

Trending Now @ PGS

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From the Principal:

Next week our 3rd and 4th graders will begin their first Enrichment Cluster Classes.

Enrichment Clusters are part of a program called the Schoolwide Enrichment Model, designed by Dr. Joseph Renzulli, an expert in the area of gifted education since the 1970's.

To begin, students complete an interest survey of general topics they would like to study or explore. After reviewing the results, PGS teachers will select a topic they are comfortable with or are also interested in learning more about. This topic will serve as the backdrop for a mini-course designed to build on students' interests, provide opportunities for research, and foster higher level thinking and creativity.

Enrichment clusters will run for roughly the next 7 weeks. Click here to see this year's course offerings:

[Enrichment Cluster Offerings](#)

Each cluster will be looking for a local "expert" or "enthusiast." If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who might be, please consider completing the volunteer link here: [Google form](#)

The students and staff are excited to begin and see where our creative spirit takes us. - Mr. G

Placement Letters grades K-3. In order for your request to be considered, [Placement Letter](#)s are due by email by April 12th to kblanchard@avon.k12.ct.us

Save the Date: Paul Cryan will be coming to Pine Grove School the end of May. More details to come.



Kindness Calendars are due April 1, 2019

Visiting Author: Pamela Tuck will be visiting PGS to read to Grades 2-4 students. If you would like to order a book deadline is April 1, 2019. [Order Form](#)

PGS Minute

March

29-31 TBS Musical **Wizard of Oz**

April

- 1 Orders for Pamela Tuck Books Due
- 1 After School Spring Enrichment Program Begins
- 1 Kindness Calendars Due to classroom
- 1-5 Grade 2 Hartford Stage Visit
- 1-2 Grade 3 Field Trip, CT Historical Society
- 2-4 Grade 4 visits from Roaring Brook Nature Ctr
- 3 Grades 2-4 Author Visit
- 3 Kindergarten Orientation 6:30-8:00 for Parents of new 2019-20 kindergarteners

8-12 No School - Spring Vacation

12 Placement requests due date



Shout Out!

PGS received the 2019 Pacific Life Foundation 3Ts Of Education Grant. This gift will enhance our offerings in STEAM and

Makerspaces. Madison McGarry presented the \$1,000 check to Mr. G.



LIGHT IT UP BLUE! PGS is excited to participate in [Light It Up Blue for Autism Awareness](#). Students are encouraged to wear blue to school on Tuesday, April 2 for this wonderful cause. Students who wear blue will receive a blue smiley sticker to help support the importance of accepting all people regardless of their differences.

Community Council School Store

Returns on April 3, 2019. Check the website for a list of new items being offered. To purchase items, please send in exact change in a baggie with your child. Click here to see the list. [School Store](#)