



November 8, 2024

Good afternoon, Tonda families. Please take a moment to review the week's updates!

- **We Need You!!!**

- As many of you know, we still do not have a crossing guard hired to support students crossing from Burgundy, across Warren Road, to the school. We have been doing our best to support in the absence of a regular staff member but it is very challenging with limited support staff and this intersection, above all others, needs consistency.

If you are at all interested in supporting in this role, please view the link below and type "crossing guard" in the *Job Search* bar.

[Jobs at P-CCS](#)

- **Lost and Found**

- Our lost and found is overflowing right now so, if you are missing items at home, please have your student check the Lost and Found. Items will be brought to the front of the building during conferences for families to check as well. After conferences, however, any items remaining in the Lost and Found will be donated to a local charity.

- **Literacy Learning Opportunity with Our Instructional Coach**

- Would you like to learn how to better support your student(s) with their reading? Mrs. Bertoia, our Instructional Coach, would love to share a few easy ways to grow our readers as successful decoders who can comprehend what they read.

Use this [Sign Up Genius Link](#) and select a 20 minute session during the afternoons/evenings of conference nights *that matches your student's grade level*. You will be able to join a small group of other parents/guardians who are interested in hearing about practical strategies that promote a love of literacy and support the development of essential skills.

Mrs. Bertoia will be leading these sessions in our Production Room.

- **The Genius of Play: Incorporating Meaningful Play for Academic Success**

- All P-CCS parents/guardians are invited to take part in *The Genius of Play: Incorporating Meaningful Play for Academic Success*, on Thursday, Nov. 14th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at Allen Early Learning Center. This "playful" family academy session supports the importance of play and its role in future academic success. We will explore the latest research on the benefits of play, along with specific changes that can be made at home, to support your child's overall positive growth and development. Participants will have hands-on experiences with various types of materials promoting language development, higher order thinking, and cognitive development. You will walk away with some simple play materials as well as tons of literature. [Register Here for Incorporating Meaningful Play for Academic Success](#)

● **Important Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars**

- November 11 -15 School Psychologist Week
Tonda Book Fair
- November 12 Skatin' Station (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
- November 13 ½ Day - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 14 ½ Day - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 15 Crazy Hat Day (Fun Run Prize)
- November 18 Trekkers
- November 20 PTO Meeting (7:00 - 8:00 PM)
- November 21 Picture Retake Day
- November 22 Substitute Educators Day
Popcorn Friday
Community Financial Credit Union Day
1st Trimester Ends
- November 25 2nd Marking Period Begins
- November 26 Restaurant Share Night - Ruckus Taco (All Day - 10%)
- November 27 - 29 No School
- December 2 National Special Education Day
- December 3 Holiday Shop
- December 4 Holiday Shop
- December 5 Holiday Shop
- December 9-13 Student Gov't Canned Food Drive
- December 11 Families Can Access Report Cards on MiStar
- December 12 Community Financial Credit Union Day
- Dec 23 - Jan 5 Winter Break
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Dec 25 - Jan 2 Hanukkah (Chanukah)
- Dec 26 - Jan 1 Kwanzaa
- January 1 New Years Day
- January 1 - 2 Kalahari
- January 6 School Resumes
Feast of the Epiphany
- January 7 Eastern Orthodox Christmas
- January 9 Community Financial Credit Union Day
- January 14 Sankranti
- January 17 Skatin' Station (5:00 - 7:00 PM)
- January 20 No School (Staff or Students) in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Just a quick reminder that, if you have a concern, your child's teacher should always be the first point of contact, not social media or other families. If the concern is not satisfactorily resolved with the teacher, Mrs. Titus and I are always available to support. Let's model the behaviors we want to see from our children and conduct ourselves in a manner that demonstrates the character we value as a school community. 😊

Stay **SAFE** and be **KIND!**

Sincerely,

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