

ROCKET REVIEW

PROVIDENCE SPRING ELEMENTARY

NOTES FROM
**PRINCIPAL
ARMBRUSTER**

Our faculty recently participated in a seminar, *"The Students are Watching,"* by The Sizars. This discussion led to self-reflection of our moral contract to all constituencies. Discussions included the importance of modeling behaviors, the impact of relationships, and growth mindset. We know our brains are malleable; we can make our brains "stronger" or "weaker." At PSE, our staff strive daily to model behaviors and to teach lessons that make our little people better humans. As a mommy, I know that it takes a village to raise my own children and my PSE children. I recently read an article titled, *"Why are kids impatient, bored, friendless, and entitled?"* Despite all our great intentions, we unfortunately

remold our children's brains in the wrong direction. I wanted to highlight a few reasons that remind me that our children are watching us every single day.

1. Kids get everything they want when they want it

Delayed gratification is one of the key factors for future success. We have the best intention to make them happy for the moment, but in the long term, they will be unable to cope with minor stressors and obstacles in life. The inability to delay gratification can be seen in the classrooms because the moment they hear, "no," the child may become belligerent.

What can we do? Train delayed gratification.

2. Limited unstructured natural environment

Technology has replaced outdoor time. Often children are too busy in structured activities, so they have limited opportunities to practice and learn social skills. PSE believes in learning through our four pillars; our focus this year is on the Paideia philosophy and character education. If we want our children to learn social norms, they must practice, practice, and practice. The most successful people have great social skills.

What can we do? Limit technology. Reconnect with your child emotionally. Go outdoors.

3. Always ON

We schedule our lives and our children's lives with so much activity there are no dull moments. The moment that it becomes quiet, we entertain them again. It's often we hear children say, "I'm bored" or "I can't" when asking them to fold laundry, unload the dishwasher, and clean up. It's this basic, monotonous work that trains our brains to be workable and function under "boredom." Similarly, it's this same "muscle" that is required to be teachable at school.

What can we do? Teach your child to do monotonous work (unpack groceries/lunchboxes, chores). This is what creates a teachable child.

It is our job to set the stage for their success. Providing opportunities to set high standards of behaviors and high academic achievement will create children who become productive citizens of a world very different than the one we know.



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Coming Up

- 10/25 End of Quarter
- 10/28 No School- Teacher Work Day
- 11/2 PSE Fall Carnival & Fall Auction/Raffle 11am-3pm
- 11/4 Coat Drive Begins
- 11/5 No School- Teacher Work Day
- 11/6 PTA Meeting 9:30am
- 11/7 Chick-fil-A Night @ Waverly 3-8pm
- 11/7 PTA Reflections Contest Deadline
- 11/11 No School- Veterans Day
- 11/14-22 Rocket Art Orders
- 11/19 Picture Make Up Day
- 11/26 Coat Drive Ends
- 11/27-29 No School- Thanksgiving Break



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PAIDEIA Accreditation and TD Partnership

At our PTA and SLT meetings this month, we celebrated our collaboration with our Talent Development as this department is funding some of our Paideia professional development. Dr. Terry Roberts, Director of the National Paideia Center, visited our school this month and will return throughout the year. Providence Spring is proud to announce that we are going through the Paideia accreditation process this year. To learn more, check out this website: www.paideia.org. PSE is featured on multiple links. We recently had our Community Seminar. If you missed it, we have another one scheduled in January. Additionally, the TD department is providing our teachers with professional development and resources during Early Release days to ensure we meet all students' needs.

PSE Procedure for Walking Student Pick Up at Dismissal

In order to ensure the safest ways of getting students home each day, our walking students have specific procedures established. Walking students are defined as students who truly walk home with a parent or guardian. Every student is assigned bus transportation at PSE; therefore, "Walker Badges" must be requested by parents and then assigned to students who walk home. Parents/guardians can request a Walker Badge and more information about the dismissal procedure in the front office.

#StandUpSpeakOut

I encourage you to sign the pledge to support our CMS Anti-Bullying pledge. We encourage students to learn from their mistakes and to be accountable for their actions. We will not tolerate bullying or behaviors that disrupt learning for themselves and others.

[JOIN THE MOVEMENT- TAKE THE PLEDGE HERE](#)

Reminders about Parking Off Campus

Our wonderful neighbors at Providence Presbyterian Church remind us that there should be no PSE parking in the circular drive or on the grass at the cemetery entrance next to our drive. This area must be reserved for church traffic including maintenance workers, funeral attendees, headstone deliveries, etc. Also reserved for church staff is the lot right across the street from our drive. During big school events we put a reminder sign up at the entrance to this lot, but we should not park there at any time. Most days, we are allowed to use the outer parking spaces (closest to Providence Church Lane) in the main lot. The CATS lot on Alexa is always open for our parking.



Respectfully,
Jane Armbruster

PSE is the place to **BE**

PSE FALL CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
11:00AM-3:00PM

FALL RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

Did you know that PSE is hosting a Fall RAFFLE and SILENT AUCTION?!

You could win one of over 25 prizes including a Charlotte Knights Gift Pack, a Family Night Out Pack, a round of golf for four, a three night stay in Pigeon Forge, a parent's night out, a photography session or even a cut, color and style from a beauty expert.

The best part is that ALL proceeds benefit Providence Spring Elementary!! THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO BID ON THESE AND OTHER GREAT PRIZES:

1

Visit us at the Fall Carnival!

2

[CLICK HERE!](#)



PTA Reflections Contest

LOOK WITHIN



PARTICIPATE IN THE PTA REFLECTIONS CONTEST:

1. Think about the theme
2. Choose an arts category
3. Create your masterpiece

Rules and entry form available by visiting www.meckpta.org and clicking on the Reflections logo.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Visual art entries are submitted to the front office. All other entries and entry forms can be emailed or shared through Google Drive to providencespringreflections@gmail.com

Questions? Kristen Anderson: meckptareflections@gmail.com

4 More Art Appreciation Volunteers Needed!

We are still in need of four more Art Appreciation volunteers. The lessons are pre-prepared and only take 45 minutes to teach. Most volunteers choose to alternate months with their classroom partner so they have only 3 or 4 lessons to teach per year.

Please consider teaching Art Appreciation this year!

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| Arbo - 1 | O'Rourke - 1 |
| Beers - 1 | Stewart - 1 |



To volunteer, please contact:
Denise Short at drshort1@mac.com

FREE Fundraisers



THANK YOU!

Box Tops for Education - Thank you to everyone who participated in the Box Tops Save Over Summer Drive! We collected over \$200 in Box Tops during this drive! The students who submitted the most per grade level received gift certificates to the school store!

The next submission date for Box Tops is coming up soon so please submit all Box Tops by Oct. 28th! Also, don't forget to download the Box Tops App to start scanning your receipts!



Rocket Art Coming Soon

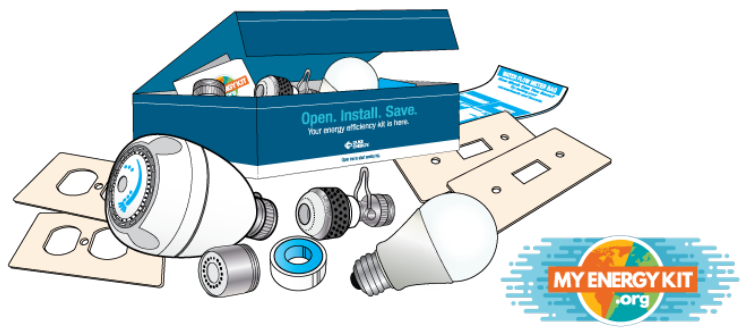
Please be on the lookout for Rocket Art order packets coming home soon with your child. They have been working very hard on some awesome artwork which makes great gifts and keepsakes all while helping raise money for our school! Order packets should be coming home on or around November 7th, with the last day to accept orders being November 21st. Thank you in advance for supporting all of our young artists and PSE!



Megan Methot
Lindsey Kerr
Rocket Art Coordinators

My Energy Kit Challenge Results

Go Rockets!
314 energy kits were requested
63,000 Kilowatt hours of energy saved per year
PSE won \$750!!
Together we made a positive impact in preserving our environment.
THANK YOU TO ALL THAT MADE THIS CHALLENGE A SUCCESS!!!



PSE's Annual Coat Drive

NOVEMBER 4TH - DECEMBER 2ND

You know all those coats taking up space in your closets? Now is the perfect time to help another Charlotte child feel warm this winter by donating to the PSE Coat Drive! This is a wonderful opportunity for PSE students to be active participants in helping other children in their community.

PLEASE SEND IN NEW OR GENTLY USED COATS FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES AND SIZES.

Drop coats into the donation box located by PSE's main lobby doors.

The following non-profit organizations will receive our donations:



The CHS mission is to promote the right of every child to a permanent, safe, and loving home.
Serves 100 counties in NC, serving 7,000+ children/year; Ages 0 - 18.
www.chsnc.org



Mission is to erase the impact of homelessness on children and their education
Provides support for 2,000+ homeless children, ages 4-14, in CMS.
www.achildsplace.org



PTA Financial Summary October 2019

Beginning Balance 9/1/19		\$86,449
Income		
Beautification Income	\$ 380	
Brick Campaign	\$ 400	
Capital Donations	\$ 5,358	
Directory	\$ 440	
Field Days Income	\$ 3,321	
Free Fundraisers	\$ 715	
Go Play Save	\$ 4,865	
Interest Income	\$ 10	
Membership	\$ 1,960	
Publications Income	\$ 13,605	
School Supplies	\$ 1,960	
Spirit Wear	\$ 1,979	
Sponsorships	\$ 1,000	
Yearbook	\$ 6,795	
Total Income	\$ 42,788	
Expense		
Educational Expense		
Beautification and Grounds	\$ 605	
Classroom Grants	\$ 1,100	
Hospitality & Staff Recognition	\$ 1,990	
Principal Discretionary	\$ 68	
Professional Development	\$ 608	
Publications Expense	\$ 8,820	
Total Educational Expense	\$ 13,192	
PTA Operational Expenses		
Bank Fees	\$ 1,627	
Discretionary - Administrative	\$ 356	
Insurance	\$ 540	
Total PTA Operational Expenses	\$ 2,522	
School Store Expense	\$ 169	
Spirit Wear Expense	\$ 6,044	
Yearbook Expense	\$ 6,678	
PY Technology & Education Fund	\$ 853	
Total Expense	\$ 29,459	
Ending Balance as of 9/30/19		<u>\$99,778</u>



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