is 1-855-565-2729, you can text to 652729, or you can send an email to ok2say@mi.gov. Student safety is our number one priority at P-CCS.

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.

P-CCS Board of Education Vacant Seat

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is seeking district residents to fill a vacant board seat. Applicants must be at least 18, U.S. citizens, registered voters in the district, and have lived in Michigan for at least 30 days. Letters of intent and/or resumes should be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, either via email to Diane Robertson or hand-delivered to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center. Interviews will take place at a public Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6 p.m. For more information, visit: https://www.pccsk12.com/Home/Components/News/News/27647/19

The first P-CCS Parent Council meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Meetings are held quarterly, and all families of P-CCS students are welcome to attend to learn about current events and programs. The meetings are from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the E. J. McClendon Educational Building located at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth. The P-CCS Parent Council is a district-wide group open to ALL families and caregivers of the students of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. Parent Council serves as a liaison between P-CCS families and administration to provide a forum for open communication and act as an advocate for all parents, students, and schools. Parent Council is a representative group of parents from each school building in the District. Members bring issues from their individual schools to discuss with the School Council representatives. Programs and speakers inform members about educational issues that concern P-CCS students and parents. All meetings are open to the public, and our guests often include School Board Members, District Administrators, Program Specialists, and Community Leaders.

Information Previously Shared



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



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.



Click Here to Meet Our Specials Teachers and Support Team



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





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GALLIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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