

ROCKET REVIEW

PROVIDENCE SPRING ELEMENTARY

Welcome Back From Principal Armbruster



Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am so excited to begin the year with you. One of the many reasons Providence Spring is such a special place is that we believe in supporting the whole child. Albert Einstein stated it best when he said, "Education is not the learning of facts, but training the mind to think." We aim to achieve this objective through our philosophical beliefs and instructional practices, which are embedded in our four pillars.

The **first** pillar is our belief in the Paideia principles of teaching and learning. We use Paideia instructional strategies to teach challenging and rigorous content. Providence Spring is a national Paideia Center demonstration site. We will be going through the accreditation process this year so we can continue to showcase our instructional program across the world.

The **second** pillar that unifies us is our sense of responsibility for supporting the character development of the whole child. Mindfulness is a practice that is embedded in this pillar. Our grade-level service learning projects move ideas into the realm of action. We develop in one another an awareness of personal and civic responsibility.

The **third** pillar is our commitment to incorporating technology in meaningful ways in our daily lessons. Our scholars of today are the leaders of tomorrow's world, in which evolving competency with digital contexts will be vital to their success.

The **fourth** pillar is our conviction in the value of the outdoors, which we sustain and which sustains us. Outdoor learning and environmental conservation are school-wide emphases. The NC Museum of Natural Sciences cites our campus as one of the premier schoolyard habitats.

New to PSE this year!

STAFF
Along with your students, we welcome sixteen new staff members to Providence Spring. Our team strives to recruit the best teachers! Read their bios beginning on page 2 to find out why they belong at PSE!

CURRICULUM
Our school is following a new curriculum for K-3 students. The EL Curriculum engages our children in real-world, cross-curricular content while instilling social-emotional and equitable practices.

SPACE UTILIZATION
We had to be creative in our space utilization this year due to our large first and second grade enrollments. We created a shared space for a selected group of first and second grade students. Shared space means that these children will be in a classroom of 40 students (18 first graders and 22 second graders) in Room 148, the previous art room. This shared space not only increases space utilization, but it also fosters collaboration among staff and student peers. Additionally, our art room and science room have been relocated upstairs and in the media center, respectively.

At Providence Spring we believe that school is a second home. You'll see what we mean when you visit the school during Meet the Teacher. Some teachers have painted their walls. Some have created flexible seating. All our teachers have created warm, nurturing environments for our students.

BUS COMMUNICATION
Bus transportation communication will be through Twitter, since the Remind app is not being utilized this year. Follow Twitter @psebuses for transportation updates.

This Issue

- Welcome/New to PSE
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Coming Up

- Thurs 8/22- Go Play Save Begins
- Mon 8/26- First Day of School
- Fri 8/30- New Parent Coffee 9:30am
- Mon 9/2- No School, Labor Day
- Wed 9/4- General PTA Meeting 9:30am
- Thurs 9/5- Chick-fil-A Night 3-8pm

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New to PSE this year! -continued

WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Check out our Wearable Technology policy to ensure our students are focused on instruction while at PSE. This policy is located on our school website.

PSE MARKETING/LOGO

A huge thank you to our very own Karen Barnash for the front entryway designs, posters, and hallway banners. She's been instrumental in the concept and design development of our new logo!

GET INVOLVED

We are looking for a part-time lunchroom monitor. If you are interested or know anyone who is interested, please contact me.

Your participation is a crucial part of the development of our PSE family. Help us instill the foundation for our future. Come in to eat lunch, volunteer for field trips, work with students, join us for school events, and celebrate our children's achievements. As we all learn and grow, we will continue to help our students discover their passions.

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Respectfully,
Jane Armbruster

Show Your School Spirit- NEW PSE Apparel Available Now!

Open now until September 13th, don't miss out! Click here to place your order: <https://psespirtwear19.itemorder.com/sale>



New Staff Introductions



SCOTT RAUSCHENBERG Principal Intern/Music Teacher

Hello, everyone! I am not new to Providence Spring, as this will mark my 13th year as the music teacher at PSE. I am a native of Northeast Ohio and a graduate of the Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University. Go Penguins!

So why are you reading about me if I'm not new to PSE?

As of June, I have taken on an additional role as a principal intern. CMS has a partnership with some of the universities in the area to train selected teachers to move into administrative positions. I was invited to join the School Executive Leadership Academy (SELA) at Queens University which is a joint effort of the McColl School of Business and Cato School of Education.

I am now in my first residency portion of the program, and I have enjoyed learning so much from the administrative team at Providence Spring. I look forward to working with the teachers at PSE in my new role while continuing to have a blast with the students in their music classes!



KIM ANDERSON EC Teacher

Hello PSE families! I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. My name is Kim Anderson and I am thrilled to be starting my new position as an additional EC Resource teacher. I have been in education for over 20 years working as a both a general education and special education teacher.

After graduating from Elon College with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education I began teaching in Gaston County. Only a few years later, I received my Masters of Special Education from The University of North Carolina- Charlotte. I transferred to Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools and have spent 10 years of my time teaching at both Highland Renaissance Academy and JV Washam Elementary. During this time, I received and have since renewed my National Board Certification in the area of Exceptional Needs. My family spent a few years in Winston-Salem due to my husband's job, but we are excited to have returned to the Charlotte area.

I was born and raised in New Jersey but have made North Carolina my home since college graduation. I live with my husband, three daughters and our dog Gunner (a cockpoo). When I am not on the soccer or field hockey fields cheering on my girls I spend my time cooking or reading. My favorite place to be is on the beach at Oak Island with a book in my hand. I have been extremely lucky to be able to do that for a couple weeks this summer and I am now refreshed and ready for a new year!

I look forward to meeting all of the staff, my students and their families in the upcoming weeks.



DENISE JACOBS ESL Teacher

Hello PSE! My name is Denise Jacobs. Many of you already know me from my years of substitute teaching @PSE. I am thrilled to be starting the 2019-2020 school year as your teacher of English learners. Teaching children English has been a passion for me since spending most of my teaching career in inner city Los Angeles to Spanish speakers.

I grew up in New York, where I attended The Fashion Institute of Technology. I spent 2 years in the industry and decided that the cut throat work environment was not for me. I returned to school and received a BA in English with a minor in Education from SUNY Albany. In addition, I have received a BCLAD (Bilingual, Cross-Cultural, Language and Academic Development) degree from California State University after relocating to the west coast. I worked for Los Angeles Unified School District and have taught every grade from K-5. Early in my career, I quickly became aware of the need to support students both socially and emotionally in addition to their language acquisition needs. I am driven by supporting these students and am excited about serving in this role at PSE.

In 2008, my husband was transferred to Charlotte and we are happy to call it home. We have 3 children, 2 in high school, and one who will be in 4th grade at PSE this year. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family. Most of the time that involves some sort of food, which is why I have grown to love cooking. In addition, I enjoy traveling, exercise, and fashion.

I am honored to be at PSE and look forward to working with the wonderful students and families that call PSE home.



RENEE TRIPLETT First Grade Teacher

I am Renee Triplett, and I am thrilled to be a part of the Providence Spring family teaching first grade! I attended BIOLA University and California State University, Fullerton where I achieved a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education and an Exceptional Children Credential. Teaching is my passion; I love making concepts come to life and seeing the light bulb come on! Engagement is key to me in education, and I love transforming my classroom and dressing up to get my point across!

I was born and raised in Southern California where my love of all things Disney and the ocean developed. I met my husband in 2012. He is from North Carolina, and after a year of marriage, we moved to Charlotte. We have two beautiful daughters, Charlotte (3) and Savannah (1). We love spending time as a family doing things like watching football games, taking park dates, reading, and exploring everything that this beautiful city has to offer!

I am honored to be part of the PSE family, and am looking forward to meeting my students and their families! Here is to a great 2019-2020 school year!

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LAURA STEVENSON Art Teacher

Hello, PSE! I'm Laura Stevenson and I am so excited to be your Art Teacher! I have been a PSE parent for the last 6 years and so some of you may already know me. I have spent countless hours volunteering in the classrooms, art room, as room parent and as an active PTA member. I spent 2 years as Art Director co-chair, planning our annual Rocket Art and Gallery Walk fundraisers and scheduling volunteers in the art room. Most recently, I spent 2 years as the Art Appreciation chair, writing all of the lessons and coordinating art projects. This Spring I enjoyed working with the Drama Club!

I grew up in MA and my love for art began as a child. Stepping into the art room was so exciting! Art is an adventure and I loved the journey. I earned my degree in Art History from Salem State University and went on to spend several years working in museums and even an art gallery! After relocating to Charlotte and having school-aged children, I was happy to use my skills in the PSE community. Many years later, I am sending my oldest daughter, Maddie, on to middle school. I am excited to be joining my other two children here at PSE. Ben is in 4th grade and Caitlin is a new Rocket, starting in kindergarten.

In my free time I enjoy hanging out with my family and friends, and our young labradoodle, Miller. I enjoy reading (especially about art and history), taking photographs and running. I love being outside, whether it's outside on my porch or taking a trip to the mountains with my family.

I value the relationships that I have built with students, parents and staff at PSE. I look forward to being a member of the PSE family and aim to bring our kids the same experience and love of the arts that I had as a child.



DENISE BEERS Fourth Grade Teacher

Hello, Providence Spring Elementary! My name is Denise Beers and I am thrilled to be part of the Providence Spring team! I am originally from Upstate New York, but I have lived in North Carolina for just over 25 years. I received both my bachelors in elementary teaching and my masters in gifted education at The University of North Carolina, Charlotte. In 2015 I earned my National Board Certification. During my twenty year teaching career I have taught in many different roles from k-4 classroom teacher, as a gifted facilitator or as a computer teacher and have loved every moment of my teaching career.

After getting to know the Charlotte area, I decided to build a house in Indian Land, SC. I love the people, the White Water Center, and the ease of visiting the beaches and the mountains. I am very excited to join the 4th grade team where I look forward to teaching students and being a part of this wonderful community.

When I am not teaching, you can find me at home cooking and relaxing with my family and our dog Tate. I have 4 adult children and 5 grandchildren who I enjoy spending time with. We love spending time outdoors, gardening, hiking, walking or site seeing. I am looking forward to a terrific year and cannot wait to meet all the wonderful PSE students, families and the entire Providence Spring community!



DANIEL HINSON PE Teacher

Hello Providence Spring Elementary! My name is Daniel Hinson and I worked at PSE towards the end of last school year as a floating substitute. It was an amazing opportunity for me to get to know the PSE community and students. I am thrilled to announce that I will be a part of the team at Providence Spring for the 2019-2020 school year as your second PE Teacher.

I was born and raised in the Charlotte area and I am so honored to have this amazing opportunity to teach here in my hometown. I graduated in 2018 from Appalachian State University with a Bachelors Degree in Health and Physical Education K-12, with a concentration in Sport Science and Coaching. One thing I love about teaching is being able to see the students make progress inside the classroom. I find it to be very rewarding when students are able to learn a completely new skill set.

In my free time I enjoy staying active, traveling to new places, riding motorcycles, playing golf etc. I enjoy watching sports as well as participating in them. A few of my favorites are baseball, basketball and football.

I am so excited to see what this school year has in store for us and am looking forward to meeting all of my PSE students and families.



MARIE PALASCIANO First Grade Teacher

My name is Marie Palasciano and I will join the first-grade team this year! I am pursuing my Masters in Teaching at Queens University and just completed student teaching with Kristy Kirchendorfer in first-grade this past spring. It was a wonderful experience and I appreciated the amazing guidance from Kristy as well as from the first-grade team.

My family and I moved to Providence Plantation from Cotswold last summer. I have two PSE graduates heading off to Crestdale this year as well as a fourth grader and second grader still here. I had the opportunity to teach a third-grade class at the end of the last school year. The third-grade team greatly supported me in helping my class finish the school year strong. I enjoyed getting to know the students, teachers and staff in the upper grades as well. I'm looking forward to being a part of the PSE community this year!

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AYANNA McCASKEY First Grade Teacher

Hello PSE Family! My name is Ayanna McCaskey and I am so excited to be part of the Providence Spring Elementary teaching first grade! I have been teaching for 12 years. I taught Kindergarten for 10 years at Elon Park Elementary and 2 years at Highland Renaissance Academy in Kindergarten and Second grade. I attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where I received my Bachelors degree. I was also inducted into the North Carolina Teaching Fellows this year. I am so excited to continue to grow in my profession as a teacher.

I was born and raised in Winston Salem, NC. Bernard and I have 2 girls, Noelle and Makayla. Noelle is 6 and will be joining me at Providence Springs in First grade and Makayla is 1 years old. In January, we are expecting a new addition to our family. I am currently pregnant with our third baby. We can't wait to find out if it is a boy or girl! In my spare time I enjoy watching movies, dancing, crafting, and spending quality time with my family.

I am very excited to be a Rocket and can not wait to meet my students and their families!



MELISSA MOONEY Fifth Grade Teacher

Hey PSE Family! My name is Melissa Mooney and I am excited to be joining you all at Providence Spring. I was born and raised in Charlotte which makes me somewhat of a unicorn. I attended Pfeiffer University where I earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology. I went back for my master's in Elementary Education shortly after. I have taught here in Charlotte for 12 years in grades 2-5 and Talent Development.

When I am not teaching, you can find me outdoors in my garden or at the Whitewater Center, relaxing at the beach, attending football games, day trips around NC, and I always have a book in my hands. I cannot wait to meet you all and I'm honored to be a PSE Rocket!



MARA ERICKSON Kindergarten Teacher

Hello! My name is Mara Erickson and I could not be more excited to begin this journey with you at PSE. Born and raised in New York, I then received my BA in Journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park.

After college, I moved back to New York and enjoyed living and working in New York City, where I met my husband Brian and worked in advertising for 10+ years. Brian and I had our daughter, Sasha (now 7 years old) and we decided to move to the suburbs to raise our family. I was privileged to take time off to stay at home with Sasha. As she grew and we had our son, Ethan (5 years old and starting Kindergarten this fall!), my passion for teaching was uncovered.

In January, I received my Master of Science in Teaching degree from St. Thomas Aquinas College in New York in both elementary education and special education. I have taught in Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade. My family and I moved to Charlotte this summer and we are enjoying our new lifestyle.

I believe in providing a safe, supportive classroom where learning is celebrated. Kindness, respect, and a love of learning are values that permeate my classroom. I am looking forward to a bright, engaging, enriching, and fun school year at Providence Spring!



KRISTEN GAUDIOSO Third Grade Teacher

Hello Providence Spring Elementary! My name is Kristen Gaudio and I am excited to join the PSE team this year as a 3rd grade teacher! Prior to coming to PSE I spent 6 wonderful years teaching at Elon Park Elementary. My first two years as an educator were spent teaching 2nd grade before looping up to 3rd. The past four years I taught 3rd grade and I absolutely love it. Last year I was honored with the award of Teacher of the Year. I will forever be grateful for the lessons and experiences that Elon Park provided me with but am thrilled to have the chance to learn and grow with another group of amazing people.

I was born and raised in Charlotte and have lived here my entire life. I come from a large Italian family, have a twin sister, and am one of five kids. Up until 7th grade I attended a Montessori school and am thankful for the education and experiences it provided me with. My mom has been a Montessori teacher for over 30 years and she is my biggest role model. I then attended public schools within CMS. After high school I went to East Carolina University for the Education program. At ECU I earned my degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in reading and a minor in child psychology. Teaching is my hobby, passion, and career. I am truly dedicated to teaching to the individual students in my class. Seeing the growth my students make and the joy they have when they learn new things is what drives me. I pride myself on being a patient and creative educator and look forward to helping the children in my class surpass their goals this year.

When I am not teaching most of my time is spent running a nonprofit animal rescue that my best friend, twin, and I started this past year. It is called Angela's Ark and we help to rescue animals both wild and domestic. Rescuing has been part of my life since I can remember and creating this nonprofit has been nothing short of a dream come true. During my actual free time, away from teaching and the Ark, you can find me with my puppy Odin, at the gym, hanging out with family and friends, traveling, or doing anything active/outdoors. I am excited for a terrific year at PSE and can't wait to meet all of the students, families, and faculty members that make up the Providence Spring Community.

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MACKENZIE MURRER Fifth Grade Teacher

Hi! My name is Mackenzie Murrer and I am so excited to be joining the PSE family! I am going into my 8th year of teaching where I have taught both 4th and 5th grade at Elon Park. I was born and raised in Texas and moved to Charlotte in high school. After I graduated from Queens University, with a degree in Communications, I decided that my true passion was teaching. I went back to school and received a Masters degree in education and this past year I received my AIG certification.

I have been married for 5 years and love spending time with my husband Andy, and our dogs Hazel, Gravy, and the newest addition, Loretta. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the farmer's market, cooking, watching football (Go Panthers!) especially college football (GO TEXAS A&M!!), and DIY projects with my husband.

I can't wait to learn and grow with you!



BRIDGET McNELIS Kindergarten Teacher

Hello, PSE family! My name is Bridget McNelis and I am thrilled to join Providence Spring. This is my fifth year teaching- I have taught 3rd and 1st (and I have done internships and tutoring in 2nd, 5th, and 6th) but Kindergarten is my favorite. I guess you could say this is my fourth "First Day of Kindergarten" including the one I experienced at age 5!

I am a Charlotte native, having attended Smithfield Elementary, All Saints Catholic School (now St. Matthew, where my family and I attend!) Carmel Middle, and South Mecklenburg High School.

I was a North Carolina Teaching Fellow at UNC-Wilmington with a major in Elementary Education and minors in Theatre and Fine Arts. I have always loved being on a stage, from drama camp as a child, musicals in high school and college, to performing in plays in NoDa. Teaching is the best "role" I have had. I love engaging my students each day through creative outlets and building a classroom community of kind, independent, critical thinkers!

When not learning with my students, I am either watching Panthers football with my family (my mom and sister are teachers at Community House Middle and Smithfield!), playing sand volleyball, at the library, painting, doing Zumba, singing, yoga, on the beach, in the mountains, or planning my next international adventure to experience other cultures.

Thank you for trusting me with your children! I look forward to our journey ahead.



CORTNEY JORDAN Fourth Grade Teacher

Hi everyone! My name is Cortney Jordan and I am so excited to be joining the PSE family as a fourth grade teacher this year! I have spent the past 5 years in third grade and am really looking forward to moving up to fourth this year.

I have a love for the arts and for theatre and spent the past three years as the lead director of my school's fifth grade musical! Math is my favorite subject to teach but reading was always my favorite subject as a student. Second to my husband, coffee is my second favorite thing in the world! I spent my summer this year as a barista at a coffee shop/ bakery in Waxhaw and I absolutely loved it. Can't wait to meet you all! I am so looking forward to becoming a part of what makes this community so special.



JANE O'ROURKE Second Grade Teacher

Hello! My name is Jane O'Rourke and I am so excited to be joining the PSE family as a second grade teacher! I grew up in southern Virginia and graduated from James Madison University with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

I moved to Charlotte just after graduation, where I met my husband and taught 3rd grade in CMS for 6 years before deciding to be at home while my children were little. During that time, I started a girls' hair accessory business and had so much fun expressing my creative side through designing and making hair accessories. It was an amazing experience, but my heart has always belonged to teaching and I am thrilled to be returning to the classroom!

My children, Finley and Camden, will attend PSE as a 3rd and 4th grader and can't wait for school to start. As a family, we love being outside, hiking, and camping. Now that our children are older, we hope to be little more adventurous with our camping destinations!

I am looking forward to getting to know the PSE community and meeting my sweet students!

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ROBIN WALLACE Kindergarten Teacher

Hi! My name is Robin Wallace, and I'm 42 years old. I've been married 21 years and have three children: Parker (20), Taylor (19), and Peyton (17). I grew up in Florida, on Amelia Island, less than two miles from the beach. I attended and graduated college at Florida State University, but my husband attended graduate school at University of Florida, and two of our children were born at the teaching hospital there on campus--so I cheer for both schools during football season! Some of my hobbies include spending time with family and our two dogs (well, any dogs really), being outside (especially at the beach), running, paddle boarding, reading, baking, and making candles. Our family moved from Florida to Charlotte in the summer of 2006, and we've loved every single minute here!

I've wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember, not simply to teach, but mainly to become an integral part of the lives of school aged children and their families, and to contribute to their growth, development, and success both academically and socially. Spending time with and helping children has always been a passion of mine, and I'm very excited to be able to continue that as one of the newest members of the Providence Spring Elementary School family. I have experience working, at some level, with children from pre-school age through 5th grade. I have had my own classroom with students in grades 1, 2, 3, and 4. All ages are wonderful and unique in their own ways, and I honestly can't say that I have a favorite! I'm really looking forward to this year and the building and creating of new relationships and experiences ahead!

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STEPHANI LAREDO Fifth Grade Teacher

I am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful family of learners at Providence Spring Elementary. For me everything in life, especially learning, is adventurous and exciting. Empowering children to be all they can be brings me joy, and I'm all about joy!

My journey began in Sonoma County, California where I was lucky enough to spend my childhood and young adult life living in a small farming community. I was raised on a farm where I came to respect life and the effort involved to appreciate it's beautiful bounty in every form. From the west coast, I migrated with my husband and children to New England after a brief pit stop in New Mexico. While living in New England, I volunteered for a learning collaboration and became fascinated with how the brain learns; so I decided to go back to school and become a teacher. Upon graduating from Norwich University in Vermont, I worked as an interventionist teaching both reading and math across multiple grades in New Hampshire. After several years, I decided to return back to Vermont to teach first grade which I enjoyed for six years.

My husband and I eventually followed our children, who had the good sense to move to the Charlotte area of North Carolina years earlier. Since relocating about two years ago, I've worked as an intensive reading teacher/interventionist for Union County. When I'm not teaching and learning, I love to indulge in outdoor activities, especially gardening, running, and tennis. Indoors you will likely find me reading, cooking and EATING!

I am very appreciative of the wonderful opportunity of being here with you, and very much looking forward to working together in creating a learning environment that is both nurturing and joyful.



Donate Batteries for Metro School's Students

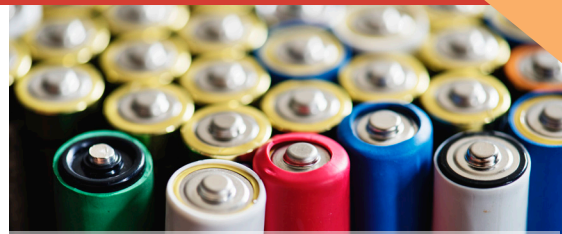
When: Aug. 26 -Sept. 16

Why: An opportunity for PSE students to energize education by donating **new/unused** batteries to help disabled students* have effective and consistent communication with their teachers through battery-powered communication devices

What: (1) Non-Rechargeable AA, AAA, C, and/or 9 Volt (2) or Rechargeable AA, AAA, C, and/or 9 Volt (3) or/and \$5+ towards battery chargers

Where: Drop-off in the 'Battery Bin' located by PSE's main doors

Questions? Email VP of Outreach Lydia.Lambright@gmail.com



*Metro School serves approx. 250 students, ages 3 to 22. Many have autism, and visual and hearing impairments.

Easy Ways to Raise Funds for PSE

The following programs are easy ways for us to raise money for Providence Spring Elementary. These are great opportunities for other family members and neighbors to help support us too!

1



Go Play Save is one of our biggest fundraiser of the year! Each coupon book or mobile app is \$30 or you can buy both for \$45! Half of each sale is donated to PSE. Each student who sells 5 books gets the 6th book free! Prizes are awarded based on sales and the top selling classes get a pizza party! Books/Apps can be purchased by cash, check or online at: www.GoPlaySaveCharlotte.com/store/PSE2020 or Pay4SchoolStuff.com.

2



Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to PSE when you shop at smile.amazon.com and select PSE as your charity (or shop directly at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/01-0598296>). It uses the same shopping platform and offers the same products as the normal website. Create a bookmark to easily access Amazon Smile instead of shopping on the app.

3



Box Tops for Education will donate 10 cents for each valid Box Top available on hundreds of participating products. Clip Box Tops and drop them off in the Box Top mailbox outside of the office. Lookout for collection drives and contests throughout the year. In addition, the program periodically has bonus points available through the app or via the website at www.BoxTops4Education.com. Download the new app to start scanning or emailing your receipts for digital Box Tops!

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Through Coca-Cola Give, you can support PSE by scanning/entering codes from hundreds of eligible Coca-Cola products. Go to coke.com/give and search for Providence Spring Elementary School. Scan the cap code with your phone or enter codes manually.

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Harris Teeter's Together in Education program will donate a portion of your purchase of Harris Teeter brand products. The program runs August through May and you will have to re-link your VIC card every year online at www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education or at any Harris Teeter customer service desk.

***Please consider supporting our sister school, the Metro School, which serves students with disabilities. Simply link your VIC card to Metro School - 3024 along with PSE - 4927. Harris Teeter will split the donation between PSE and the Metro School.*




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Publix Partners will donate \$250 for every \$37,500 spent by our school's participants. Simply create an account at Publix.com/Partners, select PSE as your school and enter your phone number each time you checkout at the store. You must re-enroll each year starting in July.



Your Guide to PSE's Online Resources

PSE Info	PSE School Website	https://providencespringelementaryschool.wearecms.com/	PSE's main school website. Use this site to find information about upcoming events and links to various resources, like the grade-level websites, assignments, Paideia info, etc.	Cost: Free!
PTA Info	PSE PTA Website	http://providencespringpta.weebly.com	The PSE PTA's website. Use this site to find PTA-related information about upcoming events, volunteering, Pay4SchoolStuff, the <i>Rocket Review</i> , PTA board contact info, etc.	Cost: Free!
PTA Payments	Pay4SchoolStuff 	https://www.pay4schoolstuff.com	The PSE PTA's online payment system. Use this site to buy anything that the PTA sells: required fees, tickets to events, Rocket Raffle, Yearbook, Publications, etc.	Cost: Free!
Spirit Wear	PSE Spirit Wear Store	https://psespirtwear19.itemorder.com/sale	The PSE PTA's online store for spirit wear purchases. Use this site to order PSE-branded products.	Cost: Free!
Student Directory	Membership Toolkit	https://providencespringpta.membershiptoolkit.com	The PSE PTA's online directory. Use this site or the mobile app for the latest contact info for students, class rosters, etc.	Cost: \$2/ family
Cafeteria Payments	PayPAMS 	https://paypams.com	CMS's online school lunch payment system. Use this site or the mobile app to manage your child's school lunch account: add money, set up alerts, monitor lunch spending, etc.	Cost: Free!
Field Trip Payments	OSP 	http://osp.osm-sinc.com/cms	CMS's online payment system. Use this site to pay for school field trips. All field trip payments must be made through OSP to eliminate cash/checks in the classroom and loss of instructional time due to cash/check processing.	Cost: 4% of the transaction amount
Grades	PowerSchool	https://cms.powerschool.com/public	CMS's online record for grades. Use this site or the mobile app to check grades, attendance reports, etc. Grades are tracked starting in third grade.	Cost: Free!
Volunteers	CMS Volunteers	https://www.cmsvolunteers.com	CMS's volunteer portal. Use this site to register as a volunteer at PSE (required for all volunteers!) and to log your volunteer hours.	Cost: Free!



PSE PTA Proposed Budget 2019-2020

This proposed PSE PTA budget for the 2019-2020 school year was presented for approval by vote during the General PTA Meeting held on August 21st. Please take a few moments to review this information. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Toney, PTA Treasurer, at psetreasurer@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of the PSE PTA!

Income	
Beautification	1,700
Book Fair	19,000
Brick Campaign	500
Capital Donations	11,500
Directory	800
Family Dinner/Ice Cream Social	
Family Night Dinner	2,700
Ice Cream Social	1,000
Total Family Dinner/Ice Cream Social	<u>3,700</u>
Field Days Income	5,600
Fifth Grade T-Shirt Income	2,500
Food Fundraisers	6,000
Free Fundraisers	1,500
Gallery Walk Income	8,100
Go Play Save Income	15,000
Interest Income	50
Membership (Local Only*)	1,400
Publications Income	18,000
Rocket Art	2,000
Rocket Raffle	15,000
Sales Tax Refund	5,000
School Store	1,500
School Supplies	11,000
Spirit Wear	7,500
Sponsorship	4,000
Spring Carnival	1,500
Yearbook	11,000
Total Income	<u><u>153,850</u></u>

Expenses	
Book Fair Expense	4,500
Brick Campaign Expense	350
Directory Expense	450
FND/Ice Cream Social Expense	
Family Night Dinner Expense	2,100
Ice Cream Social Expense	1,000
Total FND/Ice Cream Social Expense	<u>3,100</u>
Food Fundraisers Expense	3,000
Free Fundraisers Expense	75
Gallery Walk Expense	2,500
Go Play Save Expense	7,000
Membership Expense	100

PTA-PSE Educational Expenses	
Art Appreciation	300
Beautification and Grounds	3,000
Character Education	300
Classroom Grants	12,000
Club Startup Expenses	1,000
Cultural Arts	8,800
Field Days	5,500
Fifth Grade Awards	1,000
Fifth Grade Celebration	2,500
Fifth Grade T-Shirt Expense	2,500
Health Room	300
Historian	150
Hospitality & Staff Recognition	5,000
Principal Discretionary	5,000
Professional Development	5,000
Publications Expense	15,000
Reflections	350
Scholarships	1,000
School Security Expense	1,800
Staff Field Trips	-
Tech and Ed Fund	4,000
Total PTA-PSE Educational Expense	<u>74,500</u>

PTA Operational Expenses	
Accounting Fees	500
Bank Fees	4,200
Copying and Laminating	750
Discretionary - Administrative	5,000
Insurance	600
PTA Dues	75
Total PTA Operational Expenses	<u>11,125</u>

Rocket Raffle Expense	15,000
School Store Expense	1,300
School Supplies Expense	5,000
Spirit Wear Expense	7,350
Spring Carnival Expense	7,500
Yearbook Expense	11,000
Total Expenses	<u>153,850</u>

Net Income	<u><u>-</u></u>
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SHARE YOUR 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR THE 2019-2020 YEARBOOK!

Please send them to
PSEYearbookPhoto@gmail.com

Questions?
Email Shawna Miller,
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Roberta Griner at
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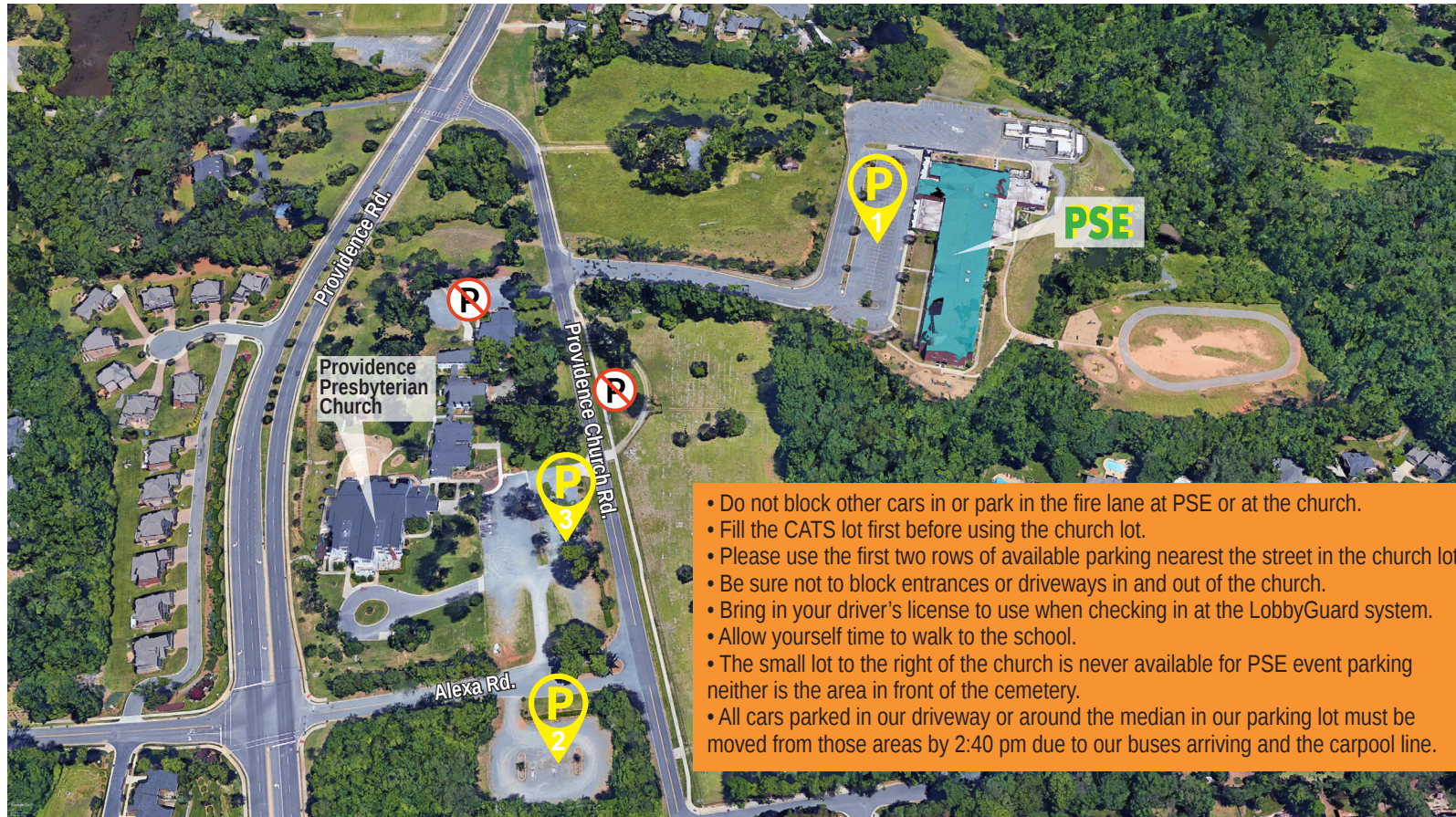
Thank you and welcome back!

* Membership income excludes projected dues collected and paid to the State and National PTA of approximately 3,000 and County dues of \$75.



Important Parking Information

Our wonderful community partner, Providence Presbyterian Church, allows us the use of their parking lot during school events when the PSE lot and the CATS lot on Alexa Rd. become full.



- Do not block other cars in or park in the fire lane at PSE or at the church.
- Fill the CATS lot first before using the church lot.
- Please use the first two rows of available parking nearest the street in the church lot.
- Be sure not to block entrances or driveways in and out of the church.
- Bring in your driver's license to use when checking in at the LobbyGuard system.
- Allow yourself time to walk to the school.
- The small lot to the right of the church is never available for PSE event parking neither is the area in front of the cemetery.
- All cars parked in our driveway or around the median in our parking lot must be moved from those areas by 2:40 pm due to our buses arriving and the carpool line.

Welcome Back Volunteers!

Please be sure to log onto www.cmsvolunteers.com to reactivate your volunteer status so that you can begin volunteering. Our Lobby Guard System and the Volunteer Management System are linked; therefore, it is very important that the name on your driver's license (first and last) and your name in the volunteer system match. Please be sure to edit your name in your volunteer profile if it is necessary to do so.

For all of our new to PSE families, please go to the above website to apply to become an approved volunteer. You will need to respond to the email that is sent back to you in order for the background check to be completed and for you to become an approved volunteer. Please be sure that the name you use to set up your volunteer profile matches the name listed on your driver's license (first and last name only).

You must bring your driver's license with you for every visit to the school as you need it to sign in. Please be sure to pick the correct category for your visit. If you are going into a classroom to read, tutor, lend a helping hand etc., you always need to sign in as a volunteer. If you come in to join your child for lunch, you would be a visitor. If you do not have a license, another form of picture ID must be shown to the office staff.

Your name must appear on our school list of approved volunteers before you can come in to volunteer. If your name is not found on our approved volunteer list, you will not be allowed to go into the classroom.

Thank you for helping to make PSE a wonderful and safe place for all of our students!

Questions? Call or email Mrs. Berger in the office.
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