

# PRM School Rocker

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## Principal Simpson's Message

Greetings PRM Families,

Spring is approaching and with that comes state testing and accountability. It is our goal that every student will demonstrate growth and application of the skills taught this school year. In order to show this growth they must practice, review, and prepare. It is essential that every student is at school every day on time to receive a full academic day of instruction. Students must also come to school with the appropriate materials for school including, but not limited to a book bag, notebooks, sharpened pencils, and folders to keep their work in.

The teaching staff is working to prepare the students for the next grade level. Your partnership and participation is critical to your child's success. Please maintain contact with your child's teacher(s) so that you are aware of what they are working on and how they are performing in each content area. Completion of class work and homework assignments is also important. Make sure your child is bringing home assignments assigned for completion and returning them to school. You can keep track of assignment completion and progress on Powerschool. You can set up your Powerschool account by contacting the main office at (513) 363-4400.

If you haven't already done so, please like the PRM PTO sponsored Facebook page and visit our school website [PRMROCKS.org](http://PRMROCKS.org) to see all of the wonderful things that are happening at our school. Share your positive experiences with your friends, family and neighbors. We want to spread the good news about our school and continue to encourage our students to do their best.

As always, we thank you for entrusting your children to us. We look forward to future success as we strengthen partnerships between the school, students, parents, and the community. Thank you for all you do!

Ms. Amber C. Simpson, Principal

## Upcoming Events

Yearbook Club--Mondays 2:30-3:30pm

Brain Bowl--Thursdays @ 2:45pm  
Coffee Cup--Thursdays 7am-8am  
PRM Cheer Practice--Tuesday & Thursday @ 6pm  
Webby Dance--Tuesday & Thursday  
Girls to Women--Wednesday & Friday  
M.O.R.E.--Tuesday & Thursday  
Spanish Class--Tuesdays  
Art Club--Tuesdays  
Candy Chemistry--Tuesdays @2:30pm  
Music Club--Thursdays  
ExistKids Mindfulness Yoga Monday (Ages 8-12) & Thursday (Ages 5-7)  
Cub Scouts 2nd and 4th Thursday @6pm  
Daisy Kindergarten Troop and Brownie 2nd Grade Troop 1st and 3rd Tuesday @6pm  
3rd Grade Girl Scout Troop 44525 1st and 3rd Monday @6pm  
Junior 4th/5th Grade Cadette Troop 2nd and 4th Tuesday @5:30pm  
Junior 3rd Grade Girl Scout Troop 2nd and 4th Tuesday @6pm  
No School February 3rd--Teacher Learning Teams Day  
LSDMC--February 12th @ 4pm  
6th Grade HS Lottery Option Help Session--February 12th @5pm  
PTO/Foundation Summit--February 12th @ 6pm  
Midterm Week--February 10th-14th  
No School February 17th--President's Day  
Restaurant of the Month-February 18th 5pm-9pm @ Kenwood Chipotle  
Wordmasters National Challenge--February 19th  
3rd Quarter Midterm Report Cards Go Home--February 19th  
ILT--February 24th @ 2:45pm  
Product Panel Fundraiser--February 25th  
PRM Futsal--Every Friday Jan. 24th-Feb 14th  
Super Saturday Tutoring--Every Saturday in February 9am-11:30am  
3rd Quarter Conference Night--February 27th 4pm-7pm  
Spring Picture Day--February 28th

## **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

## **Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Day is Friday, February 14th. Individual classrooms will be sharing plans for celebrations if they haven't already done so.

Outside of classroom celebrations, we are asking that there be no school deliveries for students.

Please share your expressions of love with your child before or after school so there is no disruption to the instructional day. Any deliveries that are **accidentally** made to the school during the instructional day will be held in the office until dismissal.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

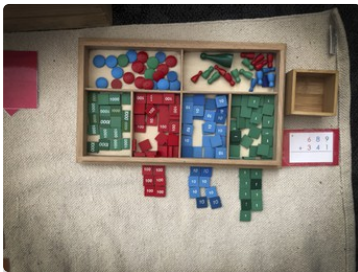
## Wednesday Folders

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:).



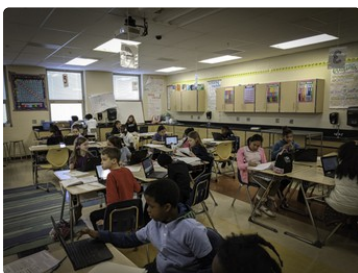
### 3-6 News

**3-6 News** Each 3-6 community uses their own scope and sequence depending on the children in their classroom and the way that the teacher has chosen to order their cultural lessons, so you can always ask your child's teacher how to support them. Students continue to learn about the continents, in the picture you can see a student in Miss Ellen's class learning about Antarctica. 3-6 students got to take part in a "Look See Do" Art Experience!



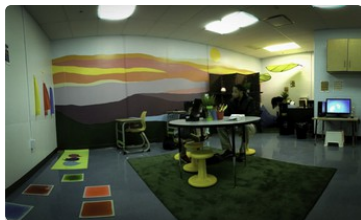
### 6-9 News

**6-9 News** With Winter break over and new years resolutions in our minds, we asked the team leads of 6-9 for ideas on how to support the students. Ideas of how to work on with your students include: Lots of Math Skills: identifying and counting money, lots of time concepts: AM or PM routines, telling time, asking "how much time has passed?" or "what time will it be when we're finished?", skip counting, baking and cooking builds fraction skills. Pictured here you can see the the Stamp Game. All students are working with the Stamp Game work in some way!



### 9-12 News

**9-12 News** 'Tis the season for adventure at the 9-12 level! There will be a field trip to see a Xavier basketball game! 5th graders went on an overnight Zoo field trip! The 6th graders will be going to Camp Kern. The Barber of Seville by the Cincinnati Opera came to PRM to perform for the students!



## PRM Community in Action: MindPeace Room and Alternative Learning Center

We partnered with MindPeace to develop our dual use space which opened on January 16, 2020. This space will be used for ISS as our Alternative Learning Center as well as a calming space for students needing to refocus so they can successfully return to the classroom. Staff training will be conducted in February.

We are so grateful to Ms. Kate McGreevy for painting the mural in the MindPeace Room and to Mrs. Saudra Oprea for organizing parent volunteers to paint the entire room.



## Lost and Found Items Will Be Donated on 2/14/2020

PRM Community,

Our Lost and Found is overflowing. Please take a minute to check for lost items. We will be donating all Lost and Found items on February 14, 2020.

## Possip Summary for January

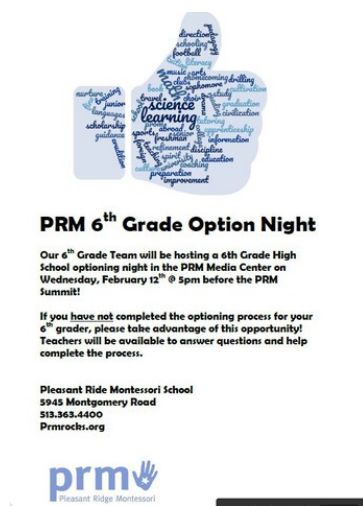
In our first Possip survey, we rec'd 244 responses, and asked our community "Are you satisfied with the academic communication you get at our school? What would you like to see more or less of?" 84% of respondents indicated they were satisfied, and some remarks included, "I was happy to see testing results this week, as well as the enrichment opportunities PRM is offering students." and "Yes! Blue folder works wonderfully and emails are helpful!" We also heard from our Spanish language families, "Si estoy satisfecho."

17% indicated they were mostly or somewhat satisfied, and suggestions included "I am generally satisfied. It would be nice to have a better sense of what general topics my child is working on learning/skills he should be building (beyond what I can drag out of him or deduce from homework)."

.8% indicated they were not satisfied, with detailed responses relating to a desire for increased communication, and one specific request for a change in PowerSchool management.

Our next Possip question relates specifically to caregiver access and engagement with PowerSchool, so hopefully many of the concerns we saw this survey about academic communication can be addressed as we work with our families to increase PowerSchool use.





## HS Lottery Round I Ends February 21, 2020

We are hosting a help session for any 6th grade parents who need assistance with entering their 6th grader in the HS lottery for the 2020-2021 school year on Wednesday, February 12th @ 5pm.

## Student Cell Phone Policy

### Cell Phone Policy

Pleasant Ridge Montessori School and staff are not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.

**Consequently, we will not investigate lost or stolen cell phones.**

The use of cell phones during school hours is prohibited.

- Cell phones may not be visible during school hours.
- Students must keep cell phones turned off during the entire school day, including lunchtime and during mandatory after-school intervention.
- **Cell phones that are left on will be confiscated, and can be picked up after school by a parent or guardian in the main office.**

## Modern Mobile Classroom

Great news! All the classrooms at PRM are getting a technology update! Teachers will be trading in their desktops for laptops. This will allow teachers to have a more flexible working environment and reduce older technologies.

## PTO & Foundation Hub News

**PTO and Foundation News:** Please join us for the February Summit meeting on Wednesday, February 12th! Come hear updates from the principal, resource coordinator and representatives from each level! Bring your questions! It's never too late to get involved! Stay for the Foundation meeting immediately following PTO to be a part of fundraising and initiative spending decisions. Save the date for the Sweetheart Dance on April 17th and the next restaurant of the month on March 10th at the Rusty Bucket! Look for more information on the PRMRocks.org website for more information on the rescheduled product panel survey fundraiser on February 25th. Parent Teacher conferences will be February 27th.



## Restaurant of the Month--Chipotle in Kenwood

Our Restaurant of the Month will be the Kenwood Chipotle on February 18th from 5pm-9pm.

Please visit [prmrocks.org](http://prmrocks.org) for the official flyer and other information.

## 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!

**Early Dismissal:** Releasing students from school before the end of the school day at 2:15pm without a valid excuse is prohibited by law. Parents must send a note or email to the teacher in advance of an early dismissal with the date, time, and reason for the early dismissal. Avoiding the car line is not a valid excuse for early dismissal and we must report those missed instructional minutes/hours to the state.

Please support us by adhering to the attendance laws and our school arrival and dismissal procedures. It is our goal to reduce wait time and accessibility during arrival and dismissal. We can only accomplish this goal if everyone respects the procedures and follows them.

**Car Pick-Up:** Parents picking students up by car at dismissal have two options. **Option 1:** You may park across the street in the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church parking lot and walk up to the front of the school to pick up your child from their teacher. **Option 2:** Use the dismissal car line that goes through the back of the school/playground area. Arriving before 2pm to the carline is also not permitted. This causes major traffic jams and disruptions because the gate is not opened until 2:10pm.

Car pick up in the top circle during afternoon dismissal is prohibited. The top circle is the pick up area for daycare vans and small transportation buses **ONLY**. Pulling up on Montgomery road and calling for your child to enter your vehicle is also **PROHIBITED** and unsafe. Teachers must make contact with parents during dismissal to ensure students are dismissed to the appropriate person. It is also a severe traffic violation to stop your vehicle on a main thoroughfare where parking or stopping is prohibited.

## 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 are 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.

## Winter Weather Policy



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## 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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