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PASADENA ELEMENTARY NEWS, NOVEMBER 2020

COUNSELOR'S CORNER WITH MS. NOBLE

During the month of November I will be visiting classrooms to teach county developed lessons on Social Justice. These lessons are developmentally appropriate for elementary students. The lessons focus on appreciating and respecting differences along with treating others with kindness, fairness and equity.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGNET PROGRAMS

Remember, the on-line application closes at noon on November 24th. 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:

<u>www.aacps.org/magnet</u> 5th graders will have an opportunity to ask questions about Magnet Programs during the 1st week of November when Ms. Noble visits their classroom.

HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY

Thank you to our generous Pasadena families. Pasadena Elementary has been credited for donating over \$700 toward fighting hunger in Anne Arundel County! The virtual campaign will continue through November 25th. www.aacps.org/harvest

SUCCESS CELEBRATION

We will wrap up the end of the 1st marking period by celebrating student success with a virtual dance party. The celebration will occur on Friday, November 13th during your child's community building/circle time time within his/her homeroom google meet.





FUN FRIDAYS

Friday, November 6th - School Spirit Day: Wear PES gear or blue and gold school colors.

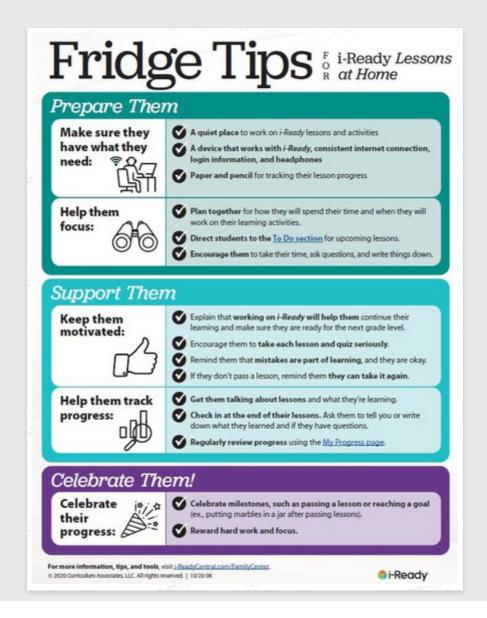
Friday, November 13th - Celebrate World Kindness Day: Wear a cardigan like Mr. Rogers.

Friday, November 20th - Fitness Friday: Wear your workout/exercise gear.



READING WITH MRS. CORNETTI

Research shows that involving students in their learning can have a significant impact on their success. This is even more critical when they find themselves learning from home. No matter the setting, you and your teachers can find ways to celebrate them, acknowledge their successes, and stay connected. Here are some tips and tools to help:





MEDIA CENTER NOTES WITH MRS. BRADSHAW

Students in kindergarten, first and second grades will be exploring our unity themes in media: inclusion, acceptance and kindness. We will be sharing stories from our new Project Unity collection which is available to all students through MackinVIA.



Students in third, fourth and fifth grades will begin exploring our online databases and new virtual makerspace. We will also be sharing more of our Black Eyed Susan nominated picture books in all media classes.



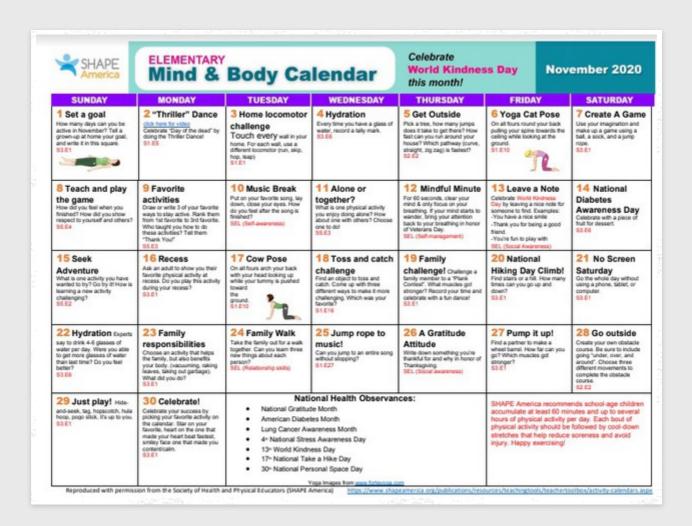
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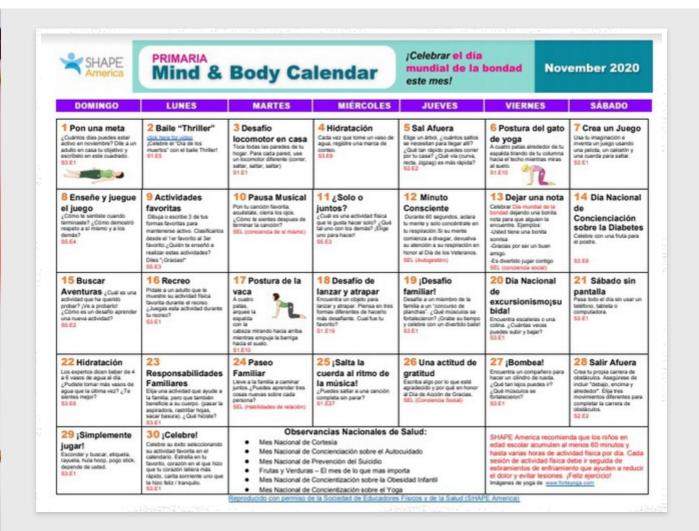
In Global Studies, primary students (grades K, 1, 2) are finishing up their unit on Self Care by creating a toolkit of strategies for personal wellness.

Intermediate students (grades 3. 4. 5) are continuing with their unit of thinking like an archaeologist to complete projects of their choosing.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION WITH MRS. DEAVER

We have lots of fun and engaging Physical Education lessons throughout the month of November. Students are continuing to work on their locomotor and non-locomotor skills as well as incorporating pathways and levels into movement sequences. They will also be exploring target activities including tossing, rolling, throwing, and catching. If your child missed a lesson, please check their P.E. Google Classroom for slides and graded assignments. Our November Mind and Body Calendar is a great way to add movement into each day.





MUSIC NOTES WITH MRS. KRAMER-DICKINSON

<u>Did you know?</u> 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*

<u>Welcome Ms. Yoo</u>! Ms. Jina Yoo will be working with Mrs. Dickinson and your students as she completes her teacher training coursework. She comes to us from Towson University and is excited to learn more about the Elementary Instrumental Program.

<u>Hybrid scheduling:</u> Both Chorus and Instrumental Music will continue whenever the hybrid schedule goes into effect. These classes will still be taught virtually to ensure everyone's safety with the airborne virus. Regardless of which instructional format your family has chosen, there will be some adaptations to scheduling of Chorus, Band, & Strings to still give everyone a chance to participate. Stay tuned for further information as it becomes available.

<u>Band and Strings materials:</u> All participating students should have their instruments, **books**, and any other extra supplies as noted on our <u>Instrumental Music website</u>. It is imperative that students have their own books at home in order to practice and keep up with lessons. **If you have not already, please order a book for your student as soon as possible to ensure their continued success.**

<u>Instrument practicing</u>: Young Instrumental musicians should try to practice 4 days each week at home for 15-20 minutes at a time. When we split up our efforts over time, we can build more muscle and memory for what we are learning. 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!

<u>Mini performance:</u> Our Instrumental students have an assignment where they perform 2 very short pieces for a friend or family member and then interview them about it. Feel free to volunteer to be an audience for your musician or help them connect virtually with a distant family member or friend to complete the activity.

<u>Virtual Performance:</u> We are tentatively planning a virtual performance to share with families in December. This will include Strings, Band, and Chorus and potentially a piece of artwork from each student in the music ensembles. Students will actually complete the performance as part of their musical class times. Then the music teachers will compile everything into a work to be shared. There will not be any video of your student shared.

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 or contact your child's music teacher.

<u>Instrument Storage:</u> 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.

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!);

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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.)



CAFE NEWS WITH MS. ROBIN & MS. DONNA

We will continue serving meals for curbside pickup from 11:45am to 12:30pm, Monday through Friday. Students coming into the building for hybrid learning will also receive breakfast and lunch meals in the classroom; take home snacks and dinner meals will also be provided. Thank you for coming to PES everyday. We love seeing all of you and the puppy dogs,

#PANTHERSCARE

VALUES: Care, Achieve, Respect, Engage

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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<u>MISSION STATEMENT</u>: Pasadena Elementary is dedicated to preparing students for college and career readiness, promoting academic excellence and citizenship for all students.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools NON-DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE: The Anne Arundel County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or familial status in matters of affecting employment or in providing access to programs.



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