

PRM School Rocker

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PRINCIPAL SIMPSON'S MESSAGE

Greetings PRM Families,

The end of the first quarter is fast approaching. We are moving forward with the wonderful work of educating the phenomenal students of Pleasant Ridge Montessori. We thank you for all of your support and encouragement. Hopefully you received your child's midterm report card. They were sent home in Wednesday folders on September 18, 2019. We will be hosting 1st quarter conferences on Wednesday, October 2nd from 3pm-6pm.

It is great to see so many parents, visitors and community members supporting our school. Your commitment will keep our school growing and thriving. Your partnership is so important to us. We welcome you to be an active member of our PTO.

Remember, this is our school and it is only as good as we make it. Please continue to help us foster a high achieving school environment by supporting the rules and procedures of our school. Our school wide expectations are to be safe, respectful, problem solvers at all times, in all areas of the building, and when traveling to and from school.

We are also strictly enforcing our school uniform policy. As colder weather approaches the rooms may be a little cool. Please make sure that your child has an approved sweatshirt or jacket to wear in class. Non uniform jackets will not be permitted in class; no exceptions. Coats are not permitted to be worn in class. (See uniform policy below). Spirit wear will be available for sale at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 12th. Thank you again for all that you do to make our school the best place to learn and grow!

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

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
PRM Read-A-Thon September 27th-October 4th
Iowa/COGAT Testing for grades 2 and 6 September 30th-October 11th
Health Screenings (BMI, Hearing, Dental) for grades K, 1, 3, & 5 October 2nd
1st Quarter Conference Night October 2nd 3pm-6pm
October 7th 2:45pm
LSDMC Meeting September 9th 4-5:30pm
PTO Foundation Summit - October 9th 6-8pm
1st Quarter Ends October 11th
1st Quarter Report Cards go home October 18th
No School October 21st

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:).



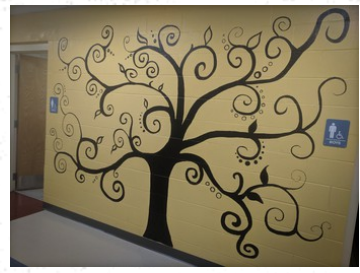
3-6 NEWS

In 3-6, we're learning about how to live and work together in a community with a focus on social-emotional development. Our cultural focus is the sun and the earth, and the globe as a model of our earth. We're learning that we are all scientists and practice science by asking questions, observing, recording our findings, and asking more questions. In math we're focusing on sorting by attributes, numerals and quantities 0-9, and strengthening our powers of discernment. In language we're practicing lots of phonological skills, retelling details of a story, and identifying the roles of authors and illustrators.



6-9 NEWS

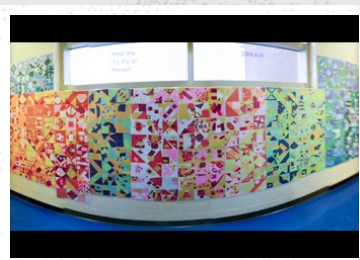
Students have been learning about the planets in our solar system and went on a field trip to Sunrock Farms! Students learned to connect their everyday lives to the farm!



9-12 NEWS

Students have been hard at work learning about the planets in our solar system, artifacts and what makes a culture unique.

In 6th grade ELA, students are learning about the Great Depression through our main novel, Bud, Not Buddy. Students have also analyzed other texts along with a picture and a video to learn more about the Great Depression. We are writing often and learning strategies to help strengthen our short answers and essays.



PRM COMMUNITY IN ACTION: QUILT AND GEOMETRIC ART

Miss Kate had all the students in 1st - 6th grade design a piece of this quilt in the hallway between the the first and second floor. A colorful collaborative piece of art!



PRM READ-A-THON

In the fall of 2018, PRM held its first ever Read-A-Thon! The Read-A-Thon is designed to reinforce good reading habits while raising funds to support the school. In order to make this Read-A-Thon a success, we will need support from our family, friends and neighbors. Take the time to reach out to them and use this script to guide your conversation.

"On Sept. 27, 2019, I will begin a Read-A-Thon at my school, Pleasant Ridge Montessori. My goal is to complete 7 reading sessions in one week. Please consider supporting me in one of the following ways:

commit to reading with me

commit to reminding me to read

make a donation to my school

Do any of these options sound like something you could commit to?"

To make a one-time tax deductible donation:

with a credit card, go to www.prmrocks.org/readathon

with cash or check, make checks payable to: PRM Foundation

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Reading Logs/Donation Envelope will be sent home on Wednesday, Sept. 25th. This year, there will only be one to fill out. Any and all reading your child is part of counts towards their reading sessions. This includes all reading they complete with another person reading to them or by themselves. This is an honor code system, relying on students, families, and teachers working together to complete the logs. The reading can be done at school or at home. Some experts recommend 20 minutes as a guide for 1 session, depending on age.

Send cash and check donations into school on Oct. 4th in your child's backpack for volunteers to pick up in classrooms. The reading log is printed on the donation envelope this year, so it will need to be returned on Oct. 4th whether there are donations inside or not.

Incentives:

All students will receive a bookmark.

The student with the most impressive reading log in each class will receive a free 2019 PRM Reading Roadrunner t-shirt.

The class with the highest participation at each level will earn a pizza party with Principal Simpson.

Return your donation envelope on Oct. 4th to earn 1 free cotton candy at the Fall Festival.

Read 7 sessions (record on reading log and return to school on Oct. 4th) to earn a free wristband for unlimited inflatable fun at the Fall Festival on Oct. 12th.

PTO & FOUNDATION HUB NEWS

Please join us at our Monthly meeting on October 9th! We call this our monthly summit meeting and every voice is important!! We would love to see you there and have your voice be heard and answer your questions! We need all voices and input to plan and support PRM! We are in the middle of the Read-a-thon! Encourage your students to read and ask family and friends to support with reading and donations! Celebrate with us this month at the Fall Festival on October 12th from 2-5pm! Also, look for a fundraiser on November 9th, Hayride and Chili! You can find more information on PRMRocks.org!

Update on back of school land: CPS is working to reinforce the sliding land. This will be a major project coordinated, funded, and implemented by CPS. The plan is to begin construction within the year. Once the land is stabilized, CPS may give us permission to plan to rebuild the playscape.

The Pleasant Ridge School Foundation is a non-profit organization according to the IRS code section 501(c)(3). It consists of parents, staff, and neighborhood volunteers focused on making large scale improvements to the school. The Foundation gathers input and then sets strategies for fundraising.

PRFoundation President, Emma Massie
and Vice President, Nicole Webb

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.



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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