

# PRM School Rocker

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## PRINCIPAL SIMPSON'S MESSAGE

Greetings PRM Families,

Our 2nd quarter is off to an amazing start! The season has changed from summer to fall and we are making progress every day toward our goal of becoming a premier neighborhood Montessori school of excellence.

Your support is important to our success. Please make daily/weekly contact with your child's teacher(s) to discuss academic progress. Encourage your child to follow the school rules and be a good citizen who is a peaceful problem solver. Be sure your child is prepared for school each day and ready to learn. Review the Student Handbook provided at the beginning of the school year. Also, check Powerschool and Schoology frequently for updates on assignments and progress.

We are partners in this work. We must function as a unit to support the success of every child at PRM. Our Parent Teacher Organization meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Please plan to attend the meeting so that your contributions are considered as we make decisions for our school.

We are moving in the right direction and we won't leave anyone behind. Please continue to partner with us on this amazing journey!

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  
Third Grade Fall AIR testing October 28- November 1  
Pre-K Enrollment Period--October 28-December 6  
Family Hayride--November 9th (Details on PRMRocks.org)  
LSDMC Meeting November 13th 4-5:30pm  
PTO Foundation Summit - November 12th 6-8pm  
No SCHOOL --**Pre-K ONLY** November 4th  
SCHOOLS CLOSED- (Election Day)--November 5th  
NO SCHOOL--(Veteran's Day)--November 11th  
Midterm Week--November 12th-15th  
Grandparent's Day--November 15th  
Picture Re-take Day--November 19th  
Midterm Report Cards Go Home--November 20th  
Thanksgiving Break--November 27-29  
Parent Conferences--December 5th  
Winterfest--December 12th  
Handmade Market--December 14th  
Gingerbread Making--December 17th

## 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

Our 3-6 year olds continue to build community by learning what it means to accept and value each person for their unique qualities. On the geography shelf, we're learning about the seven continents, and in science, our focus is trees and apples. In math, we're working with numbers 0-10 in a variety of configurations, writing equations within 10, and identifying one less/one more. In language arts, we're practicing daily phonological fluency exercises and responding to texts to strengthen vocabulary and comprehension skills. Explicit phonics and handwriting instruction is now underway and we are emerging as readers and writers. 3-6 finished up learning about apples and are moved on to pumpkins and learning about the continents.



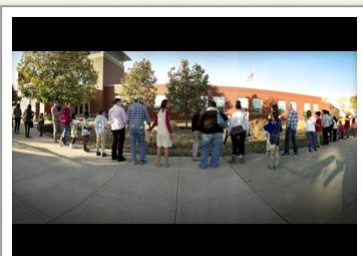
## 6-9 NEWS

6-9 traveled to the Aronoff to see the Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane and there are two more Aronoff field trips to come. They received 6 ipads for each class! Gifted testing happened for all 2nd graders and 3rd grading state testing happened at the end of October.



## 9-12 NEWS

9-12 had some great field trips! 6th grade went on a Canoe field trip and 4th graders visited Fort Ancient. All 9-12 classes have a mindfulness tool kit to help students re-focus if needed. 4th and 5th grades began their introduction to pinhole photography, using oatmeal cans and pop cans to make cameras!



## PRM COMMUNITY IN ACTION: HANDS ACROSS PRM

PRM community, students and staff gathered for Hands Across PRM Open house and then went on a Montessori journey on October 23rd!

## PTO & FOUNDATION HUB NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated time and money, Read-a-thon and Fall Festival raised \$13,000! Students can wear pink October 31st, Think Pink Day, in honor of breast cancer

awareness! Save the Date for Grandparents Day, November 15th! Save the Date for Annual Silent Auction, January 25th! We hope to see you at the next **Summit meeting, November 13th, 5:45pm**. Everyone is welcome and needed! Childcare with dinner for the kids provided and snacks for adults!

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!

## Think Pink Day @ PRM

To close out October's Breast Cancer Awareness theme, we are celebrating 'Think Pink' on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Think-Pink is the **national breast cancer campaign** and aims to improve the lives of breast cancer patients and their families. Think-Pink has **four clearly defined objectives**:

- Providing Information
- Funding research
- Funding care & follow-up care projects
- Raising awareness

This week we are supporting breast cancer awareness through:

- a classroom community poster contest
- celebrating with pink cupcakes
- wearing pink on October 31<sup>st</sup>
- encouraging kids to bring in \$1 donation
- a school-wide assembly to thank everyone and duct tape the Principal to the wall

Please join our efforts at home and support Breast Cancer Awareness and Think Pink, which is not only about breast cancer, research, and positive aspects, but also about marketing and 'think before you pink' <https://thinkbeforeyoupink.org/resources/history-of-the-pink-ribbon/>

For all of those in our community who are or have a loved one fighting, recovering, or being remembered every day, we are PRM!

\*donations will support the Breast Cancer Research Foundation

# 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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