

# PRM School Rocker

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## Principal Simpson's Message

Greetings PRM Families,

Happy New Year!!! We are so excited to continue the amazing work that has been done to increase the academic success of our students. We thank you for partnering with us to support student growth and to help make our school the best place to learn and become.

This new decade brings with it so much promise and the hope that we will be able to *offer every neighborhood child a quality Montessori education, collaborating with community partners in a peaceful and environmentally conscious setting that nurtures a love of learning.* (PRM Mission)

Our mission remains clear and is our focus as we seek to meet and exceed our learning goals. We will take some intentional time to review and reteach the procedures and expectations so that we can focus on the WORK. Please continue to support the success of your child by communicating with teachers and ensuring that your child is at school on time every day with the necessary supplies. When we work together as a school family our students shine the brightest.

Mark your calendar for any upcoming events and visit [PRMROCKS.org](http://PRMROCKS.org) to make sure that you are always in-the-know. We hope to see everyone at the annual silent auction on Saturday, January 25th.

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

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  
LSDMC--January 8th @ 4pm  
PTO/Foundation Summit--January 8th @ 6pm  
2nd Quarter Report Cards Go Home--January 10th  
No School January 20th--MLK Day  
Composer Club--Wednesday, January 22nd  
PRM Futsal--Every Friday Jan. 24th-Feb 14th  
PRM Silent Auction--January 25th

## 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

## January Reset Instructional Focus

January marks the 2nd semester of the school year. We will be focusing our instruction on developing critical thinking and abstract application of concepts learned at the appropriate age levels. We will also continue to use data to inform our instructional practices and to develop appropriate action steps.

Teachers will continue to differentiate instruction to ensure that every student has the opportunity to meet or exceed learning outcomes. We have added Zearn as an online math instructional resource.

Teachers will be participating in professional development on Zearn later this month.

Winter MAP testing will be taking place over the next three weeks. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress, and is the assessment tool used by the district this year to monitor student growth and progress in grades K-6. MAP is also an additional assessment used to determine if 3rd grade students have met the Ohio Third Grade Reading Guarantee. The MAP assessment is given in the fall, winter, and the spring. Each student will have a data goal card that they will receive prior to their math and reading MAP Assessments that shows their Fall RIT score, their individual growth target and a place for their Winter Score. Student MAP testing results are reported in RIT scores (short for Rasch Unit). A RIT score is an estimation of a student's instructional level and also measures student progress or growth.

Please continue to use Powerschool and Schoology to check your child's progress. We look forward to successful outcomes as a result of our instructional focus for the remainder of the school year.

## MindPeace Room and Alternative Learning Center (ALC/ISS)

We have partnered with MindPeace to develop our dual use space scheduled to open 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 January and February.

We will be soliciting support to help with painting and other preparation needs so that we can meet our projected opening date. The room will include calming and sensory materials, visually stimulating images, and other resources to support restorative practices that keep students in the classroom. The attached document outlines the MindPeace Room protocol. We are very excited to open this updated space!

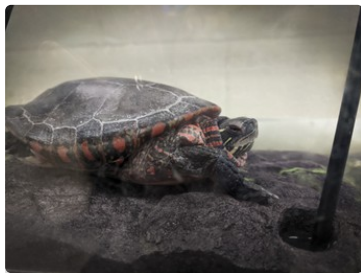


PRM MindPeace Room Protocol.pdf

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## 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** The 3-6 teachers were very proud of the student's Dibels testing, they did very well! They also wanted to extend a big thank you for the Chili on Conference night from the parents! All classrooms celebrated the winter season with celebrations before break, many with PJ days. The kindergartners went to the Cincinnati Museum Center. One fun bit of news is that Ms. Marissa's class is taking care of a turtle that has been in a student's family for 25 years named Bubbles.



### 6-9 News

**6-9 News** Students will have completed Reading MAP and Math MAP assessments completed by the end of January. ACADIANCE assessments have already begun. We have no field trips in January BUT a few field trips coming up in the month of February. Outdoor Ed has ended for the season so teachers will be using that time to provide instruction in the classroom! All 6-9 Classrooms are continuing to build their classroom community through classroom meetings, small group lessons, and reviewing expectations. Many of the 6-9 students participated in the Winter performance of Snow Way out with Ms. Maria and Music club!



## 9-12 News

**9-12 News** The 9-12 teams all celebrated the winter season on Friday before break with the Polar Express and were invited to wear their PJs! 4th and 5th graders had field trips to Green Acres and the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in December. 6th graders finished up their study of the Great Depression and are moving on to reading the Odyssey. Many of the 9-12 students performed in the Winter performance for strings.



## PRM Community in Action: Winter Events

December was packed with celebrations of the season, music performances, a gingerbread party and the 2nd Annual Handmade Market! Here's a picture from PRM's Winter performance by Webby Dance!

## PRM Growth Proposal

The superintendent presented a proposal to the Board at the December 18th Board Meeting. The proposal included recommendations to address the growth and overcrowding at some of our CPS schools, including PRM. The slide below reflects the recommendation made concerning PRM during the superintendent's presentation.

Our LSDMC will be leading aggressive efforts to require community engagement before any decision is made. LSDMC members will be communicating opportunities to share the specific needs and desires of the PRM community. Please be sure to avail yourselves during this process so that we impact the decision that is made for our school.



# Capacity

## Pleasant Ridge

### Incoming Students

#### Option 1:

- Woodford Stays a Magnet
- Kennedy Heights Boundary to Parker

#### Option 2:

- Change Pleasant Ridge Boundaries
  - Woodford Neighborhood School of Kennedy Heights

Optimized Capability

## PTO & Foundation Hub News

We would love to see you at our **Monthly Summit** on January 8th! There are some great community events, we would love help planning like the Sweetheart Dance or the Mother-son event. Please come and help us plan! Join us on January 25 from 7-11pm adults only party. Come share in the fun while we raise support for the school! Reserve your babysitter now!



### Restaurant of the Month

BJ's Brewhouse Rookwood

January 14th 5pm-8pm

20% of purchase goes to PRM w/ flyer (excludes alcohol)

## Winter Weather Policy



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## Construction Update

The retaining wall has been completed to address the landslide on the playground/playscape area. A new fence has been installed to designate the boundary for our playground. New poles and netting have also been installed to catch the golf balls from the neighboring golf course.

In the coming weeks the facilities team will be coming in to add top soil, smooth out the grating, and to install the basketball hoops, as weather permits.

## 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.



Code\_Of\_Conduct\_2019-20.pdf



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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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