



## A Message From Our Principal

As you and your families are gearing up for the approaching holidays, we too are preparing for a very busy December at PLE! Please make note of the days, times and information within this newsletter for all the events scheduled.

The question parents ask me most often is- "what can I do to help my child at home?". My answer to this every time is READ!! Read to them, read with them, and/or have them read to you. Research shows that students who read just one book a day hear about 290,000 more words by the time they enter kindergarten than students who don't read. Reading with your child helps them pick up the skill of reading quickly and easily. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Rotary Club off Miramar-Pines will be here giving away a book to each of our students. We are grateful to them for this generous donation & hope you and your child will enjoy reading the book together!

With so much happening at our school this month, I am sure our paths will cross for me to wish you a Happy Holiday in person, but in case I don't see you, I'll pass along my wishes now. Thank you for sharing your "gifts" with me – your PAWsome children!

Mrs. Susan Sasse



## A Message From Our Assistant Principal

Here at PLE, we are always embracing kindness. We have actually been teaching and practicing this for several years now and it has cultivated a positive environment for learning. On Mondays, the Kindness Queen (aka Mrs. Sasse) visits our morning announcements. The students get excited to see the queen on WPLE and to hear the names announced of students who take extra steps to show kindness toward others. It is wonderful to start our week on a positive note with the Kindness Queen!

Thank you too, parents, for the ways in which you share your kindness with our hard working staff. I know they appreciate it!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!

Ms. Amrita Balroop



## Important Dates

- 12/3.....Chorus Performs @Snowfest 4:30pm
- 12/21.....Winter Performance 6:00pm
- 12/24 .....Winter Break Begins
- 1/9.....School Resumes

Refer to the fliers sent home for information & details on Field Days, FAST Assessments & Seasonal Dress Up Days



## SAFETY FIRST

### MORNING ARRIVAL

Parents have been reminded on several occasions not to enter our carpool prior to 7:20. There is no need to enter before that time since our staff doesn't arrive until 7:20. Not only is it unsafe for students to arrive on campus unsupervised, but if cars arrive before staff arrival, it blocks our staff from accessing the parking lot to arrive to work on time.

Our school has one of the earliest start times in the area so please be appreciative of that fact and do not take advantage of leaving your child any earlier.

The SRO and school staff have the right not to permit parents to enter carpool until our 7:20 arrival bell rings.

THANK YOU!

## STEM-AZING STUFF

Kudos to the students & families who participated in our Thanksgiving Break Family STEM Challenge! We hope you enjoyed working together to solve "How to catch a turkey"!

Prior to winter break we will be issuing our Winter Break Challenge and hope more families will consider participating!

Also, please mark your calendars for our next STEM Family Night. The date has changed and we are now confirmed for Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm.

If you are looking for STEM gift ideas, many popular family resource websites have suggested gifts. Here is one you might consider:

<https://www.create-learn.us/blog/best-stem-toys/>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Remember to label all jackets, sweaters, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc. with your child's full name. Don't forget to do this for any new items your child receives during the holidays!
- If a student is at lunch, specials or recess during an early sign-out request, their bookbag will not be with them and won't be able to be retrieved. Please know this and plan accordingly.
- Remember candy and toys are not permitted at school.



## SPECIAL EDUCATION PANTHERS



Our ESE Panthers have been working extra hard to achieve great success academically and socially. The student's success is a result of the teamwork between the teachers and families. Our ESE Specialist, Ms. Norman, is here to help our ESE staff and families in any way she can. This month, we will be reviewing our matriculation plans for our PreK students moving on to Kindergarten next year.

If at any time you need assistance, please feel free to contact school to reach Ms. Norman. She is happy to assist!

## FROM OUR SCHOOL

### COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Students in grades VPK as well as Kindergarten – Fifth will be taking the FAST assessments this month. The exact day scheduled for your child is posted on our website. Your child's teacher has been preparing them for this assessment and you can help too by doing the following:

- **Get a good night's sleep**
- **Make time for a healthy breakfast**
- **Arrive to school on time**

**THANK YOU!**

## WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS

Our SECME Club uses 2-Liter soda bottles for their experiments and is in need of more. If you want to contribute throughout the year, please send in empty & clean bottles with your child to bring to Mrs. Robinson on the day your child's class has STEM special.

Thank you!!

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