

ROCKET REVIEW

PROVIDENCE SPRING ELEMENTARY

Priorities for the Year

NOTES FROM
**PRINCIPAL
ARMBRUSTER**

I recently read an Edutopia article where Jenn David-Lang (The Main Idea), says that after an exceptionally scattered 18 months dealing with the pandemic, educators need to be focused on no more than three key priorities for 2021-22. Why three? According to Chris McChesney, with 4-10 priorities, we're likely to achieve only one or two with quality, and with ten or more, we won't accomplish anything of significance. Steve Jobs famously led an annual retreat in which Apple's top leaders narrowed possible initiatives to ten – and then Jobs theatrically crossed out the bottom seven and declared that resources would be devoted only to the top three.

While planning and deciding on our school goals, I have had to prioritize everything. I continuously think through what we value; what do we want to leave as our legacy; what is the PSE way? Providence Spring Elementary intentionally chose our Big Three to positively impact student learning and well-being. Our purpose to reconnect and to raise good humans drives our daily work.



Differentiation

Following a year of virtual learning, it is imperative that our staff collect, review, and analyze as much data to decide on the right instructional moves for students. Teachers have participated and will continue to learn how we can provide “just in time” teaching. Students are actively learning as the teacher provides immediate feedback and identifies targeted small group instruction. We understand our students come to us with varied learning needs and readiness, our staff are creating opportunities to enrich and intervene accordingly.



Collaboration

As they say “it takes a village to raise a child”. This proverb means that it takes an entire community of different people interacting with children in order for children to experience and grow in a safe environment. The villagers would look out for all the children. Our staff want what is best for every child. We work together to make decisions with our support staff and our parents. Trust us. Reach out to us, let's have an open dialogue about how we can collectively work together so that our students can reach their potential!



Our 4 Pillars

The Four Pillars are focused on our foundational belief in how we raise children. Our vision and mission say it best. We are committed to raising children to be successful in a society while expressing their individuality and contributing to the collective good. Our goal is for every child to find their passions, and to make the world better because they were here.

Let's RECONNECT.

The value of limiting our priorities gives us greater time to focus on what we believe is the most important. The impact of the past 2 months has led all of us to celebrate small wins. These small wins lead to improved morale and an increased growth mindset. We need this more than ever.



This Issue

- Notes From the Principal
- Fresh Schools News
- Mrs. Pierce's Corner
- Fall Festival
- Metro School Supply Drive
- Free Fundraisers
- Augustine Literacy Project
- Spirit Night Chick-Fil-A
- Art & Character Ed Volunteers
- Principal Magazine Feature
- PSE Absence Procedures
- Pay4School Stuff Reminder
- PTA Budget



Coming Up

- 10/6 Early Release Day
- 10/6 PTA Meeting (Virtual) 6pm
- 10/7 Spirit Night- Chick-Fil-A 3-8pm
- 10/12 Fall Picture Day (Individual)
- 10/29 First Quarter Ends
- 11/2 No School- Teacher Work Day
- 11/13 PSE Fall Fest



Contacts

P: (980) 343-6935 | F: (980) 343-6939
 Website: providencespringelementaryschool.wearecms.com
 PTA Site: ProvidenceSpringPTA.weebly.com
 Principal: Jane Armbruster | Asst. Principal: Courtney Pierce
 Amy Greene, PTA President: psepres@gmail.com
 Jen Putnam, Designer/Editor: jenniferputnam07@yahoo.com



PLEASE SIGN UP, We're nearly there!



If you haven't already, sign up for Fresh Schools so you can stay up to date with the everything PSE. This year, we are working to consolidate all PSE communication through Fresh Schools, but need to have 98% of our families signed up.

Through Fresh Schools you will be notified of upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, important reminders, and have access to the teacher, staff, student, and parent directory.

PTA, Room Parents and Teachers will send messages to our PSE families via Fresh Schools. If you are not signed up, you could miss important messages.



Scan the QR code or click here grco.de/bcJCAw to sign up today.

Mrs. Pierce's Corner

Courtney Pierce
Assistant Principal

As a working mom of two young children, my days get busy and hectic. There are days where my husband and I just see each other for a brief moment. There are other days where my youngest child is asleep before I get home. As I reflect on PSE's theme of "Reconnecting", I've internalized it with my own family. I recently read an article called "[The Sacred Space of Conversation](#)". This article hit home with me as I read it because while I want to be involved and in-tuned with everything going on with my family, I had to take a hard look to see if I was truly providing the space for conversation. In an age where my children ask "why" to everything, I initially caught myself saying "because" and leaving it at that. However, after reading this article, I had to pause and realize how I was stifling a conversation between me and my children. Once I answered in an authentic way, the conversation between me and my daughter deepened and she ended by giving me a hug. That moment solidified how important conversations are, and how they are more than words between two people.

This article identifies two ways to connect and converse in a meaningful way with those around you. First, stay observant and curious for opportunities when a conversation might be possible. You must also be sure you have the time for the conversation. Rushing out the door to a meeting will not be the most appropriate time to pause and have a deep conversation. But don't forget about this moment. When you have the space later that day, come back to it and have the conversation

Next, when engaging in conversation make sure the cell phone is out of the picture. As simple as this seems, for me, it's the most challenging. In a time when we are glued to our phones, it is critical that we put them down to engage in authentic conversation.

Over the next few days, reflect on the conversations you're having with your family. Are you making the space and are you truly invested in what is being said? This year as we dive into Paideia, we will continue to make the space for our students to engage in healthy dialogue. We will also engage our families in this opportunity. We can't wait to reconnect this year as a PSE school community!

CALL FOR SPONSORS,
VENDORS, AUCTION ITEMS,
AND VOLUNTEERS!

PSE FALL FEST



PROVIDENCE
SPRING
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

11/13/2021
11:00A-3:00P

CONTACT AMBER FUELLA:
AFUELLA@GMAIL.COM





Metro School Supply Drive

**PLACE ITEMS IN BIN INSIDE FRONT DOORS
OCT 1 - OCT 15**

PSE has the privilege of being the “sister school” to Metro School, which is located uptown. The school serves approximately 250 students, ages 3 to 22, with significant disabilities. Many of the school’s students have severe medical and physical needs, are in need of total physical care and assistance, and have other disabilities such as visual impairments, hearing impairments, and autism, in addition to their cognitive challenges.

METRO SCHOOL NEEDS:

- NEW, UNUSED AA, AAA, and 9 volt batteries (single use or rechargeable)
- New Unused Clothing
 - Male and Female T-shirts
 - Sweatpants
 - Undergarments
 - Socks



We are honored to once again have the opportunity to be a part of their school community!

Questions? Email: tara8brown@gmail.com

FREE Fundraisers



TOGETHER

WE'RE A FORCE FOR GOOD

HELP OUR SCHOOL IN THE EASIEST WAYS POSSIBLE



• **LINK YOUR VIC CARD (PROVIDENCE SPRING: 4927)**



Publix

• **CLUB PUBLIX: LOGIN, CLICK MY PUBLIX PARTNER, SELECT PROVIDENCE SPRING)**



• **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: DOWNLOAD THE APP & SCAN YOUR RECEIPT**



smile

• **SHOP SMILE.AMAZON.COM & SELECT PROVIDENCE SPRING ELEMENTARY AS YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE**



Augustine Literacy Project
CHARLOTTE

Tutors Needed

Augustine Literacy Project is recruiting volunteer tutors needed for in person and virtual tutoring!

CMS recently released the results of last year’s End of Grade (EOG) testing. Sadly, they are worse than expected. Third graders struggling with reading proficiency went from 42.7% to 60.4%. At ALP we consider this both a tragedy and a call to action. We are more determined than ever to train tutors who will provide aspiring readers with the foundational literacy skills they need to succeed. The training is 5 days and tutors commit to work with students 2 times weekly for at least 60 sessions. We offer ongoing training and support to volunteers. The best way to learn more is to attend an information session.

All dates/times/places can be found at www.alpcharlotte.org/register.



PSE
SPIRIT NIGHT
AT CHICK-FIL-A
WAVERLY



**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 7 3-8 PM**

PLACE A MOBILE ORDER AND 15% OF ALL MOBILE SALES WILL GO BACK TO OUR SCHOOL!

Art Appreciation & Character Ed Parent Volunteers Still Needed

Please consider volunteering in your child's classroom this year!

Current Needs:

- Lynch - 1 art appreciation
- Shelton - 1 character ed
1 art appreciation
- Pratt - 1 art appreciation
- Fletcher - 2 character ed
- Adamson - 2 character ed
2 art appreciation
- Columbus - 1 art appreciation
- Denton - 1 character ed
- Scripture - 2 art appreciation

Contact Denise Short to sign up or with questions:
drshort1@me.com



Spotlight On

PRINCIPAL ARMBRUSTER FEATURED IN BALLANTYNE MAGAZINE

Check it Out!



Si-Jeun Jane Armbruster

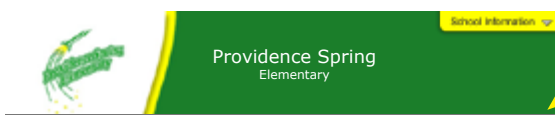




Reporting Absences

We care about your health and want to stay in school, so please stay home if you or your child are not well. Anytime your child is absent, please complete the "Report an Absence" form on the PSE website ([HERE](#)) and e-mail your teacher.

If you have specific questions, please feel free to email Principal Armbruster.



Report an Absence

Use this online form to report a student's absence.

The school may request signed statements from a doctor for prolonged illness (5 or more consecutive school days). Doctor and dentist appointments should be made outside of school hours or during study periods if possible. All absences are part of the student's permanent record and also apply to the attendance policy. The school does not recognize or approve of student "skip days." Such days will be considered truantcies and will have disciplinary consequences. Please contact the school's office for any questions you may have.

Student Name *

First Name Last Name

Students Grade Level *

Please select a grade...

Student ID (leave blank if unknown)

This is NOT a required field.

Name of Parent/Guardian Submitting Form *

First Name Last Name

Parent/Guardian Contact Number *

Area Code Phone Number

Email

example@example.com

Start Date of Absence *

09 / 21 / 2021

Month Day Year

End Date of Absence

09 / 21 / 2021

Month Day Year

Reason for Absence *

- Illness
- Medical Appointment
- Bereavement / Funeral
- Religious Reason / Service
- Driver's Test (unexcused)
- College Visit (must submit additional form from office)
- Military Service
- Other (Please explain below)

Additional Information (optional)

You may enter details about the absence.

Attach A File (optional)

You may attach a scan or cell phone photo of the child's doctor excuse.

Online Payments Reminder

Visit [Pay4SchoolStuff.com](https://pay4schoolstuff.com) to:

- Pay for REQUIRED school items
- Make a tax-deductible Capital Donation to the PTA
- Reserve the PSE Spirit Rock
- Join the PSE Listserv
- Pay for PTA Membership
- Contribute to the Teacher & Staff Gift Fund
- Make a tax-deductible contribution to the Outdoor Learning Pavilion fundraiser
- Share your Volunteer preferences

=== Returning families: Don't forget to update your student's teacher and grade level before shopping! ===

[Instructions for getting started with Pay4SchoolStuff](#)

Instructions for [self-service reporting](#) (to see a list of your purchases)

Questions about online payments?
psepta.payonline@gmail.com

PAY4 SCHOOL STUFF

Manage your Student payments fast and ON-THE-GO!



PSE PTA Approved Budget 2021-2022

The below PSE PTA budget for the 2021-2022 school year was presented and approved by vote during the General PTA Meeting held on September 1st. 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		PTA-PSE Educational Expenses	
Beautification	\$ 1,700	Art Appreciation	\$ 800
Book Fair	\$ 12,500	Beautification and Grounds	\$ 7,500
Brick Campaign	\$ 500	Character Education	\$ 850
Capital Donations	\$ 12,000	Classroom Grants	\$ 9,725
Directory	\$ 1,300	Club Startup Expenses	\$ 1,000
Family Dinner/Ice Cream Social		Cultural Arts	\$ -
Family Night Dinner	\$ 2,700	Field Days	\$ -
Ice Cream Social	\$ 1,000	Fifth Grade Awards	\$ 1,000
Total Family Dinner/Ice Cream Social	\$ 3,700	Fifth Grade Celebration	\$ 3,000
Field Days Income	\$ 3,250	Grade Level T-Shirt Expense	\$ -
Fifth Grade T-Shirt Income	\$ 2,500	Fifth Grade T-Shirt Expense	\$ 2,500
Food Fundraisers	\$ 6,000	Health Room	\$ 700
Free Fundraisers	\$ 1,500	Historian	\$ -
Gallery Walk Income	\$ 6,500	Hospitality & Staff Recognition	\$ 5,000
Go Play Save Income	\$ 2,000	Principal Discretionary	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 50	Professional Development	\$ 5,000
Learning Pavilion Income	\$ 23,000	Publications Expense	\$ 14,000
Membership (Local Only*)	\$ 1,000	Reflections	\$ 350
Publications Income	\$ 14,000	Scholarships & Outreach	\$ 5,000
Rocket Art	\$ 2,000	School Security Expense	\$ 1,800
Rocket Raffle	\$ 12,000	Tech and Ed Fund	\$ -
Sales Tax Refund	\$ 4,500	Total PTA-PSE Educational Expense	\$ 58,225
School Store	\$ -		
School Supplies	\$ 5,000	PTA Operational Expenses	
Spirit Wear	\$ 1,000	Accounting Fees	\$ 500
Sponsorship	\$ 2,000	Bank Fees	\$ 4,200
Spring / Fall Carnival	\$ 2,000	Copying and Laminating	\$ -
Teacher & Staff Gift Fund	\$ 15,000	Discretionary - Administrative	\$ 4,000
Yearbook	\$ 9,000	Insurance	\$ 600
Total Income	\$ 144,000	PTA Dues	\$ 50
		Total PTA Operational Expenses	\$ 9,350
Expenses			
Book Fair Expense	\$ 3,125	Rocket Raffle Expense	\$ 2,000
Brick Campaign Expense	\$ 350	School Store Expense	\$ -
Directory Expense	\$ 1,300	School Supplies Expense	\$ 3,000
FND/Ice Cream Social Expense		Spirit Wear Expense	\$ 750
Family Night Dinner Expense	\$ 2,025	Spring / Fall Carnival Expense	\$ 10,000
Ice Cream Social Expense	\$ 1,000	Teacher & Staff Gift Fund	\$ 15,000
Total FND/Ice Cream Social Expense	\$ 3,025	Yearbook Expense	\$ 9,000
Food Fundraisers Expense	\$ 3,000	Total Expenses	\$ 144,000
Free Fundraisers Expense	\$ 150		
Gallery Walk Expense	\$ 1,625	Net Income	\$ -
Go Play Save Expense	\$ 1,000		
Learning Pavilion Expense	\$ 23,000		
Membership Expense	\$ 100		

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