

Trending Now @ PGS

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IMPORTANT CONTACTS::

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From the Principal: During my travels this week I visited several classrooms to observe independent reading blocks. As you are most likely aware, our school is placing a great deal of emphasis this year on building reading stamina and providing opportunities for our students to spend quality time with authentic texts. As I sat and observed teachers like Mrs. Dybinski, Mrs. Bray, and Mrs. Corcoran conference with their students, it was clear what aspect of this time was most important. It was students spending time with their teachers discussing **their own** reading. Students were asked questions like: What are **you** thinking, what did the text mean to **you**, how would **you** figure out that word, and what could **you** do to make **your** reading time more enjoyable and productive? I share this with you knowing that all parents will find themselves at some point this year reading with their children. (**Hopefully, many times!**) By asking similar questions and spending time discussing the text, you can help make this time serve the dual purpose of being fun while also reinforcing “good reading practices” at home. Don’t take for granted that even though your child can decode the words, that they also know what they mean. Stopping to simply ask what does that mean to you, may reveal some interesting misconceptions and teachable moments.. **Happy reading!** *Mr. G.*

Safety Support: We ask all parents and guardians who pick up in the afternoon to please utilize the crosswalk when entering and exiting parent pick up. You can help us to set a positive example for all students!

Shout Outs!
Kate Carson received an Avon Achiever Award at the October 16 Board Meeting. She was recognized for her work in our special education department. Nice work Ms. Carson!



PGS Minute

October

- 22 After School - All Pro Sports, Jr. Engineers Robotics, Photography
- 22 & 23 Grade 1 Field Trip Auerer Farm
- 23 After School - Cartooning & Cheerleading
- 24 After School - All Pro Sports
- 25 After School - Art Ventures, Fashion Club, Flight Class, Jr. Robotics
- 26 Town Meeting 9:00 Wear your PGS Spirit Wear T-Shirt or class color (see below)
- 26 PTO Halloween Dance 6:30-8:00PM
- 29 School Picture Retake Day
- 29 Turkey Trot starts
- 29 Grades K-1 Vision Screening
- 30 Grade 3-4 Vision Screening
- 31 Happy Halloween!



November

- 6 Election Day - No School

School Picture Retake Day: Retakes for school pictures will be Monday, October 29, 2018. If your child missed picture day, please complete the picture form (available in the office) and have your child bring it to school on Monday, October 29, 2018. If you do not like the picture that was taken, return the picture packet to have the picture retaken.

From the Nurse: Vision screenings will be done by the Avon Lion's Club at PGS
Grades K-1 October 29 Grades 3-4 October 30. Grade 2 is not mandated by the State to be tested. To volunteer, contact Pat DeRossi, R.N. at 860-404-4794.



Did you know? The PGS Spirit Wear T-Shirts have arrived. Please have your child wear it to school on Friday, October 26, 2018 for our town meeting. Or they can wear the following color appropriate to their grade:

- K = Red
- 1 = Yellow
- 2 = Green
- 3 = Orange
- 4 = Navy Blue (Since 4th grade does not have their shirts, please wear a navy blue shirt)