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## Mark Your Calendars

- 9/9 School Pictures
- 9/9 Boy Scout Info Meeting  
6:30pm in the cafeteria
- 9/11 Grandparents' Day (during  
lunches)
- 9/15 PTO Meeting at 6:30pm
- 9/30 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night,  
5:00-8:00pm

## **Welcome Back!**



## Principal Antoine's Monthly Message

We are off to a great start of the fall semester at PES! As we journey through this school year, we remain committed to maintaining our success and accomplishing even more in regards to meeting the needs of our students.

We are pleased to introduce some new staff members for this year. Please join us in welcoming the following new teachers: Kelsey Artz/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Callie Evans/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Mia Templeton/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Barbara Pickens/ESL & Intervention, Andrea Roach/RIN & Behavior Support, Samantha Gaw/Art, Aim'ee Teague/Student Support Specialist, Nazareth Acosta/Essential Academics Educational Associate, Joshua Keasbey/IBC Educational Associate and Cindy Lucero/PE Educational Associate.

Mr. Steenport and I have enjoyed visiting classrooms and seeing how excited everyone is about this new school year. It's been great seeing our returning families again and we look forward to meeting those of you who are new to our learning community.

Thank you for a great start to our 2015-2016 school year!

## Children

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At Pflugerville Elementary School!

## Please Note:

- When arriving at school in the mornings, ALL students and parents are to enter the building through the entrance by the cafeteria. These doors will be locked as soon as the tardy bell rings at **7:40am**. Students who are not in their classroom when the tardy bell rings must check in at the office and will be counted tardy. Students arriving after 9:30am are considered absent. Students who are late for school due to doctor appointments are not counted as tardy or absent as long as a doctor's note is turned into the office.
- All visitors must sign in and out through our Visitor Management System on the computer at the office counter. If you are new to the system, you will need to first present your license for scanning. The visitor's badge you receive must be worn and visible at all times while you are on campus. Upon leaving, you must sign-out and exit through the front doors of the school. This is for our children's safety. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- **For all of our PES volunteers who assist school staff in day to day activities of the school, special events, student programs, field trips, etc., please be aware that district policy requires that all district volunteers complete an application and consent to a background check prior to volunteering each school year.** Please go to the district web page and complete the volunteer application, which can be found by clicking on the Community tab located on the front page of the district website. When volunteering at school, please sign-in as a volunteer rather than as a visitor. Thank you for all that you do!
- **As part of PISD's residency audit, all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will need to submit current proof of residency. If you have not already submitted the necessary residency documents for your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, please do so by the end of this month.**
- PflISD is no longer using TxConnect. There is a new Parent Portal system coming. Once it is released, information will be sent home regarding how to access the portal which will provide information on your child's grades and attendance. If you have any questions, please contact the PES Registrar, Jackie Link, at 512-594-3838.

## Homework Help:

Homework Help is up and running after school from 2:50-3:20pm: 1<sup>st</sup> grade - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade - 5<sup>th</sup> grade on Tuesdays and Thursdays. When a Staff Meeting is scheduled after school on a Wednesday (approximately once a month), Homework Help is cancelled, but announcements will be made and notices posted several days ahead of time. If you feel that your child could use some extra assistance with his/her homework, please be sure to utilize this beneficial service. Just let your child's teacher know what days your child will be staying for Homework Help.



## Parking Lot and Crossing Guard Procedures:

We would like to ask for your help in making our parking lot as safe as possible. Please follow these procedures when dropping off and picking up your child(ren):

### In the mornings

Park and walk your child to the building by way of one of the crosswalks, or follow the flow of traffic around the parking spaces to the drop-off lane by the cafeteria walkway and allow our safety patrol to assist your child out of the car.

Please **DO NOT** drop off your child in any of the lanes with parking spaces or by the front entrance.

### In the afternoons

Park in a parking space or on the gravel by the baseball fields and walk up to the building to pick up your child. **DO NOT park along the curb as no child will be released directly to a vehicle.** When picking up your child, please use either of the two crosswalks - it helps ensure the safety of our children.

Because there is no bus that goes to Bohls Place and Bohls Crossing, the City of Pflugerville provides a Crossing Guard at the intersection of Pecan St. and Immanuel Road, in order to assist our student walkers through this intersection.

Additionally, for the safety of our student walkers from Cambridge Estates, please do not turn right from the parking lot onto Immanuel Rd. until all pedestrians have completely exited the crosswalk.



## Teacher Phones, Voice Mail & Conference

**Times:** Each PES teacher has a phone number that rings directly into the classroom before 7:30am and after 3:30pm. During school hours, calls made directly to the classroom will automatically roll to the teacher's voicemail. If you would like to speak with a teacher during his/her conference time, please call the front office and we will put you through to the classroom. This year's conference times are as follows:

Kinder 11:15-12:05 1<sup>st</sup> 12:10-1:00  
2<sup>nd</sup> 8:55-9:45 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:05-1:55  
4<sup>th</sup> 9:50-10:40 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00-8:50

**If you have a message that must be received by your child before the end of the day (how they are to go home that day, etc), please call the office before 2:00pm that day and we will make sure that the message gets to your child's teacher; do not leave such a message on the teacher's voicemail in case they do not check it before the end of the day.**

## Library Notes



Grab your aprons, spoons, and spatulas! Our reading theme for 2015-2016 is "Taste A Good Book." This theme challenges students to try all types of book and celebrate the diversity of books inside a library. All year long, students will learn about different types of books and identify what good readers do. My mission this year is to "cook up" some good readers!

### Fabulous Library Volunteers Needed:

Do you get here early to pick up your child? Do you want to avoid the heat and cold while you wait? Luckily, the library is in need of volunteers who can help shelve books from 2:15-2:45PM. I am ready and willing to train all volunteers.

## Student Council News

Attention all 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Student Council is looking for new members for 2015-2016 school year. We are looking for students who are responsible, have a positive attitude, and love to serve others. If elected, students must commit to attending meetings twice a month and be eager to complete community service hours in and outside of school. Applications will be available Tuesday, September 8, and are due to Mrs. Leu the Library by Tuesday, September 15.

## **Transportation News:**

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Durham Transportation has issued the following guidelines regarding bus services for the 2015-16 school year:

- **For afternoon drop-off, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will only be allowed off the bus if they are met at the bus stop by a parent or designated adult with written consent that has been given by the parent to Durham, or if they are accompanied by an older sibling in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade.** Students will be allowed to go home on a bus other than their designated bus only in emergency situations, and only after the parent has called Durham. **Students will not be allowed to go home with friends on the bus.**
- Students will sit in assigned seats on the bus.
- Concerns regarding bus stops, pick-ups/drop-offs, and giving consent for emergency situations should be directed toward Durham at 512-594-0475.
- Concerns regarding discipline or safety issues should be directed to PES Assistant Principal Nathan Steenport at 512-594-3800.



## **Cafeteria News:**

Check out the Cool Café menu calendars that have been sent home with the students. Each calendar contains the monthly breakfast and lunch menus, along with lots of fun facts, events and recipes. The menu is also available online on the district website. New menus will be sent home every month.

### 2015-2016 Meal Prices

Breakfast is \$1.90

Lunch (includes milk) is \$2.65

Milk only is \$.50

Adult breakfast \$2.15 Adult lunch \$3.65

Parents can place money on a student's individual meal account by sending cash or check (made out to "PISD") to the cafeteria manager. You may also make online payments and view your child's account activity by visiting [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). If your child's account begins to run low, the cafeteria manager will send a note home with your child. Students without any money on their account will be allowed to charge a complete lunch tray up to 2 times, after which a cheese sandwich and milk will be offered until the balance is paid. Also, if you would like your child to be able to purchase extras, please send a note to the cafeteria.

Questions?? Call Martha Mahtab, our PES cafeteria manager, at 512-594-3820.

