

# The PEN

== Pasadena Elementary News, November 2019 ==

## *Principal Message*

Dear Panther Families:

The first marking period is flying by! Thank you for participating in the October Parent-Teacher conferences. As we move into the second marking period, please take time to pause and reflect with your student about progress and expectations:

following routines; focused instruction for reading and mathematics; writing about small moments; and learning about the world around us during science and social studies. Be sure to ask about Cultural Arts, too. It has been wonderful listening to their voices and sounds in music, chorus, strings, and band; examining their creations in art; observing their healthy activities in physical education; and applying new skills in the Media Center. In Global Studies, students are exploring ways to make a difference both locally and globally.



Special thanks for supporting the PTA with the annual Race for Education campaign. The PES family was just shy of reaching the goal to raise \$13,000. Thank you to Belay Technologies for the corporate donation to PTA. This year's Race for Education donations will fund school activities during and outside of the school day. All donations are tax deductible and most appreciated. More info on the [PTA website: https://sites.google.com/pespta.org/pespta-org](https://sites.google.com/pespta.org/pespta-org).

A few important dates for November:

- There is a PTA meeting on Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30pm. No RSVP necessary.
- During American Education Week, parents/guardians are invited to visit your child's classroom and participate with your student. Please join us November 19 (Reading) and/or November 20 (Math). Please RSVP. To avoid distractions to instruction, siblings cannot visit classrooms - this includes infants, toddlers or school-age siblings. While at PES for a classroom visitation, you may take a picture of, or with your student, but for privacy reasons, please do not include other students in your personal pictures.
- Report Cards/Progress Reports will be distributed on November 20th.

I am extremely thankful for the dedicated school staff, the fabulous students & their families, and our amazing volunteers. You truly make Pasadena Elementary School an #AACPSAwesome school. On behalf of the PES staff, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving! School is closed for from November 27-29.

Thank you for your support,  
Jennifer Quirino, Principal

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					PES Spirit Day	1 2
3		4 Sign Language Club	5 Yearbook Club	6 Dance Company End of marking period: 2-hour early dismissal	7 End of marking period: 2-hour early dismissal PBIS Activities	8 9
10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period begins Veteran's Day: wear red, white, blue PTA Ledo's Night	11	12 Fall picture retakes Sign Language Club	13 PTA Mtg 5:30	14 Dance Company Dress for Success	15	16
17 Kindergarten Fieldtrip	18	19 American Ed Visit Reading Sign Language Club	20 Report cards/progress rpt American Ed Visit Math Wellness Wednesday Yearbook Club	21 Dance Company	22 Flashlight Friday	23
24	25 AACPS Magnet Application due @noon	26	27 Closed for Thanksgiving	28 Closed for Thanksgiving	29 Closed for Thanksgiving	30

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## Federal Parent/Pupil Survey Form

On October 2, 2019, your child brought home a Federal Parent/Pupil Survey form. If you have not returned your form, please do so as soon as possible.



If you need another copy of the form, please call the Main Office at 410-222-6573.

**you matter** 

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

### **Middle School Magnet Programs**

The on-line application closes  
at noon on Nov. 26.

Considering a magnet program  
but just not sure? Apply anyway!  
Final decisions do not have to be  
made until spring following the  
lottery.

For additional information please  
visit the link below:

[www.aacps.org/magnet](http://www.aacps.org/magnet)

### **A Look Ahead ...**

Between December 2-13, our  
second-grade students will be  
sponsoring a Service Project for  
the school. Students will be  
hosting a Holiday Toy Drive and  
Mitten Tree to support local  
families in Anne Arundel county.

### **PBIS Success Assembly**

Students who demonstrated expected  
behaviors for the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period will be  
invited to participate in outdoor games  
during Cultural Arts time on Friday,  
November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **November Classroom Guidance**

#### **Topics**

**Kindergarten – Personal Space**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Cooperation**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Respecting Differences**

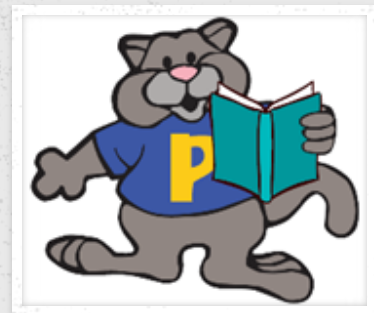
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Empathy**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Goal Setting**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Peer Pressure**

### *Reading Corner by Stacey Cornetti*

Why should students read each night? Why should students be read to? Starting in kindergarten, if a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. They will have read for 851 hours by 6th grade and on standardized tests, they will likely score better than 90% of their peers. This is compelling data on the benefits of encouraging your child to read.



- **Reading helps with language development-** Daily reading will help the brain make connections between the written and spoken word.

- **Reading helps with brain development-** The left part of the brain becomes active in understanding the meanings of words and concepts tied to memory.
- **Vocabulary Expansion/Development-**The more you read, the more words you gain exposure to.
- **Talking about texts builds comprehension-** It doesn't need to be an in-depth discussion about characters, plotline, or style, but you may be surprised at how your conversations evolve after you read together for some time. You can begin by just “thinking aloud”—every few pages, share your thoughts about the text out loud, kind of like a built-in commentary. Your child will hear how you think about and process text as you read, and soon it will become habitual for him or her to do the same. Over time, incorporate questions or thought-provoking statements and involve your child.
- **Time together.** The number one reason for reading each night is quality time together. Period. Life gets nuts when kids go to elementary school. Between homework, lessons, classes, and meetings, it's a crazy time. But carving out that small amount of time—even if it's 10-15 minutes, which is just enough time to read one chapter of a book—is totally worth scheduling into your day. I'm betting payoffs for this small, scheduled “date” with your child will be big in the long-term.

Are you convinced? I hope so! Tonight, grab some books, and ask your child to choose one. Start reading, and you'll be glad you did. It will all help to develop relationships, critical thinking, and better reading comprehension!

Attached is a November Reading Log for *Chocolate Fever*, our selection for One School, One Book. We invite you to join us in reading this text. At the end of January, PES will host a parental involvement event for this book.

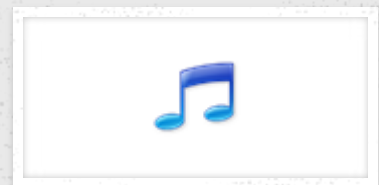


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One School, One Book November Reading Log

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## Music Notes

Did you know? The cognitive structures developed through music instruction help to expose and illuminate more general organizing structures relevant for other disciplines. –Research in Music Education, 2009



**Our Winter Concert is coming soon!** It will be held on Thursday, December 12th in the school cafeteria. The concert will begin promptly at 6:30 PM and all parents and family are welcome to attend. We are very excited to share our hard work and musical skills!

**Music shirts** will be worn for both performances (daytime & evening). Permission slips with report times and further information will be sent home very soon.

**Music Spirit Days:** There will be several music spirit days announced each month when students can wear their Music Pride shirts to school for extra points. Small groups of students will also be performing in school on the morning announcements where they will also wear their music shirts.

**5th grade parents:** Do you have a talented and very interested musician? AACPS offers special middle school magnet programs just for these students. They still receive all regular middle school course instruction, but benefit from extra time in the arts area for which they apply. Arts magnets do require auditions which take place in December. Further information can be found at: [www.aacps.org/pva](http://www.aacps.org/pva) or contact your child's music teacher.

**Instrument Storage:** As we enter the colder months, please keep in mind that exposure to the much colder air can damage any instrument, as can constant changes in temperature. Transporting the instrument to and from school should not present any problems, but when instruments are being stored they should be kept away from heat/ cooling vents, outside doors, windows, & anywhere that moisture collects. Please try to avoid leaving it in cars for long periods of time as well. Proper storage will help ensure that your child's instrument remains in good working order.

**Practice:** Please encourage your instrumental students to maintain regular practice habits at home. This can be a very busy and hectic time of year. Students may need more gentle reminders than usual to practice and maintain their skills. We will be working on different types of short songs in instrumental music over the coming weeks. Many of them will be perfect pieces for your young musician to perform for family over the Thanksgiving/Winter breaks. Ask for a little solo performance at home to help encourage your musician!

Does your musician need extra practice points? Are you looking for another festive event for your family? A free practice sticker will be given to any musician who brings Mrs. Dickinson a program from another group's show and can identify what their favorite song was and why. Looking for some events?

- The Bay Winds community band is hosting their FREE public holiday concert at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church on December 10 at 7:30 PM.
- Chesapeake High school is hosting all of their free music events in the high school auditorium each night December 16-18 @ 7PM.
- Category 5 Wind Ensemble will be performing at Old Mill High school on December 7 @ 7PM.

**Grades:** Band and Strings grades will be included on the 1st quarter report cards as well as General Music and Chorus.

- CD = Consistently Demonstrating (Your student is doing exceptionally well);
- PR = Average (Students are performing their skills right where they should be);
- EM = Emerging Development of Skills (You are demonstrating growth but probably need extra practice time to develop your skills to your best. Remember to do your best in class);
- ND = Needs Development (Try for more practice time at home to help develop your skills and earn more practice points. Increased lesson attendance and/ or participation is also necessary.)

## *School Volunteers*

Thank you to Ms. Fortney & Ms. Reed for volunteering to help with school picture day! Thank you for keeping us on schedule.



From time to time, volunteers will be needed to help in a variety of areas around the school. To receive volunteer information by e-mail, please send an email to Eva Reynolds, PTA Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@pespta.org](mailto:volunteer@pespta.org) with "ADD ME" in the subject line. Any questions regarding your eligibility, volunteer training, or volunteer status should be directed to PES Volunteer Liaison Peggy Carter at [mmcarter@aacps.org](mailto:mmcarter@aacps.org).



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It's not too late to join PTA!

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## Before & After School Child Care

The Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks sponsored Child Care program has openings for the before school AND after school program. The program operates in the Pasadena Elementary child care room from 7:00 am until the start of the school day, and from the end of the school day until 6 pm, every day that school is open for students.

Interested parents should visit our website at:

<http://www.aacounty.org/department/recreation-parks/> > Child Care, or contact the Child Care office at 410-222-7856, ext. 0 for registration & payment information.



## Yearbook

Yearbook Photos wanted! Have some photos of school functions? We'd love to have them for the yearbook! Send to Tori Malone: [tmmalone@aacps.org](mailto:tmmalone@aacps.org)

## Parking Reminder

This is a reminder that parking in designated fire lanes and/or bus loops is **prohibited**. This prohibition extends to staff, students, visitors, spectators at extracurricular events, daycare vans, and after school activity vans such as karate centers, clubs, etc. When dropping off or picking up at PES, please use designated parking spaces only.

Thank you for your cooperation!



## Happy Thanksgiving

A special greeting at Thanksgiving time to express sincere appreciation for your support and involvement. We are deeply thankful and extend to you and your family best wishes for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving Day!

## *#CARE: Care ~ Achieve ~ Respect ~ Engage*

**PES Vision Statement:** We envision Pasadena Elementary to be a school where we maintain high expectations for academic standards through rigorous instruction. We will continue to foster a positive, caring school climate where we respect and value diversity and prepare individuals for success in higher learning and careers.

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