



# ROADRUNNER REMINDERS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11TH, 2024

**12:10 p.m. dismissal on Wednesday, November 13th and Thursday, November 14th**

## What's Happening?

### A Note From Mrs. Bell: Talking With Your Child After Family Conferences

Dear Gallimore Families,

During the month of November, families meet with their child's classroom teacher to discuss their child's progress so far this school year. Conferences can provide a great opportunity for families to talk with their child about their school successes and challenges.

After the conference, I encourage you to have a conversation with your child about the insights shared. Here are a few tips to guide your discussion:

- **Ask Open-Ended Questions:** Encourage your child to express their thoughts about school, their feelings about learning, and any successes/challenges they may be facing. Questions: What's going well for you at school or what is a peak of this school year? What is hard for you, or what is a valley of this school year? The peaks and valleys (highs and lows) strategy is something you could use as a family once a week or daily before as a part of your bedtime routine.
- **Celebrate Achievements:** Highlight the strengths and progress your child has made, reinforcing their hard work and dedication. Saying things like, "I notice how hard you have been working on X (fill in the blank). It looks like your hard work is producing results, or it looks like your hard work is still not getting you the results that you want. Let's think about how we can support you with this at home."

- **Set Goals Together:** Discuss specific goals for the upcoming term. This could include academic targets, social skills, or personal growth. Setting achievable goals will help your child stay motivated and focused. If your child is not comfortable asking for help, you could encourage your child to focus on asking questions when they are not sure. A goal could be to ask at least one question during each math lesson.

Some children are more open to talking about their feelings and progress. If your child seems apprehensive about talking about school and teacher feedback, that is okay. You may need to have the discussion over the course of a few days or weeks. Sometimes we might need to say, "It seems like you have some mixed feelings about what your teacher shared during today's conference. I care about you and how things are going for you at school. I am going to give you some time to think about it. We can check back in later this week."

Your support at home is invaluable as we work together to ensure your child's successful learning journey. Thank you again for your partnership!

Mrs. Aimee Bell, Principal

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### Visit our Lost and Found It is FULL!

Preview the items in our Lost and Found by clicking on this slides presentation ([Lost and Found](#)).



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## Dates for Your Calendar

### November:

- **Nov 13th:**
  - Half day of school for Conferences dismissal at 12:10 p.m.
  - PFO Sponsored Dine to Donate: Panda Express
  - World Kindness Spirit Day-wear a shirt that spreads a kind message
- **Nov 14th:**
  - Half day of school for Conferences dismissal at 12:10 p.m.
  - World Diabetes Day-wear blue to show support and raise awareness for diabetes
- **Nov 15th:**
  - Skatin' Station Night 5 to 7 p.m.
  - Yearbook Cover Designs are due
- **Nov 18th through November 22nd:** Scholastic Book Fair
- **Nov 19th:** Girl Scout Information Meeting at 6 p.m. in the Gym
- **Nov 27th-29th:** Thanksgiving Break

### December:

- **Dec 5th:** PFO Meeting in the Media Center at 6:00 p.m.

- Dec 11th: Report Cards available online via MiStar
- Dec 23rd through January 3rd: Winter Break

**January:**

- Jan 15th: 5th Grade Cluster Concert at 7:30 p.m., Logan Auditorium-Salem High School
- Jan 18th: PFO Sponsored USA Hockey Night

**April:**

- April 18th: Last Day to Order a Yearbook visit [ybpay.com](http://ybpay.com) and enter code 13312625

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

## Gallimore Elementary Family Skating Party



**Join us on  
Friday, November 15th  
5:00-7:00 PM**

**SPIN - A - WHEEL**  
drawing at your school  
event!  
Enter to win a chance to  
spin  
the big prize wheel!

**ADMISSION: \$10.00**  
**YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN SKATES OR BLADES.**  
*\*All children between 3-17 must pay admission to enter\**  
**Skate/Blade Rental: Included**

Don't Cook!!!  
School Party Special  
1 whole Pizza  
Only \$15



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## 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.)



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **The Art Enrichment Program from The Plymouth Community Arts Council**

The PFO has paid for Gallimore's membership and even set aside a small budget for art supplies! Now we need presenters for many of our classrooms. Please consider being an art volunteer!

Lots of helpful information can be found on the Plymouth Arts Council site!

<https://www.plymoutharts.com/art-enrichment-program.html>

Ideally, each classroom will have more than one volunteer. Classrooms needing volunteers are listed below. Volunteers will coordinate the timing of their presentations with their classroom teacher.>>>[Click here to volunteer.](#)<<<

- Cunningham
- Jewett
- Jones
- Anderson
- Matt Gold
- Robertson
- Heimberg

Board members that you can communicate your ability to volunteer or ask questions to are our President, Poonam, [president@taggallimorepfo.org](mailto:president@taggallimorepfo.org), or our secretary, Amanda, [secretary@taggallimorepfo.org](mailto:secretary@taggallimorepfo.org). Both have attended an orientation at PCAC and hope to be helpful whenever possible.

Reimbursements (please keep those receipts!) for presentation supplies will be directed to our treasurer, Chris, [treasurer@taggallimorepfo.org](mailto:treasurer@taggallimorepfo.org). Each class will have up to \$40 of reimbursement

available for the school year (not per presentation to be clear). There's no set amount of presentations you need to do.

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## Updates from PCCS

### Thanksgiving Dinner | Receive a box | Plymouth

Woodside Bible Church would like to provide you with a Thanksgiving Dinner that can be enjoyed around your table, in your home with family and friends. This gift includes groceries to serve 6-8 people and a gift card to purchase your turkey. If this gift would be helpful and you would like to receive it please register by clicking the link below.



<https://woodsidebible.org/events/details/?id=304435>

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### The Salvation Army Holiday Application

The Salvation Army is accepting applications for Christmas support during the month of November.

Families who live in Plymouth, Canton or Belleville can complete the application and then call 734-453-5464 for next steps.



**Christmas Application.2024 (2).pdf**

[Download](#)

271.4 KB

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# GIRLS GEAR UP



## When?

November 23rd, 2024  
9:00 am - 11:45 am

## Where?

Canton High School  
8415 Canton Center Rd.,  
Canton

Lightning Robotics invites 4th and 5th grade girls to our annual Girls Gear Up event—STEM Exploration Day 2024. This **free** event encourages girls to explore various STEM fields through hands-on activities. Register by Saturday, November 16th using the QR code below or going to [LightningRobotics.com](https://LightningRobotics.com)!

For questions/more information contact us at:  
[outreachlead@lightningrobotics.com](mailto:outreachlead@lightningrobotics.com)



Sign up by  
scanning!



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## Family Yoga Night

Please join P-CCS for the next Family Yoga Night on Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 6 to 7 p.m., at Pioneer Middle School. Family Yoga brings the whole family together for mindfulness, movement, relaxation, and fun. Practice all the elements of a yoga class -- breathing, yoga poses, rest, and meditation -- in an engaging and active way. The session is led by Ms. Katie from DownPup Yoga, the only yoga studio in the community designed just for kids and families. Ms. Katie is a certified Children's Yoga Instructor. No yoga or fitness experience is needed; this session is for all abilities. [Register Here for Family Yoga](#)



**\*Please** bring a water bottle and yoga mat if you have one; **very limited** mats are available to borrow. \*

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## P-CCS Mindfulness Session

Parents and caregivers have a lot going on, and sometimes we can benefit greatly from taking care of ourselves. Join P-CCS for a Mindfulness Session on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Canton High School. Discover simple yet powerful techniques to manage stress and anxiety.

Learn gentle breathing exercises to calm your mind and body, and explore basic meditation practices to foster emotional well-being. This session is designed to provide parents with tools to navigate life's challenges with greater ease and resilience. This session is for adults only and will not have activities geared toward children. [Register Here for Mindfulness Session](#)

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## **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. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Allen Early Learning Center. This “playful” family academy 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](#)

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## **Information Previously Shared**

### **NWEA MAP Growth Student Progress Report**

The most recent NWEA MAP Growth Student Progress Report is available in MISTAR Parent Connection. The following directions appear in the Useful Links section and describe how to locate your child's report and provide information and resources to help you understand their scores: [How to access and understand your child's NWEA student reports.](#)



A student’s NWEA MAP Growth score is one data point that teachers use to understand how a student is performing and how to best support them. School and district leaders use assessment scores in combination with other information to monitor performance and progress at the grade, school, and district level. It is important to understand that a single assessment can't give students, families, and teachers all of the information that they need to determine what a student knows and how to best support their learning. Information is also gathered through classroom observation, student work, one-on-one interaction between student and teacher, as well as other formal and informal assessments throughout the year. Please discuss any questions that you have about your child’s performance with their teacher. If you have trouble opening the report, please contact your child's teacher, and they can print a copy for you.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

## Helpful Links

- [Student Vacation Form](#) should be completed for any absence longer than 3 school days and submitted to the office. The form can be sent digitally to Melissa Lomibao, our office paraprofessional, at [melissa.lomibao@pccsk12.com](mailto: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.
- [School Lunch Menus](#) school lunch and breakfast continue to be free for all students this school year!
- Meet our [specials teachers and support team](#)
- Meet [our 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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