



Trending Now @ PGS



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From the Principal:

Did you catch them? There are mistakes at the top of this issue of Trending Now. But why intentionally make mistakes? It just so happens that making mistakes, goes with the theme of the book "Your Fantastic Elastic Brain" by JoAnn Deak. The book teaches children about their brains and how making mistakes, trying new things, and not giving up can help to grow their brains. Mistakes are part of life and nowhere is that more true than in school. Over the past two weeks, I have been visiting our Kindergarten classrooms to read the book and talk to our youngest learners about the power of making mistakes and using them to grow and improve. We discussed how many new experiences they will have this year and will continue to have for many years to come. In fact, we know that from birth to about 10 years old, children's brains grow and strengthen more than any other time in their life. So what does this mean for us, the grown ups who influence them? Here are some tips for helping your child grow their brains and have a growth mindset:

1. Admit your mistakes. Find a time each day or week to talk about what went well, what didn't, and how you hope to grow from that mistake. Then, give your child a chance to share his or her examples.
2. Share your own stories. You might love riding your bike, swimming, or eating sushi now but chances are you didn't always. Hearing your stories of "triumph" can be inspirational for children.
3. Try new things together. Pick out something you have never done and plan to do it together as a family. Ask each other, How did it go? Was it what you expected? What would you do differently next time?
4. Don't give up! New experiences can be tough and not go well. When your child is struggling, come up with a plan to persevere together.

Mistakes happen. This year we can use our mistakes to grow and improve. Oops. - Mr. G

After School Program Information sign up by 9/23/19 visit: www.AvonAfterSchool.com

PGS Minute

September

- 23 Registration Deadline - After School Program
- 24 PTO Kindergarten and New Family so First & Last Tavern 7:00-9:00 - RSVP On Konstella by 9/19/19 
- 27 Town Meeting 9:15 am (Wear your PGS Spirit Wear Colors): K - Orange
Grade 1 - Red Grade 2 - Yellow
Grade 3 - Green Grade 4 - Blue
- 27 Ages 1-5 Playgroup @ RBS [FLYER](#)
- 30 ECollect Forms Due - click [HERE](#) to log Into PowerSchool
- 30 No School Rosh Hashanah

October

- 1 PTO Boosterthon Kick Off
- 5 Avon Fire Department 5K Run/Walk
- 9 Yom Kippur - No School
- 10 PTO Fun Run

Ecollect Forms: Please be sure to complete the 2019-2020 ECollect forms for each child. Click [here](#) for directions on how to get to the forms. If you need assistance, please contact the office. **Please complete forms by 9/30/19.**

Unified Arts Request: Click [HERE](#) or visit the PGS website to view the supply list of items the Unified Arts Department is looking for.

Shout Outs! Thank you to the PTO for their continued support to PGS. The meeting this week was well attended.  Congrats to our new co-president **Rebecca Sposito** who ran her first meeting. Contact Co-Presidents: Sunil Kukreja or Rebecca Sposito if you would like more information.

Vision screenings will be done here at PGS by the Lion's Club on November 7 & 8. This screening is a mandated requirement, you would need to notify the nurse if you do not want it done for any reason. Please call Pat DeRossi, R.N. with any questions. 860-404-4794.

