



ROADRUNNER REMINDERS

WEEK OF OCTOBER 28TH, 2024

**Thursday, October 31st is a Half Day of School
with Dismissal at 12:10 p.m.**

What's Happening?



Dismissal Plan

We understand that dismissal plans may change during the day.

We are requesting that you notify the office **before 3:45 pm** of any dismissal change that needs to be communicated to a student. We need time to make sure the message reaches the teacher and student in time to make the adjustment.

Please remember that teachers may not be accessing emails during the day as they are teaching, so a dismissal change should be communicated to the office so we can ensure the message is shared in time for dismissal.

Halloween Parade Scheduled and Alternate Activity

Halloween Parade Thursday, October 31st @ 10: 45 a.m.

We will have an outdoor Halloween parade at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 31st. Families are invited to join us outdoors on the blacktop located behind our school for a short parade of costumes. **Please note that if the weather does not cooperate the parade will be canceled.**

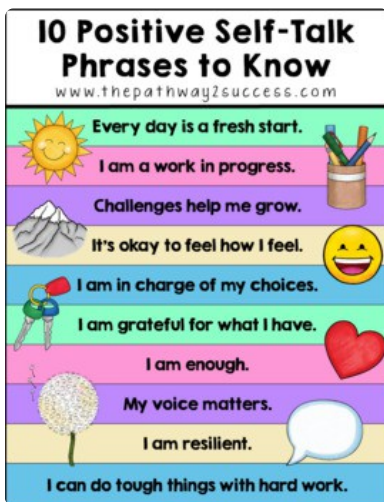
Please support your child at home by helping them to find a costume that is appropriate for school. Costumes should not include a lot of blood and gore, students cannot wear a mask as a part of their costume, and absolutely no "look-alike" weapons can be brought to school. If a student has a



question about their costume they can take a picture and send it to Mrs. Bell via email at aimee.bell@pccsk12.com

Finally, if your child will not be participating in the parade or classroom activities please notify the classroom teacher. We will have some alternate fun activities available for students to enjoy on this day either during the classroom party or the parade.

SEL Spotlight: Positive Self Talk



Positive self-talk is when you tell yourself positive words or phrases to get through a challenge. Negative self-talk is when you are critical of yourself in a difficult situation. For example, when a student gets a problem wrong during math, negative self-talk would sound like “I’m not smart” or “I will never get this right.” Positive self-talk would sound like “I will get it right next time” or “I can learn from this mistake and get better!” Our students at Gallimore are challenged in ways that sometimes feel uncomfortable for them, whether it be in academics, friendships, sports, or other areas of their lives. One way to support them is to encourage positive self-talk.

Here are some examples of turning negative self-talk into positive

self-talk

- I’m going to mess up again → I will do my best and that’s good enough.
- No one wants to play with me → I can invite someone to play and make a new friend.
- I messed up that pass, I’m terrible at soccer → Mistakes happen, and I’ll get better next time.
- I’ll never be as smart as everyone else in my class → I’m on my own journey, and am proud of my progress. I will keep working hard.

For more information about positive self talk, you can [read this article](#). 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. If you are interested in checking out a book from our collection, [fill out this form](#) and someone will contact you about getting the books.

Where Do You Feel Like You Belong the Most?

As a part of our continued focus on belonging, we have added 12 picture frames to the wall in the media center. Our goal is to fill these frames with pictures of students in places where they feel the



most acceptance and inclusion. We know that students feel included when they see themselves in the fabric of the school. Please help us to fill these frames! You can submit a digital picture of a place where your child feels like they belong to [this Google folder](#). Label your child's photo with the first letter of their first name, their whole last name, and their grade. (Example: JSmith4thgrade)

Ideas to consider as you think about the photo you might submit:

- a picture of your child doing something that they love
- a picture of your child in a location that is a favorite (park, treehouse, special vacation place)
- a picture of your child participating in a cultural event with family and friends

An important part of belonging is celebrating one another and creating a space where our students and staff can be their authentic selves.

Science Olympiad at Gallimore

This year we will have a Science Olympiad Team. We are only able to provide experiences like this if we have enough family members who are willing and able to be coaches. This link will take you to a Science Olympiad interest form. This form, [Science Olympiad Interest Form](#), is just gathering data at this time. By completing this form you are not officially registering for the Science Olympiad team as decisions about team enrollment will be made after all interest forms have been completed. **All Science Olympiad interest forms should be completed by Sunday, November 10th at 11:59 p.m.**



A Science Olympiad Informational Meeting will be scheduled soon for any families who are interested in learning more about the Science Olympiad.

Dates for Your Calendar

October:

- Oct 31st:
 - Half day of school K-5 with dismissal at 12:10 p.m
 - Halloween Parade at 10:45 a.m. on the playground

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 13th and 14th: Half days of school for Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Nov 13th: PFO Sponsored Dine to Donate: Panda Express

- Nov 15th: Skatin' Station Night 5 to 7 p.m.
- Nov 27th-29th: Thanksgiving Break

December:

- Dec 5th: PFO Meeting in the Media Center at 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 23rd through January 3rd: Winter Break

[Click here for the entire P-CCS 2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

Gallimore Has Spirit!

Let's Show Our Gallimore Spirit

NOVEMBER 8TH

Gallimore Pride Day

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



NOVEMBER 13TH

World Kindness Day:

Wear a shirt that celebrates kindness. Together we can make kindness the standard, not the exception.

NOVEMBER 14TH

World Diabetes Day

Wear Blue the color designated for those who support diabetes and spread awareness.



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.)



Walking Club 20 Mile Globe Winners



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Updates from PCCS

P-CCS Social Media

Stay connected with all things P-CCS by following us on our social media! Facebook: @Plymouth-Canton Community Schools [Link to our Page](#) Instagram: @pccs_official [Link to our profile](#) X (formerly known as Twitter): @PCCS_OFFICIAL [Link to our profile](#) YouTube: @P-CCSTV [Link to our channel](#) You can also stay up to date by subscribing to our Google Calendar [Link to Subscribe](#)

P-CCS Community Education Fall Classes

P-CCS Community Education late fall classes for youth and adults are still enrolling. After school and evening enrichment and recreation courses are being offered, including cardio drumming, certified babysitting/CPR, karate, retirement planning, yoga and more. Some classes start next week, so register soon. Winter course enrollment will open in early December.



CEBL for Winter 2025

Community Education Basketball League registration for grades 3 -12 boys and grades 3 - 6 girls are now taking place online. Season runs January-March. Spots fill quickly -- if a course goes to waitlist, please add your information. More teams will be formed as coaches are secured. To volunteer coach a team or to register, visit pccs.reg.eleyo.com/communityed.

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

Let's Get Connected-Gallimore School Directory and PFO Website

- We aim to connect our community in various ways. One way we can do this is by creating a school-wide directory. This directory will help you connect with other families about homework, a play date, or a birthday party invitation. -->>>[This short video](#) explains how and why you should get connected! If you want to skip the video, click on-->>> [this form](#) and you can add your student to the school directory.

Let's Get Connected!



Gallimore

Drop Off and Pick Up Safety Reminders

Now that we have settled into the school year, we have noticed a few things that we can work on to make our carloop process safer and more efficient. If you drop off or pick up your child please keep the following in mind:

- Morning drop off begins at 8:40 a.m.
- Only have your child exit or enter the vehicle on the curbside of the car
- Your child should be ready to exit the vehicle when they arrive at school (backpack zipped, shoes on, etc.)



- **Pull your vehicle all the way up in the car line.** This helps us to load and unload as many cars as possible at the same time.
- **Wait for the car in front of you to load before you pull out,** unless directed to do something differently by a staff member.



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 [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.

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OUR GREATEST POTENTIAL.

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