



## **Welcome Booklet 2026-27**

### **Connecting you to PRM**

#### **CPS Communication**

District wide communication comes directly from the Cincinnati Public School District or from Principal Simpson via robocalls and emails. CPS must have your correct contact information in **Focus** in order to receive these emails and phone calls. To get connected or to update your contact info, log in at [focus.cps-k12.org/focus/](https://focus.cps-k12.org/focus/) Principal Simpson publishes a monthly newsletter, The PRM School Rocker, that is sent via email at the start of the month.

#### **Parent Leadership**

There are a number of parent leadership groups at PRM – all parents and caregivers are invited and encouraged to attend any of these monthly meetings. The PTO focuses on community building, the Foundation focuses on fundraising for large-scale initiatives and the Boosters coordinates and manages all our sports teams. Find more info at [prmrocks.org/voice/](https://prmrocks.org/voice/)

#### **Connection with our**

#### **Parent Leadership Groups**

Receive direct communication from PRM's parent leadership groups (PTO, Foundation and Boosters) by subscribing at [prmrocks.org/keep-me-posted](https://prmrocks.org/keep-me-posted) Notifications about upcoming events, monthly meetings, fundraising opportunities and miscellaneous news will be sent via Constant Contact to all subscribed emails.

#### **Room Parents**

A Room Parent at PRM is a volunteer who acts as the main liaison between the teacher and the families in each classroom community. They provide support in a variety of ways, depending on the needs of each teacher. Possible help may include: communicating classroom needs, planning celebrations, recruiting volunteers, sending reminders of upcoming events and even organizing teacher gifts. To learn more, contact coordinator Nikki Ramirez at [nikkiramirez313@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiramirez313@gmail.com)

# **PRM Parent Groups**

## **One Hour. One Event. One Year.**

### **Volunteer Today!**

#### **PTO**

The Parent Teacher Organization is made up of parents/caregivers and staff members. No need to sign up or join, you are automatically a member by having a student enrolled at PRM. The PTO focuses on community building and helps with any communication between the school and families. PTO also organizes events to foster connections and works to support our entire PRM staff.

**PTO Meets:** Every other month, on the second Wednesday of the month at PRM @ 6:00pm in the library. Enter the school through the back playground doors. Free childcare will be provided.

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting – Wed. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Boosters**

Boosters supports PRM by helping ensure that students are given opportunities to participate in a variety of recreational athletics. Sport Coordinators communicate with our various leagues and volunteer throughout the year to organize our PRM teams.

#### **Foundation**

The Pleasant Ridge School Foundation is the nonprofit arm of PRM, which allows PRM to fundraise and accept tax-deductible donations. The Foundation is made up of parents/caregivers, staff members at each Montessori level and community volunteers who help develop and implement large scale initiatives to benefit the school, students and the entire PRM staff.

**Foundation Meets:** Monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at Community Happens Here. Meetings will start @ 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend; however, only Foundation members can vote on proposed motions.

**Boosters Meets:** Once during each sport season – fall, winter and spring. Specific meeting dates, times and locations will be posted to the PRM calendar once scheduled. For anyone interested in supporting athletics, please consider attending.

## Local School Decision Making Committee

The 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 school's programming, and participates in the selection of the principal if needed.

**LSDMC Meets:** On the second Wednesday of the month at PRM @ 3:00pm. Details will be posted on the PRM calendar.

## Instructional Leadership Team

The ILT is designed to share in the instructional leadership decisions to improve student achievement at PRM. The ILT is composed of at least 60% teachers. A Team-Leader represents each team of teachers. The principal, two parents and two non-teaching staff members also serve on ILT. During the school year the ILT makes decisions about issues that impact instruction and events that take place during the school day – items such as proposed changes to school programming or updates to the school calendar.

**ILT Meets:** On most first and third Mondays of the month at PRM @ 2:45pm. Updates will be posted on the calendar.



**To view or subscribe  
to the calendar on  
PRM ROCKS visit:**  
[prmrocks.org/calendar](http://prmrocks.org/calendar)



# Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO of Pleasant Ridge Montessori is an organization made up of parents, caregivers, PRM teachers, staff members and administrators. We work together in an effort to build community for the benefit of all students and their families. **All parents/caregivers are automatically members of the PTO and are encouraged to share their thoughts and opinions in any PTO discussions.**

The PTO meets bi-monthly. And works closely with Foundation, the Boosters, the Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) and the Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC).

**PTO Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of EVERY OTHER month at 6:00pm in the library.** Enter through the back playground doors. Free childcare available at all meetings.

The PTO is focused on building community and works hard to enrich the lives of all students, their families, and the PRM staff. **The PTO hosts community building and staff appreciation events on a quarterly basis throughout the school year.**

The PTO is run entirely by volunteers and is always looking for more people who would like to get involved and who can share their time and talents with the greater PRM community.

**To learn about ways to contribute visit [prmrocks.org/pto](http://prmrocks.org/pto)**

**Connect with PTO Leadership: [prmppto@gmail.com](mailto:prmppto@gmail.com)**

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**The Foundation fundraises to support PRM 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."

*Our goal is that **EVERY FAMILY** supports the students, staff and school – how and when they are able to do so through either time, talents or resources is up to each individual family.*

**To get involved visit: [prmrocks.org/foundation](http://prmrocks.org/foundation)**

**Fundraising possibilities through the school year include:**

**Fundraisers**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies
- Seasonal Flower Sales
- Annual Read-a-thon
- Silent Auction
- PRoM (adult party)
- LaRosa's Buddy Cards
- Commemorative Bricks

**Financial Donations**

Use the "Easy Button" at  
<http://prmrocks.org/donate>

**No "Extra" Cost Fundraisers**

Link your Kroger Plus Card & utilize Textile Recycling bins

**Company Matching Programs**

P&G, Fidelity, AT&T, PNC Bank, Johnson & Johnson, etc.

**United Way Contributions**

Be sure to choose "Pleasant Ridge School Foundation"

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Co-President: Amanda Bennett – [amandaabennett@gmail.com](mailto:amandaabennett@gmail.com)

Co-President: Beth Freeze – [bethfreeze@gmail.com](mailto:bethfreeze@gmail.com)

Vice-President: **NEEDED**

**Treasurer: [prsfpres@gmail.com](mailto:prsfpres@gmail.com)**

Karen Makhoul – [karenmakhoul@gmail.com](mailto:karenmakhoul@gmail.com)

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.



# Athletic Boosters

**A variety of opportunities are available throughout the year.**

\*Financial assistance available for all athletes, for all sports if needed.

## **SAY Fall Soccer** (approximately 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

*\* Registration May - June*

**Season:** Practices start mid-August; season goes through October

**Coordinator:** Dick Stadelmaier - [stad04600@gmail.com](mailto:stad04600@gmail.com)

## **Little Roadrunners Soccer:** (preschool & kindergarten)

*\* Registration May - August*

**Season:** Starts mid-September; lasts four Saturday mornings

**Coordinator:** Paul Moeller - [moellerpd@gmail.com](mailto:moellerpd@gmail.com)

## **CPYVL Fall Volleyball** (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls)

*\* Registration May - June*

**Season:** Practices start mid-August; season goes through October

**Coordinator:** Ready Delia - [keady.delia@gmail.com](mailto:keady.delia@gmail.com)

## **CTF Tennis** (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Played through the** [\*\*Cincinnati Tennis Foundation\*\*](#)

*\* Registration May - August*

**Season:** Starts mid-September; played on Saturday mornings

**Coordinator:** Marissa Rowley - [marissa.rowley@gmail.com](mailto:marissa.rowley@gmail.com)

## **CPYBL Basketball** (2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

*\* Registration September - October*

**Season:** Starts in November; lasts throughout February

**Coordinators:** Marissa Gelehrter - [mlgelehrter@gmail.com](mailto:mlgelehrter@gmail.com) and Allison Goodman - [algoodman3@aol.com](mailto:algoodman3@aol.com)

## **Brain Bowl** (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

*\* Academic quiz team, by try-out/invitation only*

**Coordinator:** Jackie Bonfield - [bonfiej@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:bonfiej@cpsboe.k12.oh.us)

## **SAY Spring Soccer** (approximately K-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

*\* Registration January - February*

**Season:** Practices start mid-March; season goes through May

**Coordinator:** Dick Stadelmaier - [stad04600@gmail.com](mailto:stad04600@gmail.com)

## **Little Roadrunners Soccer** (preschool)

*\* Registration January - March*

**Season:** Starts April; lasts four Saturday mornings

**Coordinator:** Paul Moeller - [moellerpd@gmail.com](mailto:moellerpd@gmail.com)

## **CPYVL Spring Volleyball** (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

*\* Registration January - February*

**Season:** Practices start mid-March; season goes through May

**Coordinator:** Ready Delia - [ready.delia@gmail.com](mailto:ready.delia@gmail.com)

**Incoming Data Coordinator – NEEDED**

## **CYO Track & Field** (kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

*\* Registration January - February*

**Season:** Practices start early March; season goes into early May

**Coordinators:** Alison Burke – [arpark07@gmail.com](mailto:arpark07@gmail.com) and

Antoinette Moore – [grayac1012@gmail.com](mailto:grayac1012@gmail.com)

## **Knothole Tee-Ball/Baseball** (kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

*\* Registration January - February*

**Season:** Practices start in late March; season goes into June

**Coordinators:** Jen Fisher – [jenwillsfisher@gmail.com](mailto:jenwillsfisher@gmail.com) and

Jamie Cavileer – [jvcavileer5@gmail.com](mailto:jvcavileer5@gmail.com)

**Registration information is available at**  
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# Community Learning Center

A neighborhood hub where educational, cultural and civic partnerships come together to support the whole child.

PRM is staffed with an on-site resource coordinator, Monique Crosby, who is tasked with developing, integrating and managing community partnerships. She works with families, staff, and partners to ensure students receive the support they need to thrive. Our CLC is made possible through a partnership with the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, which serve as our lead agency in helping bring resources and services directly to families in our school community.

Monique Crosby can be reached at [johnmon@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:johnmon@cpsboe.k12.oh.us)

**Examples of after school care programs:** *Pleasant Ridge CRC, Mayerson JCC, and Blue Ash YMCA*

**Examples of enrichment (fee-based) programs:** *Webby Dance, Cincinnati Spanish Academy, and Enriching Kidz*

**Examples of after school (staff supported) programs:** *Chess Club, Men of M.O.R.E, Girls to Women and Sprint Sisters, and Tech Club (& so much more)*

**Examples of tutoring (academic support) programs:** *Whiz Kids, TeamWorks, and PRM Tutoring*

## Scouts

There are Girl Scout Troops and a Cub Scout Pack at PRM.

For more details about scouting check the website  
[prmrocks.org/scouting](http://prmrocks.org/scouting)

Questions can be directed to

**Girl Scouts:** Diane O'Brian - [dianeobrian@gmail.com](mailto:dianeobrian@gmail.com)

**Cub Scouts:** [cubpack25prm@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack25prm@gmail.com)



# Outdoor Education

Through a partnership with IMAGO  
[imagoearth.org](http://imagoearth.org)

During the school year, outdoor education is a weekly experience for students in our 3-6 and 6-9 communities.

Students explore and learn about nature, the outdoors and gardening under the leadership of Imago staff. Currently our community learning garden is being relocated. PRM is working diligently with CPS and the city to finalize needed permits and we remain optimistic that construction on the pergola and new garden space will still be completed this fall. In the meantime, our partners at Imago along with our school administrators are working on a plan to make sure outdoor education continues.

In the past, the Foundation has focused some fundraising efforts on enhancing the outdoor space at PRM. Currently a full outdoor refresh is one of their biggest initiatives. Earlier work included:

- Increasing play space by evolving some of the garden space into a discovery zone for use during outside time.
- Creating learning stations such as a fossil zone, a mudpie kitchen, a decomposition bed, and a pollinator garden.
- Enhancing the outdoors while also communicating with CPS facilities in an attempt to build a full future plan.

Research shows children need to spend time outdoors in nature. PRM continues thinking about and planning for improved outdoor spaces because we believe time spent outside is an integral part of learning for all our students.

**For more information visit:** [prmrocks.org/communitygarden](http://prmrocks.org/communitygarden)

To connect to our outdoor educators please contact

Zoe Vanasse – [zvanasse@imagoearth.org](mailto:zvanasse@imagoearth.org)

Chris Clements – [cclements@imagoearth.org](mailto:cclements@imagoearth.org)

# Parent Volunteer Directory

| Role                 | Name            | Email                                                                        |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Boosters Treasurer   | Andy Freeze     | <a href="mailto:atfreeze@gmail.com">atfreeze@gmail.com</a>                   |
| Community Garden     | Kelsey Strader  | <a href="mailto:straderkjs@yahoo.com">straderkjs@yahoo.com</a>               |
| Girl Scouts          | Diane O'Brian   | <a href="mailto:dianeobrian@gmail.com">dianeobrian@gmail.com</a>             |
| Cub Scouts           | <b>NEEDED</b>   | <a href="mailto:cubpack25prm@gmail.com">cubpack25prm@gmail.com</a>           |

# Events/Fundraisers Timeline

This is a general list of events and fundraisers that the PRM community has brought to life in past school years.

## **Summer**

1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies Fundraiser  
Commemorative Brick Sales  
Flamingo Flocking

## **Fall**

Back to School Bash  
Million Fathers March  
Mum Sales  
High School Information Night  
Grandparents Day

## **Winter**

Coat Drive  
Gingerbread House Party  
Winter Music Performances  
Hand-Made Market  
Silent Auction Fundraiser  
African American History Month  
PRoM (an adults-only party)  
Valentine Candy Grams

## **Spring**

Read-a-thon  
Spring Flower Fundraiser  
Student Musical  
Spring Fling  
Staff Appreciation Week  
PRMargs Fundraiser  
Field Day  
6th Grade Recognition Ceremony

## **Year Round**

Restaurants Supporting PRM  
LaRosa's Buddy Cards  
...and more!



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Together We Make a Difference.**