



Welcome to Pleasant Ridge Montessori 2020-2021

Connecting you to PRM!

PRM School

Communication comes directly from the CPS Public school district and Principal Simpson via robocalls and emails. Make sure CPS has your correct contact information. Call the PRM main office at 513-363-4400. Ms. Simpson publishes a Monthly Newsletter, the **PRM School Rocker**. It will also be available at PRMRocks.org.

Parent/Administrative Group Meetings

There are a number of joint parent and administrative groups at PRM with meetings where all are welcome to attend! PTO focuses on building community. Foundation focuses on large scale initiatives and fundraising. Athletic Boosters coordinate all our sports! ILT leads PRM on instruction and LSDMC leads in bigger decisions about the school.

PRM Parent Groups

Also, you can receive communication from PRM's governing school groups (LSDMC, ILT, PTO, Foundation and Athletic Boosters) via PRMRocks.org. All minutes, notifications of meetings, details of community events, fundraising events and more will come through this email list. Go to: PRMRocks.org/emailupdates

Room Parents help connect the teacher and the families of the classroom community. Room Parents help communicate needs, help plan celebrations, recruit volunteers, send reminders of upcoming PRM events and organize teacher gifts. Room parents are also there to help you with information and questions! To find out your child's room parent, contact your child's teacher or contact Ally Richer at allyson.m.richer@gmail.com.

About Parent/Administrative Groups

ILT

Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) is designed to share in the instructional leadership decisions to improve student achievement. The ILT is composed of at least 60 percent teachers. A Team-Leader represents each team of teachers. The principal, two parents and two non-teaching staff members are also included on ILT. During the school year the ILT makes decisions about issues that impact instruction - such as proposed changes to school programs or the calendar.

Meetings: First and third Monday of the month. Updates on meetings will be posted on the PRMRocks.org calendar.

LSDMC

Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC) is the primary governing body of our school and is composed of four major constituency groups; parents/guardians, teachers, non-teaching staff including the principal, and community members. Each group has equal representation and an equal voice in the decision-making process. The LSDMC sets goals, develops a plan for meeting those goals, and monitors progress toward goal attainment by conducting mid-year and end-of-year assessments. The LSDMC makes school budget decisions, submits changes in the local school's programming, and participates in the selection of the principal.

Meetings: 3:00pm on the second Wednesday of the month at PRM. Updates on meetings will be posted on the PRMRocks.org calendar.

PTO

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is made up of parents/guardians and staff. No need to sign up, if you are one of these, you are already in this group! PTO focuses on community building and helps with communication between school and home. The PTO organizes events that allow families to connect and build community as well as events that support our staff.

Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month @ 6pm. Virtual link will be on the PRMRocks.org calendar.

Boosters

Boosters is the group that supports PRM athletics, ensuring all students are given the opportunity to participate and providing the structure and support for each individual sport. PRM Boosters provides financial aid to all who need it. Sport Coordinators are volunteers who organize teams and communicate with the sport leagues throughout the year.

Meetings: Check the PRMRocks.org calendar..

Foundation

Pleasant Ridge School Foundation (PRSF) is the nonprofit arm of PRM, which allows PRM to fundraise and accept tax-deductible donations. The Foundation is made up of parents/guardians, staff and community volunteers who develop large scale initiatives in the school.

Meetings: Third Tuesday of the month @ 7pm. Virtual meetings will be posted on the PRMRocks.org calendar.

Men's Group

The PRM Men's Group exists to promote camaraderie between male role models at PRM, build networks, run events, and assist PTO when needed. The Men's Group strives to meet each month for socialization and planning, during the school year.

Meetings: Check the PRMRocks.org calendar.



Welcome from the PTO

Important information about the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO):

- The PTO of Pleasant Ridge Montessori is an organization made up of parents, caregivers, PRM teachers, staff and administrators. They work together in an effort to build community for the benefit of all students and families. **All parents and caregivers are automatic members of the PTO and are encouraged to share their voice in any PTO discussions.**
- The PTO meets monthly. They work closely with the Pleasant Ridge School Foundation (PRSF), the Athletic Boosters, the Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) and the Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC). **PRM PTO Meetings will take place virtually on the second Wednesday of each month.**
- The PTO is focused on building community and will be working hard to enrich the lives of all students, their families, and the entire PRM staff. **The PTO will be hosting community-building events on a regular basis throughout the school year to accomplish this goal, virtually and creatively!**

The PTO is run entirely by volunteers and we are always looking for people who would like to get involved and who can share their talents with PRM. To learn more about ways to contribute please visit <https://prmrocks.org/voice>

- The current PTO President & Vice President are Elizabeth Johnson & Missy Kyrlach
 - Elizabeth and her husband, Kevin, have been a part of the PRM community since 2011. They have two children, Aiden (7th grade) and Caroline (5th grade), who have attended PRM since they were three years old. Elizabeth is passionate about welcoming families through Buddy Families and supporting our community. Contact her at elizabethjohnsonedd@gmail.com
 - Missy and hubs revamped the website two years ago and will keep at it as long as they are here. They love being a part of PRM with their four kids. Communication is her passion! She can be reached at mkyrlach@gmail.com

For more information on how to get involved
 email: prmperto@gmail.com or visit
www.prmrocks.org

Volunteer Opportunities for 2020-2021

- Attend the virtual PTO meetings second Wednesday of the month.
- Help organize/champion an event and make it special for this remote/virtual school year.
- Room parent
- Staff Appreciation
- Your ideas!



Fundraising at PRM

We Fundraise to support Pleasant Ridge Montessori in its mission:

“To offer every neighborhood child a quality Montessori education, collaborating with community partners in a peaceful and environmentally-conscious setting, which nurtures a lifelong love of learning.”

We are The Pleasant Ridge School Foundation

Our fundraising supports programs like Outdoor Education, the arts, field trips, instructional resources, new technology and more. Currently we are working vigorously to enhance the Outdoor Education learning spaces.

*Our Goal is that **every** family supports the students, staff, and school, how and when they are able through time, talents, and resources.*

We will meet virtually every month on zoom.

Check prmrocks.org/calendar for dates, times, and links to join. All are welcome.

For more information on how to get involved email prsfpres@gmail.com

Possibilities include:

Financial Donations

Easy Button Donation at
PRMRocks.org/donate

No "Extra" Cost Fundraisers

- BoxTops for Education
- Link Kroger Plus Card
- www.smile.amazon.com
- TerraCycle
- Shutterfly
- Remke
- Office Depot
- iGive.com

Company Matching Programs (AT&T, Proctor & Gamble, PNC Bank, etc.)

Fundraisers

- PRM Cookbook
- Sept. Mum and May Flower sales with Benken
- Read-A-Thon - Jan/Feb.
- Walk-A-Thon - April/May
- Art to Remember - Spring
- La Rosa's Buddy Card
- Market Day
- www.APmags.com -PRM subscription code: WC6523

United Way Contributions

Be sure to choose "Pleasant Ridge School Foundation"

The Pleasant Ridge School Foundation is a non-profit organization according to the IRS code section 501(c)(3). The Foundation gathers input and then sets strategies for fundraising. This fundraising is also the entire source of funding for our PTO's events and outreach.

PRM Sports

General Information

Please note that for the 2020-21 school year, sports may be impacted. Questions can be directed to the coordinators listed for each sport or to Marissa Albright at marissaalbright@gmail.com

Throughout the school year you can register at:

sports.bluesombrero.com/prmsports

Payment & financial

assistamarissaalbright@gmail.com is available
for all sports

If you are requesting financial assistance or want to pay at a later time, that does not affect registration! Please select "Check" as payment option during check-out to complete registration process. We will follow up with an email as a payment reminder or with a form for financial assistance.

Know anyone new to PRM next year? Please share this information with them.

Booster Meetings occur quarterly throughout the year and all are welcome to attend. Meetings are typically scheduled in August, December, March, and June.



Cheer (4th – 6th grade)

** Registration starts in May of previous school year (before summer starts)*

Season: Practices start in October and events go through spring, including basketball games and the Variety Show.

Contact: Valerie Wilkinson at v_akins23@yahoo.com or 470-330-2936



Fall Soccer (Pre-K – 6th grade)

** Registration starts in May of previous school year (before summer starts)*

Season: Practices start middle August and go through late October. Lil' Roadrunners Program typically starts after Labor Day.

Contact: Brad Hoekzema & Todd Gailar at prmsoccer@outlook.com

Lil' Roadrunners – Beau McGrath at beaumcgrathprm@gmail.com or 513-886-0252



Volleyball (3rd – 6th grade)

** Registration starts in May of previous school year (before summer starts)*

Season: Practices start middle August and go through late October.

Contact: Deb Chambless at dkchambless@gmail.com or 513-256-8044 (We can have 2 boys on each team, if interested let us know.)



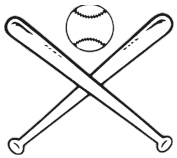
Basketball (2nd – 6th grade)

** Registration starts in late September/ early October*

Season: Practices start early November and go through

late February.

Contact: Brooks Posta at brooksposta@msn.com



Baseball (K – 6th grade)

** Registration starts in early January*

Season: Practices start in mid/ late March and go through June.

Contact: Marissa Albright at marissaalbright@gmail.com or 513-462-9500



Spring Soccer (Pre-K – 6th grade)

** Registration starts in early January*

Season: Practices start mid/ late March and go through May. Lil' Roadrunners Program starts after Spring Break.

Contact: Brad Hoekzema & Todd Gailar at prmsoccer@outlook.com

Lil' Roadrunners – Beau McGrath at beaumcgrathprm@gmail.com or 513-886-0252



Track & Field (K – 6th grade)

** Registration starts in early January*

Season: Practices start early March and go through early May.

Contact: Clint Bourgeois at bourgect@gmail.com
or 513-404-9264



Volleyball Clinic

** Registration starts in early January*

Season: Practices start middle August and go through late October.

Contact: Deb Chambless at dkchambless@gmail.com
or 513-256-8044

***Interested in helping out with Boosters?**

If interested in helping, please let us know. We are currently looking for people to transition into roles as Baseball Coordinator, Treasurer, & Co-President.

Want to be a coach or assistant coach?

We'd love to know that too.

Please contact us.

Support PRM and Help Keep Trash Out of the Landfill!

PRM is raising money for green programs while also keeping as much trash as possible out of our landfills.

Here are some ways you can help:



Collect your “trash” for our “brigades”

All brigades are listed below.
Collections **MUST** be **CLEAN & SEPARATED**. It's easier if it's done right!



Attend Quarterly Collection Days

@ St. Peter's United Church
(6120 Ridge Road, 45213)



Donate \$ for new Terracycle Boxes

Donations are used to purchase
Zero Waste Boxes; current boxes
are for glue sticks & tape
dispensers.

CURRENT TERRACYCLE BRIGADES

(As of August 1st, 2020)

Questions contact Erin Fay at erin@oylberggroup.com or
(513) 608-0774

- ❑ **Oral Care Products** (Mouthwash bottles/caps, toothpaste tubes/caps, floss containers, toothbrushes & toothbrush outer packaging)
- ❑ **Personal Care Products** (deodorant containers/caps, soap packaging, skin & hair care packaging, cosmetics packaging)
- ❑ **Entenmann's Little Bites** (Little Bites plastic pouches & clear Entenmann's mini packaging)
- ❑ **Brita & PUR Filters** (Brita and PUR dispensers, bottles, filters, pitchers, faucet filtration & packaging)
- ❑ **Solo Cups** (Clean and dry #6 rigid plastic cups)
- ❑ **Writing Utensils** (All brands accepted)

WE DO NOT COLLECT:

Cereal bags, granola bar wrappers and chip bags (no longer accepted)
Sweets packaging of any kind (NO cookies, candy, fruit snacks, dried fruit, etc.)
Animal food packaging of any kind
Medicine containers
Plastic bags



Outdoor Education

PRM partners with IMAGO for the Outdoor Education program as well as the community garden. All students engage, explore, and work in the garden spaces through the school year during their weekly Outdoor Education class.

Community gardeners rent garden beds throughout the summer months. It is a wonderful mix of learning and community engagement.

For the past three years, the PRM Foundation has been focused on fundraising to enhance the outdoor space at PRM.

- Increasing play space next to the playground by evolving some of the garden space into a discovery zone for use during recess.
- Creating learning stations with signage to designate a fossil zone, decomposition zone, butterfly garden, bug hotel, and possibly more!
- Creating more outdoor classroom space inside the garden and outside with shade and seating.
- Enhancing the outdoors at PRM while communicating with CPS facilities to avoid spaces intended for future additions to be built.

Covid has increased the awareness of this need, but we are also thinking to the future. PRM is an amazing school and part of the special community comes from being a neighborhood (not magnet) CPS Montessori school where everyone is welcome. The PRM Foundation is committed to helping to create more outdoor classroom space.

Buddy Families

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What is Buddy Families? Organized by the PRM Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Buddy Families matches existing school families with new families to help ensure a smooth transition to PRM. Buddy Family Ambassadors will assist New Families with answering questions, getting connected to Room Parents, providing information about school programs and events, and in general, supporting new families throughout the year as they become part of our school community.

New Families: New to PRM? We would love to connect you to an Ambassador Buddy Family! **You will receive a free PRM T-shirt!** Please sign up using this link tinyurl.com/newprmfamily2020

Existing Families: Interested in being a Buddy Family Ambassador? Please sign up using this link tinyurl.com/prmambassador2020

Questions?: Please contact Elizabeth Johnson elizabethjohnsonedd@gmail.com (513) 227-6749

Scouts

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There are active Girl Scout Troops and Cub Scouts at PRM!!
For more information, please contact leaders.

Girl Scouts: Diane O'Brien at prmgirlscouts@gmail.com

Cub Scouts: Mark Newman at hellooo_newman@msn.com

Go to: prmrocks.org/connect/scouting

Go to:

PRMRocks.org

for

Updates/Contacts

Find the latest news on all things PRM, staff and volunteer directories, school supply lists and more.

Calendar

Subscribe to the calendar!

Email Updates list

Sign up to be updated about:

- Community Events
- Athletics, After school programs
- LSDMC, ILT, PTO, Foundation and Boosters Meetings
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Fundraisers and Parties
- Important School Updates

One School. One Student. One Future. PRM.
Together, We Make a Difference.