

PRM School Rocker

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Principal Simpson's Message

Greetings PRM Families,

The holiday season is fast approaching which also means the first half of the school year will soon be behind us. We have been working tirelessly to provide high quality Montessori instruction and to equip students with the necessary tools to become productive citizens of the world. Your partnership means so much on our journey to success.

I invite you to participate in the learning process and build positive relationships with your child's teachers by attending conferences, school events, and volunteering whenever you can. Your presence is always welcome. We have 2nd quarter parent conferences on Thursday, December 5th from 4:00pm-7:00pm. We hope that you were able to secure a preferred conference time by returning the conference letter that was sent home on November 20th.

It is my sincere hope that you will have a safe and enjoyable holiday season with your family and friends. We are excited about the classroom celebrations and community events that we are preparing to showcase the talents of our students and to celebrate the spirit of the season. Be sure to view the dates for upcoming events included in this newsletter so that you can plan to attend as many events as possible.

Ms. Amber C. Simpson, Principal

Upcoming Events

Yearbook Club Mondays 2:30-3:30pm
Coffee Cup Thursdays 7am-8am
Girls on the Run Tuesday & Thursday
Webby Dance Tuesday & Thursday
M.O.R.E. Tuesday & Thursday
Spanish Class--Tuesdays
Art Club--Tuesdays
Music Club--Thursdays
ExistKids Mindfulness Yoga Monday & Thursday

Girl Scout Troop 44525 meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays
Girl Scout Junior Troop meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Pre-K Enrollment Period--October 28-December 6
Thanksgiving Break--November 27-29
Parent Conferences--December 5th
5th Grade Science Field Trips--December 3rd & 4th
4th Grade Science Field Trips--December 11th & 12th
LSDMC Meeting December 11th 4-5:30pm
PTO Foundation Summit - December 11th 6-8pm
Winterfest--December 12th
Handmade Market--December 14th
Gingerbread Making--December 17th
Prek-K Field Trip--December 18th
End of 2nd Quarter--December 20th
Winter Break--December 23-January 3rd
2nd Quarter Report Cards Go Home--January 10th

R.O.C.K.S!

Our Character Program centers around:

Respect, Ownership, Compassion, Kindness and Safety, Safety, Safety!

Below are the three school-wide expectations that we expect students to follow throughout all parts of our learning community. Please support us by reinforcing these at home.

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be a Problem Solver

Wednesday Folders

Communication Folders will be sent home weekly on Wednesdays with pertinent classroom and school information. Please look for these folders, as all student work, newsletters, etc... will be sent home in these folders. Once you've looked through the folders, please send them back before Friday so that we may get ready for the following week:).



3-6 News

In November, Kindergartners braved the cold and went on a field trip to the zoo. Hamilton County Parks came to share some animals with the students. They are studying trees, animals in winter and North America. The Art Museum will be coming this next month to PRM for a hands on experience. Also, the 3-6 students have been enjoying parent volunteers who come to listen to them read!



6-9 News

The 6-9 Team is thriving with community building and supporting one another through student transitions, students behavior, and academic growth! The school is using buddy rooms as a support throughout all grade levels. 6-9 Students could visit 3-6 classroom for breaks or enrichment activities. 9-12 Students can return to their previous classrooms or a teacher mentor to take a break or complete work in a new environment or other supporting jobs in the class. Classrooms are diving deep into cultural studies and novel studies building high vocabulary. We will be starting our Mid Year Testing in December!



9-12 News

Accounting for Kids happened at the 9-12 level where students enjoyed food and played an accounting game where they learned that they could make two choices, to take a risk or play it safe. 4-5 classrooms are busy making pinhole images or self-portraits in art class. In December, the 4-5 classrooms will be going on a field trip to Green Acres. Right before Thanksgiving break, 9-12 communities read the book Stone Soup and then made their own stone soup and had a taste off to see who made the best soup! 6th graders have been studying the Great Depression in ELA and in math the 6th graders are working with Rubik's cubes and making mosaics with the patterns - great problem solving and patience!



PRM Community in Action: Think Pink Day and Grandparent's Day

On November 15th, PRM welcomed grandparents for grandparents day and on October 31st, PRM came together to support breast cancer awareness and duct taped Principal Ms. Simpson to the wall!

PTO & Foundation Hub News

We need your voice to plan community events and to support our teachers and staff!! We would love to see you at our **Monthly Summit** on December 11th! On December 10th, there is a Product Panel fundraiser event - for giving 45 minutes of your time, you can help earn PRM \$ (childcare provided) See PRMRocks.org/calendar for details! Join us for **The Gingerbread House Making Party** from 6-8pm on December 17th! **Annual Silent Auction Gala**: Save the date! Jan 25 from 7-11pm adults only party. Come share in the fun while we raise support for the school! Reserve your babysitter now!

PRMFoundation President, Emma Massie and Vice President, Nicole Webb

Construction Update

Montgomery Road is now open and accessible after the water main break repair. The previously scheduled construction to add bike lanes to Montgomery Road will continue as planned throughout the next month or so.

Construction has resumed on the retaining wall to address the landslide in the back of our school. The project is due to be completed by January. Thank you for your patience through all of the construction happening around us.

Dismissal

At the end of each school day it is extremely important that students walking go directly home. Please have a conversation with your students about the importance of walking directly home daily without making unauthorized stops along the way.

The safety of our students is of primary importance to us. Thank you for your support!

School Uniform Policy

Please support us by respecting our school uniform policy. The uniform policy is in place to decrease distractions and to build positive self-esteem.

As the temperature changes classrooms may be cool. Students are not permitted to wear coats or jackets in the classroom. Solid color sweatshirts or PRM sweatshirts are permitted.

Please refer to the attachment below for pictures of what is and is not allowed. You may also refer to the full uniform policy on pgs. 3-6 of the Student Handbook.



Uniform Policy Photos.docx



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Cincinnati Public Schools Code of Conduct

Please use the link below to access the Code of Conduct for Cincinnati Public Schools. This guide will support you in having conversations with your children about appropriate school behaviors and how they can contribute to a peaceful school environment.



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Ohio Attendance Law

Ohio House Bill 410 has changed the way attendance is to be tracked within school systems. All student attendance is now tracked by the number of hours in attendance as opposed to days. This means late arrivals and early dismissals as counted as hours absent from school and documented in the CPS attendance portal. Our social worker, Nick Balle, will be monitoring all attendance related matters and may be reaching out to families for further clarification.

YMCA After-School Program

Pleasant Ridge Montessori does offer an after-school program that is hosted by the YMCA. The hours of operation are 2:15-6pm daily, with dinner included. The cost of the program is \$70 weekly per child; vouchers from Job and Family Services are accepted. There are openings still available for the program; however filling up quickly. If you need more information or would like to enroll your child, please call Tiffany Grissom at 513-628-4220



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