

## General News.....

June 2024

### The Principal's Message

Greetings Parents, Students and Staff,

We are on the final stretch at Pershing Hill Elementary. We have approximately 7 school days remaining. Our students and teachers have worked extremely hard to exceed our ELA and Math Academic Goals this year. Way to Go PHES!

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, we had the opportunity to visit West Meade Early Education Center and Meade Heights Elementary School to greet our incoming 2024-25 students. We were super excited to meet them and look forward to them joining our PHES Family next school year.

This summer, we will conduct tours to acclimate our students who are transitioning from area schools as well as students who are new to the State of Maryland. Current families are welcome to attend as well. Please be on the lookout for more information.

This school year, we will have minimal teacher turnover however, we do have a few staff members who will be leaving for their next duty station. Please help me thank Mrs. Noel (Grade 1), Mrs. Hawkins (Grade 2) and Mrs. Messigier (Grade 2) for their unwavering support to our school team and PHES families. We would also like to thank our students and their families who will be transitioning to another duty station for their unwavering support to PHES. We deeply appreciate your dedicated service to our school and our country. You will be greatly missed! Please remember you will forever be a Pershing Hill General. Best wishes on your next journey!!

In closing, the Front Office Team will be in the building throughout the summer. Please feel free to reach out to us regarding any questions.

Have a Great Summer!

Selecia Hardy, Principal

## Important Dates

Date	Event
June 3rd	Student of the Month Breakfast
June 4th	Bus 89 – Breakfast with students
June 5th	Field Day
June 10th	Grades 1 and 2 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period Awards Assembly at 8:10 am
June 10th	2-hour early dismissal
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 3 and 4 - 4 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period Awards Assembly at 9:10 am
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion at 5:00 pm
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day for Students 2-hour early dismissal
June 12th	Last Day for Teachers





# MS. JOHNSON'S

## Assistant Principal's Corner

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### ELL Score Reports

Students identified as English Language Learners and who participated in ACCESS testing will have score reports sent home with students on Friday, May 31st. Please contact Ms. Johnson if you have any questions about the reports.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be a top priority at Pershing Hill Elementary. Please ensure students are attending school each day for the remainder of the school year. We have fun activities planned and wouldn't want any student to miss an opportunity to participate.

### THANK YOU GENERALS

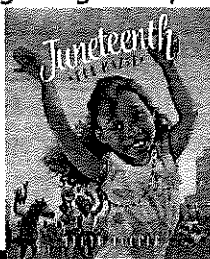
As we enter into the final 7 days of the 2023-2024 school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PHES community for making this a successful year. We showed growth in academic data and a decrease in referral data. I hope you all have a fun-filled summer. If you are traveling, please be safe. We look forward to seeing you in August 2024.

### Juneteenth : June 19th, 2024

Hello!

Juneteenth for Mazie  
By: Floyd Cooper

Each month, I will share a book to celebrate inclusion and diversity.



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## Notes from the Office

**Early Dismissal / Change in Dismissal** -- All Early Dismissals or Change in Dismissals must be done prior to 2:00 PM

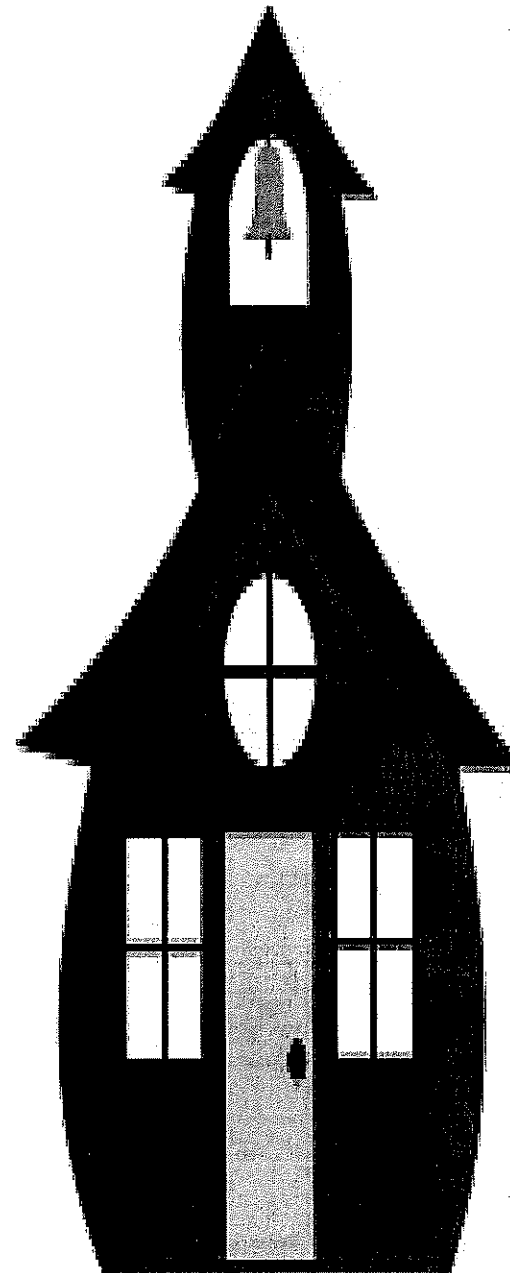
**Late Arrival** -- Any arrival after school begins at 8:00 AM, is considered tardy. **You must bring your student into office to sign them in.**

**Absences** -- Absences can either be reported through the Parent Portal Account or a note can be sent in with the student when they return to school. Emails and phone calls are not accepted.

**Automated Attendance Calls** — When your child is late to school, or absent, you will receive the automated phone call stating that your child is absent. Updating attendance is a manual process done throughout the day and can take up to 24 + hours to be updated.

**Are you moving soon?** — If you are planning on moving soon, please notify the office via email with when your student's last day will be and where you will be moving to. This will ensure time to make sure an electronic transfer packet is created, as well as making sure items such as chromebooks and media books are returned to the school.

**Lost and Found** — After June 11, any items in Lost and Found will be donated to Meade Attic. You can come daily from 2:45 — 3:15 to look for items.



# SCHOOL COUNSELING

June 2024

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

As we prepare for the end of the school year, we are still supporting your students in a number of ways. School counseling lessons in May & June include transitional support for our rising middle schoolers (academic preparedness, social emotional needs and, of course, combination locks!); Internet Safety in 1st through 3rd grades; Growth Mindset and Career Explorations.

Over 80 of our current students will attend Manor View Elementary next year due to redistricting changes. We will be holding a transitional event for those students the first week of June. We will share information about the school as well as some strategies for a successful start there. If your student is attending Manor View next year and you have any concerns, please let us know.

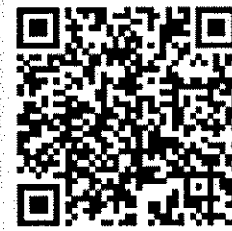
Ms. Gelvar will not be returning to PHES next year. She has accepted a position at Brooklyn Park Middle School. We wish her the very best of luck and thank her for all her support this year!

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful summer!

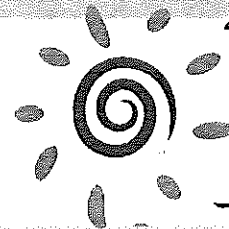
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## SUMMER STRATEGIES



If you were unable to make our May coffee w/ the counselors, please use this QR code to check out resources on summer learning loss, managing behaviors and planning free and fun enrichment activities with your student(s)!



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT

If your student needs behavioral health support for issues like anxiety, emotional regulation or coping strategies, PHES has been assigned a therapist from Army Behavioral Health Svcs at Kimbrough. Through Tricare, your student can meet with this therapist over the summer and then during the school year in our building during the school day. Please contact one of the school counselors to learn more and get a referral.



# Pershing Hill PTA

On May 7th the PTA held elections for the  
2024 - 2025 PTA Board members.

Congratulations to the following winners:

President - Tonya Starbeck

Vice President - Micha Yanes

Secretary - Rebekah Green

Treasurer - Keri Leach

Thank you to our PHES families who supported our April fundraising efforts by attending the Cold Stone Spirit Night. We appreciate your efforts.

We held our Annual Spring Fest on May 2nd. Thank you to all the families who came out and participated in the event. We hope all your bean plants are growing strong!

Our Spring Book Fair was such a great success! We hope you are all enjoying reading your new books.

## **Box Tops**

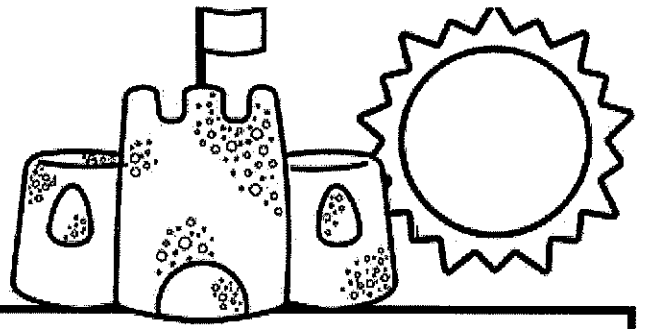
You can continue to support Pershing Hill PTA over the summer by uploading your grocery receipts to the Box Top app. You can also ask neighbors, friends and family to support too!

Got questions? Contact us at [PershinghillMDPTA@gmail.com](mailto:PershinghillMDPTA@gmail.com)





# ACC June NEWSLETTER



## Important Dates

June 5th: Field Day at PHES!

June 6 @ 12:45pm: ACC Year End Celebration! Families are welcome, RSVP to your student's teacher by June 1.

June 7th: All Chromebooks are due back at PHES. Please return prior to June 7th.

June 10th: 5th Grade Promotion at 5PM.

## Summer Learning

[education.com](http://education.com)

[starfall.com](http://starfall.com)

Anne Arundel County Public Library: Sign up for the Summer Reading Program!

## Message from Teachers

What a fun year this has been! We want to say THANK YOU to all our amazing ACC families for making this such an incredible school year! It has been our joy and privilege to watch each of our students grow this year. Thank you for all the laughs, smiles, and successes all the way. Each of our students has a special place in our hearts. To our students who are moving this summer, we will miss you! To our fifth graders, we are cheering you on as you go into your next chapter! To our students who we will see next year, we can't wait for another year of excitement and fun!

**HAPPY SUMMER! Love, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Fournier, & Ms. Haughton**

# First Grade Team Newsletter

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## Instructional Focus for the Month of May:

**Writing:** The students wrapped up their narrative writing unit last week. The remainder of the school year, they will use their writing skills to create memories of first grade.

**Social Studies:** We are finishing up learning about inventors and the impact they have had on our everyday life.

**Explicit Comprehension:** We will finish by implementing our skills we've learned throughout this year into reading grade level texts. We can continue to use our learned skills by reading this summer!

**Foundations:** We will learn and apply grade-level phonics and word skills when decoding words. FUNdations will focus on v-c-silent e words.

**Math:** We will be wrapping up Unit 13 which is fractions. Then we will be playing review math games the rest of the year celebrating all we have learned in math. Please continue to practice math facts over the summer to keep them fluent for 2nd grade.

### Upcoming Events:

June 5th Field Day PM

June 6th Volunteer Breakfast

June 10th 4th Quarter Awards

June 10th and 11th 2Hr Early Dismissal

June 11th Last Day of School

# 2nd Grade June

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### REMINDERS

- Please be sure to have your child bring their take home folder home and back to school daily!
- Remember to have your child return their chromebook and charger to school.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5th- Field Day

June 11th- Last Day

### 2nd Grade Contacts

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### WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

**Math:** Geometric Shapes and Equal Shares- Students will Recognize and draw shapes having specified attributes, partition circles, and partition rectangles.

**Reading:** Fiction- Understanding the plot and structure of a story, determining the central message

Nonfiction- Understanding nonfiction text features, making connections between historical events, identifying author's main purpose

**Writing:** Poetry- Students will continue to learn about different types of poetry, such as Diamantes, Haikus, Bio Poems, Acrostics, and Limericks.

**Science/Social Studies:-** We Are Changemakers- Students will research a social/environmental problem and find ways to solve it.



# JUNE



## Learning Focus

**Reading:** We will be taking a look at the genre of folktale and trying to write our own folktales based on the elements that we learn about.

**Writing:** We will end our 3rd grade year brainstorming "what-if" situations while writing fairy tales.

**Math:** This month in math we will be completing our final math unit. In this unit we will be spending time working with geometry tasks. Students will be identifying, classifying, and drawing polygons and quadrilaterals.

**Science/Social Studies:** This month we will be completing our Environmental Action Project.



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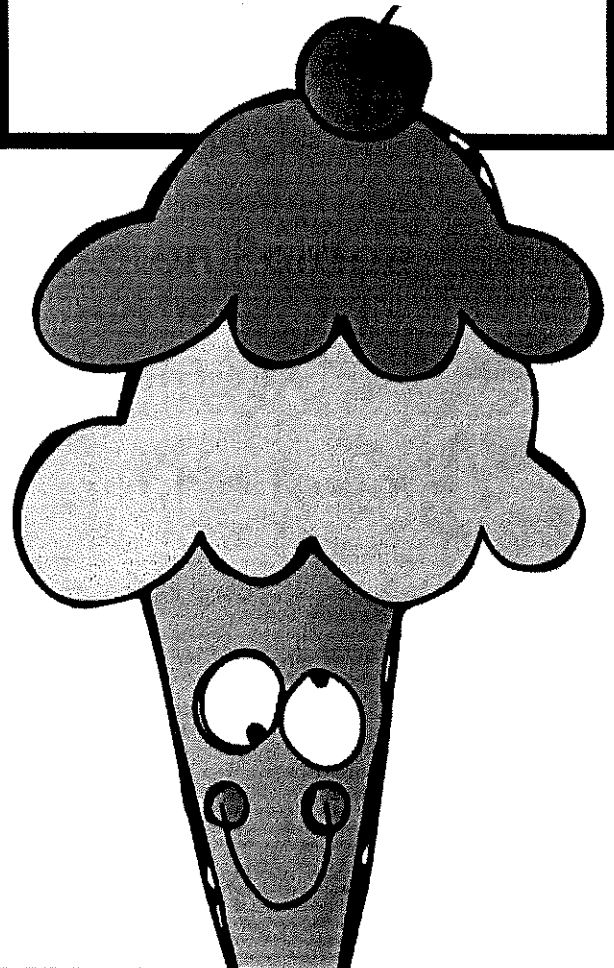
## Reminders

Field Day- June 5th

Awards Assembly- June 10th

Early Dismissal - June 10th and 11th

Last Day for Students- June 11th



# Fourth Grade

# NEWSLETTER

June

## Reminders:

**June 5th:** Field Day (Morning) w/ Kona Ice (afternoon)

**June 7th:** Last Day to turn in any unfinished work.

**June 7th:** Final day to return all Chromebooks and Chargers

**June 11th:** 2 Hour Early Dismissal

**June 12th:** 2 Hour Early Dismissal (Last Day of School)

Power School should be checked frequently to review your students grades. Any unfinished or missing assignments are also noted in Powerschool.

## What are we learning?

### Reading: Fiction & Nonfiction Focus

We continue to focus on the following skills.

- Poetry
- Inferencing
- Main Idea/Theme
- Character Analysis

### Writing:

Students are working on finishing their final (fractures) version of *The Three Little Pigs*.

### Science:

Students will be learning about Tsunami's and completing several fun STEM projects to end the year.

### Social Studies:

We are determining the effectiveness of the Articles of Confederation post war.

## New Grading Policy per PHES:

Classwork retakes will be allowed if students miss an assignment due to an excused absence or if they score below a 60%. If a student refuses to do an assignment, they will be given a 50% and will not be allowed to retake the assignment.

Assessments/Checkpoints cannot be redone and are added to the gradebook.

### Math:

We will be covering the following skills:

- Geometry - Symmetry

Our last checkpoint will be taken on June 6th.

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# 5th grade June ●●●●

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## REMINDERS

- Students need to bring their own headphones & Chromebooks charged everyday!
- Students will be returning their Chromebook AND Charger.
- Students grades will be updated on Powerschool every week.

### **\*\* New Grading Policy per PHES \*\***

Classwork redos will be allowed if students miss an assignment due to an excused absence or if they score below a 60%. If a student refuses to do an assignment, they will be given a 50% and will not be allowed to redo the assignment. For redos, the new and initial grade will be averaged to create the grade that goes into the gradebook **\*\* Assessments cannot be redone \*\***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5th - Field Day

June 6th - 5th Grade Picnic

June 7th - All Chromebooks and Chargers must be returned

June 10th - Quarter 4 awards  
(morning - grades 1-4)

June 10th - 5th grade promotion (evening)

June 11th - Last day of school

### All Classes

!Ready Reading Homework: 2 Lessons per week

!Ready Math Homework: 3 Lessons per week

## WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

**Math:** We will begin Unit 13 Geometry Coordinate Planes and Polygons. Students will graph ordered pairs, interpret coordinate values of points in the context of a situation, and draw a line to connect points. Students make predictions about data points that are not specifically graphed on a line.

**Reading:** As we end this unit, fifth grade students will understand how creative thinking can help them solve problems. The texts in this unit are specific to the development of secret codes and inventions in order to highlight the creativity involved in solving specific problems.

**Writing:** Shaping Texts: From Essay and Narrative to Memoir, Students research and reflect on their own experiences to write a moving piece. Students learn the craft of memoir writing by studying the writing of other students. They explore various structures to determine the form and structure that will best suit their idea. Students engage in the full writing process to reinforce that they are authors too.

**Science:** In this 4th quarter, the students begin working on a water filtration project. The intended outcome of this project is for students to design, build, test, and revise a water filter that will give them the clearest possible water. This is framed within a storyline where the students will be paid by a water company to produce the largest amount of clear water.

**Social Studies:** We are finishing up the findings of American economic, political, and civic life (1900-present) and what does it mean to be living and learning in the "land of the free?" We finish off with understanding the 1st amendment and the role of the media

## **The Cultural Arts Corner!**

**We are so excited to share what is happening in the cultural arts classrooms!**

### **ART with Mrs. Long:**

We made it to the end of the year! Students have made some wonderful artworks throughout the school year. We have learned so much about colorschemes, composition of an artwork, how to create contrast, and so much more. Art projects are being sent home so keep an eye out for them. Thank you so much to my parent volunteers who have come in and helped out at some point this school year. Have a wonderful summer!

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### **GENERAL MUSIC with Mrs. Phelix:**

This has been such a wonderful year in the music room. All students, at various levels, learned about the music elements and developed their knowledge. Important note to 3rd grade families in Mrs. Phelix's music classes: Your child will be coming home with a recorder. They have worked hard to learn their first FIVE notes and will come home with FIVE songs to play for you!

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### **PE with Mr. Armstrong:**

For the month of June we will focus on reviewing activities for our Wednesday June 5 rain or shine field day event. Followed by working on underhand throwing (baggo/corn hole.)

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### **Instrumental Music:**

Thank you for supporting your child's musical adventure this year. We had an excellent Spring Concert and all students grew as musicians over the course of the year.

All students who are borrowing a school instrument should return their instruments to school by Monday, June 3rd.

All other students should make sure that personal instruments are taken home by Monday, June 3rd.

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