



ROCKET REVIEW

PROVIDENCE SPRING ELEMENTARY

NOTES FROM PRINCIPAL ARMBRUSTER

PAIDEIA ACCREDITATION

Did you hear?! Providence Spring Elementary became the FIRST school in the NATION to earn Paideia Accreditation!!!! This accolade is awarded to schools

that live by The 12 Paideia Principles. National Paideia Center faculty viewed seminars, observed planning, and interviewed our teachers & students. We celebrate this recognition with our dedicated Paideia Leadership Team, staff, and students. PSE is truly the place to be! To learn more, check out this website: www.paideia.org; you'll see PSE featured on multiple links.

ROCKET RAFFLE

What is the Rocket Raffle? This fundraiser is overwhelmingly a favorite for students and staff alike. Our wonderful teachers, staff, and administrators donate every raffle item. The prize list, along with directions on how to purchase raffle tickets, will be sent home in January. Our kids love being able to spend bonus time in small groups with their teachers and other staff members doing fun, non-classroom activities. Entries for adults, like parking spaces for the drama performance and fifth-grade graduation, also are available.

Rocket Raffle Kickoff is Monday, January 13. You will have a two-week window in which to purchase tickets. Winners are chosen at random, and students will be notified in mid-February. This is one of our biggest fundraisers, with all the money raised going directly back to the school. Last year, the raffle was an incredible success; we raised more than \$16,000! This year we will use the funds to strengthen two of our pillars: Character Education and Outdoor Learning, including the creation of sensory spaces, seating, pathways, and playground markings. Please support PSE through this wonderful fundraiser!

BRINGING JOY

I tend to work myself up this time of year because the holiday season is so busy. I am not a big gift giver, so mall shopping and cyber sales aren't what bring me joy. I prefer experiences rather than material things. I spend money on food and hours talking and eating with family and friends. In school, I push our teachers to ponder the questions: How do we stay busy? How do we spend our instructional time? I also want our teachers to find joy in BEING with their students, intentionally scheduling time to center ourselves in building relationships, to reflect on gratitude, and to simply have fun. Even with the pressure to go, do, and get, we invite each other to stop, reflect, rest, and remember. Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us.

SAVE THE DATES: Community Engagement Meetings

Two meetings are scheduled to discuss overcrowding at PSE

- January 16th @ 6:00pm
- March 16th @ 6:00pm



Respectfully,
Jane Armbruster

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This Issue



Coming Up



Contacts

Notes From the Principal	12/23-1/3	No School- Winter Break
2nd Grade Service Project	1/8	Early Release Day
Metro School Holiday Lunch	1/8	PTA Meeting 6:00pm
Holiday Cookie Exchange	1/8	Chick-fil-A Night @ Waverly 3-8pm
Coat Drive Results	1/11	Dad's Tailgate
Rocket Raffle Details	1/13-1/29	Rocket Raffle
PTA Financial Summary	1/20	No School- Holiday
Sponsors	1/23	End of Quarter
	1/24	No School- Workday

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Second Grade Service Project

Second grade raised almost \$900, created about 480 goodie bags, and made cards for the Bright Blessings organization- Bless-a-Birthday program. A speaker from Bright Blessings came to talk to our second graders about the children they would be helping. Students raised money to purchase items for the treat bags by being helpful at home. The teachers purchased fruit snacks, small notepads, pens, birthday tattoos, stress balls, gum, and mints. The students assembled treat bags and sent them off to Bright Blessings. These treat bags will help kids celebrate their birthday and to feel happiness on their special day.



Metro School Holiday Lunch



On December 13th, the Providence Spring PTA hosted the annual holiday lunch for the teachers and staff (~ 150 ppl.) at our sister school, Metro School. Metro School is located uptown and serves cognitively disabled children ages 3-22 with severe physical and medical needs.

The dedicated educators and support staff who work at Metro School could not be a more deserving group, and we were honored to show our support for all they do.

A huge THANK YOU to Nothing But Noodles, who helped provide the food for the event. The next time you are there for a bite to eat, let them know how much we appreciate all they do for us!

“Real strength has to do with helping others” – Mister Rogers

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(Top left picture from left to right) Metro’s Principle, Metro’s Family Advocate, Julia Heinzerling (PSE PTA Volunteer), Lydia Ledesma (co-lead on PSE’s Outreach Team), Michelle Kidd (PTA EC – Assistant Treasurer), Lydia Lambright (PTA EC - VP of Outreach), Randall Lambright (PSE PTA Volunteer)



THANK YOU! Staff Holiday Cookie Exchange

The PTA Hospitality Team would like to send a big THANK YOU to our 65 baker volunteers for the more than 2,800 cookies and treats generously prepared and donated to our Annual PSE Teacher and Staff Holiday Cookie Exchange! We couldn't do it without all of you! Not only did the teachers and staff get yummy treats, but so did our bus drivers, after-school staff, and we were even able to donate some to The Metro School for their Staff Holiday luncheon on Dec 13. Thank you again to our wonderful PSE parent volunteers.

The PTA Hospitality Team



Coat Drive Results



How Many Children in Charlotte...
... will be warmer this winter thanks to PSE?
178!!!

That's how many coats we collected in our annual coat drive benefiting Children's Home Society and A Child's Place. A BIG, BIG thank you to all of you who donated – tremendous generosity of PSE families is truly an awesome thing!

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Rocket Raffle

Out of this world fundraiser is right around the corner!

The Rocket Raffle is a favorite for everyone at PSE. Each and every raffle item has been donated by one or more of our wonderful teachers, staff, or administrators. In January, the list of raffle prizes will be sent home. Students, with the help of their parents, can choose which raffle prizes to buy tickets for. The tickets are 5 for \$5, 12 for \$10, and 25 for \$20. The directions for how to purchase your tickets and select your prizes will be included in the packet. There are entries for the kids to spend bonus time with PSE teachers and staff (and pets), and there are also entries for adults like parking spaces for special events! We have a lot of NEW items in the raffle this year, so please take some time to go through all of the offerings. Rocket Raffle Kickoff is Monday, January 13th. There will be a two week window during which you can purchase your tickets. The winners of each raffle prize will be chosen at random, and students will be notified during the first part of February.

This is one small step for students, and one giant leap for PSE! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, with all of the money raised going directly back to the school to purchase books, supplies, and materials that that enable PSE to continue to offer the best educational opportunities possible for our students. Please help support our school while providing great experiences for you and your children!

Peggy Conerly
Anne Diaz
Rocket Raffle Chairs





PTA Financial Summary December 2019

Beginning Balance 11/1/19 **\$ 92,538**

Income

Book Fair	\$	10,242
Capital Donations	\$	1,107
Directory	\$	10
Family Dinner/Ice Cream Social	\$	310
Field Days Income	\$	199
Free Fundraisers	\$	66
Gallery Walk Income	\$	102
Interest Income	\$	7
Membership	\$	56
Publications Income	\$	911
Sales Tax Refund	\$	2,477
School Supplies	\$	362
Spirit Wear	\$	672
Sponsorships	\$	250
Spring Carnival	\$	728
Yearbook	\$	180

Total Income **\$ 17,680**

Expense

Book Fair Expense	\$	2,409
Free Fundraisers Expense	\$	48
PTA-PSE Educational Expense		
Beautification and Grounds	\$	575
Classroom Grants	\$	284
Cultural Arts	\$	1,374
Principal Discretionary	\$	395
Total PTA-PSE Educational Expense	\$	2,628
PTA Operational Expenses		
Bank Fees	\$	125
Total PTA Operational Expenses	\$	125
Spirit Wear Expense	\$	479
Spring Carnival Expense	\$	1,022
PY Technology & Education Fund	\$	2,344
Total Expense	\$	9,055

Ending Balance as of 11/30/19

\$ 101,162



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