

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2024

What's Happening?



Expectations for Bus Riders **Please Review With Your Child

Over the last few weeks we have been receiving reports from bus drivers that students are making unsafe choices on the bus. When we receive these reports we talk to individual students as well as the entire bus, as needed. Additionally, we have been reviewing

these expectations during our morning announcements.

Please remind your child that it is a privilege to ride a school bus. School rules and family expectations for riding in a vehicle apply to the school bus. Here are a few of the expectations that many of our students need to be reminded of:

- While the bus is moving all students should remain seated.
- Feet should be on the floor and under the seat in front of you.
- Voice level should remain low enough that only the person sitting next to you can hear you.
- Language that would be used in the classroom or with adults at home is the only language that should be used on the bus

Thank you for reviewing these expectations with your bus rider so that all students can enjoy a ride to school where they feel comfortable and safe.

Sharing What Lies Beneath

Over the last two weeks Dr. Gennaoui and I have been visiting classrooms to continue to talk about our school wide goal of creating a community where everyone belongs. We discussed our 5 goals and read a book titled, Beneath, by Cori Doerrfeld. The books message is that people are more than

what we see on the surface. Each student created their own flag to represent what lies beneath the surface. We are encouraging students to stay curious about others so that they can work to find a connection







October is National Bullying Prevention Month

To bring awareness to the ways that bullying can impact others and the steps that we can all take to prevent bullying, students will engage in a focused lesson titled, "Every Step You Take." The lesson was created by PACERs National Bullying Prevention Center. Students will discuss how they can work to prevent bullying and make a commitment to taking a step toward creating a world without bullying. Each students "step" will be hung up around the school in the form of a foot with a commitment written

on it.

We will continue this focus by celebrating World Unity Day on Wednesday, October 16th by wearing orange to support Unity! Students are encouraged to wear anything orange! Shirts are also

Chromebook Take Home Program

The Chromebook Take Home Program has not begun. We are anticipating this being available for students in the next two weeks. Information will be communicated in the weekly Roadrunner Reminders. If students do not elect to take the Chromebook home they will still have a designated Chromebook to use in the classroom each day.



Gallimore Has Spirit!

Let's Show Our Gallimore Spirit



Gallimore Pride Day

Celebrate Gallimore and wear your Gallimore
Gear (or school colors blue and yellow)



World Unity Day: "Orange Out"

Wear Orange to show that We STAND UNITED in our quest for inclusion, acceptance, and kindness





Celebrate your favorite tea. Wear Gallimore, MSU, or U of M colors/spirit gear.





Extra Clothes Needed

Spills and accidents can occur at school. Gallimore's office is looking for a some extra clothes for when our Roadrunners need them.



School Pictures Are Ready

To order, log in to your account on mylifetouch.com or create an account using your student's student ID number.



Panorama SEL Survey Window

The Panorama student survey window starts next week and will be open **Monday**,

Please sign up if you are able to support by donating clothes and send these to the office by Oct 4th.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49AFA822A5FFC07-51664208-extra#/

All families can also log on and order a FREE Digital SmileSafe card. More about the Smilesafe program here.

*Picture Re-Take Day has been reschedule to Thursday, November 7th.

September 30th, through Friday, October 18th.

Follow the link for more information:

Elementary Panorama Student SEL Survey Parent Letter 2024-25

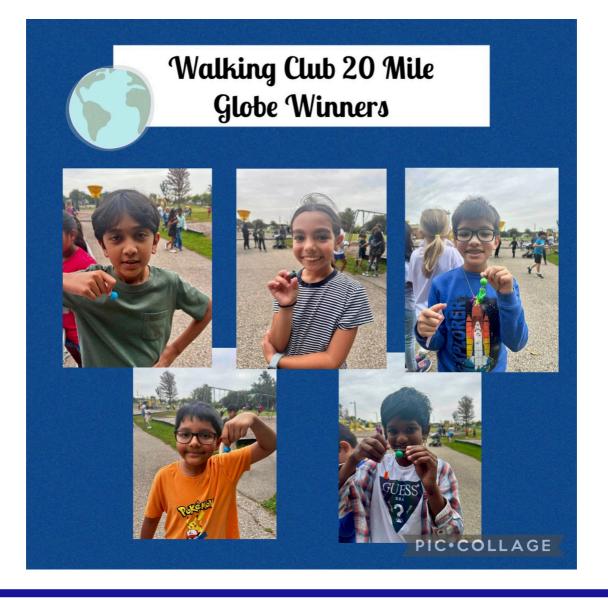


Gallimore SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Book Resources for Families

Gallimore has a <u>picture book collection</u> that includes books related to common social-emotional needs that we see in students.

Reading a story with your child is a great way to discuss struggles with friendships, anxiety, emotional regulation, and more. If you are interested in checking out a book from our collection, <u>fill out this</u>

<u>form</u> and someone will contact you about getting the books. Note that some of them are virtual videos. If your child has a specific social-emotional need that is not listed, contact Dr. Gennaoui and she can support you in finding a book that meets your child's needs.



Dates for Your Calendar

September:

NWEA Testing Window begins and continues through October 11th; classroom teachers will share specific testing schedules

Panorama SEL Survey Window begins and continues through October 18th

October:

- Oct 3rd: PFO Meeting in the Media Center at 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 4th: Gallimore Spirit Day: Wear Your Gallimore Gear or School colors (Blue and Yellow)
- Oct 8th: Gallimore Skate Night at Skatin' Station
- Oct 9th: No School (Teacher Professional Development)
- Oct 11th: M-Step Family Reports will be sent home with 4th and 5th grade students
- · Oct 16th: World Unity Day, wear orange
- Oct 18th: PFO sponsored Color Run, Festival of Lights sponsored by Canton Township
- . Oct 25th: Team Spirit Day: Celebrate by wearing MSU, U of M, or Gallimore spirit gear
- Oct 31st: Half day of school K-5 with dismissal at 12:10 p.m

November:

Nov 5th: No School (Teacher Professional Development)

- Nov 7th: School Picture Retake Day
- Nov 7th: PFO Meeting in the Media Center at 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 27th-29th: Thanksgiving Break

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

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.)

Color Run T-Shirt Sizes Needed-Today is the Last Day!

ALL Roadrunners will be receiving a FREE Color Run shirt for our October 18th Color Run. We need to provide sizes no later than Sunday, September 29th, to our shirt vendor. PLEASE PROVIDE THE IDEAL SIZE FOR YOUR STUDENT. Any student who we do not receive sizing from will still receive their FREE shirt, but we can't guarantee the right fit. To help with sizing, it will be a Port &



Company shirt (same as last year for any returning students). We're excited to provide more Color Run details soon!

Complete the form at this link: https://taggallimore.ptboard.com/formvw?store=4962&form=2

Walking Club Volunteers Needed

The rest of the Fall 2024 Walking Club dates have been set!



Tuesday, 10/1 Friday, 10/11 Thursday, 10/17 Tuesday, 10/22 Monday, 10/28 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 volunteer, sign up here for the dates that work for you.** Come from 11:45-1:00 to support and have fun with the kids. **All volunteers should check in at the school office before heading to the playground.**

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



Updates from PCCS

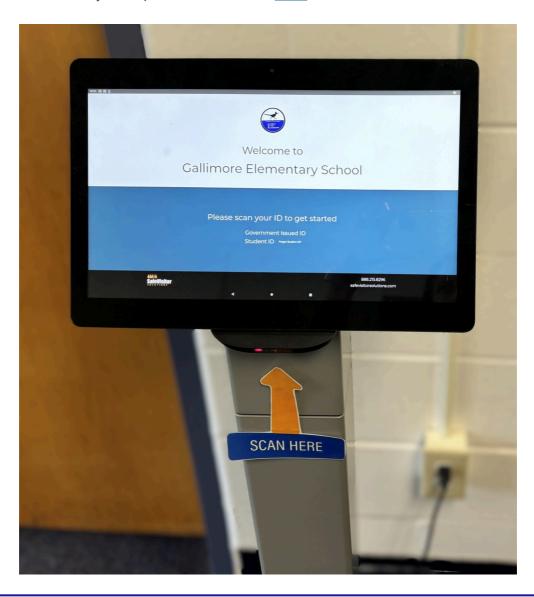
Student and Visitor Management System

Keeping students and staff safe at school continues to be a top priority at P-CCS. To further enhance safety, we have implemented a district-wide student and visitor management system through our partnership with Safe Visitor Solutions. This system is now fully operational and actively screening and checking in/out all visitors. It also provides an option for parents to check in and check out students.

The system is accessed via a kiosk located in each building's secure vestibule, adjacent to the main office. Upon arrival, parents and visitors are required to sign in at the kiosk, where the system will screen them against multiple databases to determine building access.

To complete the process, parents and visitors must present a government-issued identification card (a Michigan Driver's License is acceptable, among other options). The system will scan the barcode on the ID. Parents are encouraged to ensure the information on their identification matches what is entered into MiStar to avoid any potential issues.

Please note that the system is completely confidential, and no information will be shared. School and security officials will only be notified if there is a concern with the scan results. For more information about this system, please click on this <u>LINK</u>.





P-CCS is Hiring

P-CCS is hiring! Support your local schools and community by filling one of our many open positions. The district is in need of teachers, paraprofessionals, security officers, food and nutrition services workers, crossing guards and more. Full and part-time

opportunities are available and can be viewed by clicking on this link: Jobs at P-CCS

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. **School lunch and breakfast continue to be free for all students 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.

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

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.



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



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