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## Coming Up

Oct 18-25	Book Fair Student Preview
Sun, Oct 23	Fall Beautification Day
Oct 26-Nov 3	Book Fair Sales
Oct 26-Nov 6	Book Fair Online Sales
Thu, Oct 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ASEP Book Fair Shopping, 4-6 PM</li> <li>● PSE Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A (Arboretum)</li> </ul>
Fri, Oct 28	Cafeteria Concerts
Mon, Oct 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teacher Workday - No School</li> <li>● Book Fair open during conferences, 9 AM-1 PM</li> </ul>
Wed, Nov 2	PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM Everyone welcome!
Thu, Nov 3	Family Night Dinner, 5-7 PM

Next Rocket Review on Tue, Nov 1

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## Family Night Dinner!

Ahoy Mateys – It's a Pirate Party!!

2016 Annual PSE Family Night Dinner is

Thursday, November 3rd 5-7 PM

Domino's Pizza and Carvel Ice Cream Sandwiches are now available for pre-order on [Pay4SchoolStuff!](http://Pay4SchoolStuff.com)

(Gluten-free and Italian ice options available as well. Extra Italian ice will not be for sale at the door; these must be pre-ordered. Please email for more details.)



Choose from 2 seating times:  
 5:15 PM & 6:00 PM

B-I-N-G-O fun with games at 5:30 & 6:15,  
 called by our very own  
 Mrs. O'Connor!  
 Lots of fun prizes!

And don't forget the Book Fair, which will open at 5:00 PM!

Please go online to [Pay4SchoolStuff](http://Pay4SchoolStuff.com) to pre-order today!

Pizza is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door  
 Ice Cream Sandwiches are \$3

Ordering deadline is Tuesday, November 1st.

Any questions? Please contact us:

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## A Message from Our Principal

Dear PSE Parents,

Those of us who reared our children in a simpler and slower time when everyone seemed to know all the children in one's neighborhood and when most of our "information highway" came to us via a handful of television stations, observe you, the parents of today, with sincere admiration for a job you mostly do quite well in an environment that is so challenging. Life in our current day world is filled with obstacles, temptations, bad role models and tricksters of all sorts wanting to lead our children down paths no one should ever go. Being a parent and having to walk the tightrope between "hovering on one side" and "protecting" our little ones from real danger on the other is the sort of responsibility that turns brown hair gray and chisels worry lines across the forehead. That is why we hope you know that you aren't in this struggle to maintain a sense of order, stability and civility by yourself. We hope that you will consider us your partners in creating a healthy living and learning environment where your children can become their best selves in natural social situations.

These are some ways that we hope we are helping you rear the boys and girls who will treasure their childhoods, will follow their own interests and passions and not the crowds who jump mindlessly from one trivial pursuit to another. We want our children to get their sense of worth from who they are and what they contribute rather than what they drive or how much money they can stockpile.

**Service Learning Projects:** All grade levels here at PSE select service learning projects, aligned with their curriculum, to give boys and girls the chance to be active "do-gooders" as they learn about the causes of societal problems and gain an understanding that they can be part of the solution. Our service learning projects for this year are:

**Kindergarten – Project Bark**

**1st Grade – Random Acts of Kindness**

**2nd Grade – Support for the TLC Orphanage in Africa**

**3rd Grade – McRead-A-Thon (Ronald McDonald House)**

**4th Grade – Operation Sandwich (Urban Ministries)**

**5th Grade – Water for Flint (Michigan)**

In addition, there are **school-wide service learning projects** that pull together the entire student population

with a synergy and a can-do attitude that creates the overwhelming level of support that leaves our organization recipients shaking their heads in wonder. Loaves and Fishes, Jump Rope for the American Heart Association, and purchasing books for the Levine Children's Hospital have relieved suffering and given hope to members of our extended community right here in Charlotte. Ask any PSE Rocket after a service learning event and he or she will tell you that nothing feels better than helping others in need.



**The War Against Bullying** – An important part of our school-wide character education program, we help our children learn from their mistakes by holding the child's version of a town meeting regularly in each classroom, by conducting seminars about classic texts that speak to our human struggles in the world and by having opportunities to "show their best selves" in their relationships with their classmates. Nothing is more dangerous to a community of children than adults having low expectations for their behavior. So, at PSE, the "boys will be boys" or the "you know how girls can be" excuses do not hold water. **Our students, and your children, are better than that.**

We don't expect perfect children (in fact that would probably make for a rather dull world) and we know that mistakes lead to valuable learning experiences which will make for stronger young adults. But that being said, this is not an environment where "anything goes" and we hope our vigilance will help you with all the good things you are teaching at home.

Our goal here at Providence Spring is to help you tend our collective saplings so the roots can grow deep and strong and able to weather the sometimes harsh conditions that life brings. And when these roots provide a healthy foundation, we know that branches will grow tall and the young tree will take its rightful place in the world.

Thank you for letting us join you, at least for a while, in this exciting journey.

*-Diane Adams, Principal*

## Volunteer Corner

### Working Parents

Are you a working parent wanting to volunteer at school? We know time can be tight, so here are some opportunities that might fit into a busy schedule:

- **Audit** - Review our books once a month; requires 2-3 hours, but can be done at home; no CPA experience necessary. Contact Peggy Conerly ([Peggy\\_conerly@yahoo.com](mailto:Peggy_conerly@yahoo.com)).
- **Book Fair** - In addition to sales help during the school day, we need help for after-school sales and during Family Night Dinner and Ice Cream Social. Contact Terri Suen-Lee ([terri.suenlee@yahoo.com](mailto:terri.suenlee@yahoo.com)).
- **Beautification** - Help keep our PSE grounds looking beautiful. Contact Cindy Thompson ([cindy.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:cindy.thompson@cms.k12.nc.us)).
- **Book Swap** - This event isn't until June, but it will be on a Sunday afternoon (6/4). We will need help setting up, with check out, etc. Contact Jess Finn ([jessfinn@gmail.com](mailto:jessfinn@gmail.com)) or Susan Reikowski ([susanreikowski@yahoo.com](mailto:susanreikowski@yahoo.com)).
- **Dad Corps** - Not just for dads - moms and grandparents welcome too! We need help in the halls every day between 7:30 and 8:00 AM. Keep an eye on our Rockets and give out lots of high fives! Contact Jason Gudzunus ([jasongudzunus@yahoo.com](mailto:jasongudzunus@yahoo.com)).
- **Family Night Dinner/Ice Cream Social** - Two of our big evening events when we always need help setting up, cleaning up, and checking people in. Contact Jenn Ingraham ([ncingraham@yahoo.com](mailto:ncingraham@yahoo.com)) or Jill Davenport ([jfdavenport@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jfdavenport@carolina.rr.com)).
- **Hospitality** - We have several events during the year when we provide yummy treats for our teachers. Be added to our list of parents we contact to make and bring in food. Contact Elizabeth Poplin ([thepoplins@carolina.rr.com](mailto:thepoplins@carolina.rr.com)) and Dawn Weber ([dawnpweber@yahoo.com](mailto:dawnpweber@yahoo.com)).
- **Sponsorship** - Help us recruit new sponsors; if you frequent a local business that you think might want to donate, we can give you the information about the benefits of being a PSE sponsor that you can pass along. Contact Jen Wouters ([thewoutersfamily@gmail.com](mailto:thewoutersfamily@gmail.com)).
- **Spring Carnival** - This event isn't until May, but it will be on a Saturday (5/6). We need LOTS of volunteers for everything from set-up and clean-up, to helping at an attraction, to helping with parking. In addition, we need help with planning, and often this can be done off campus (e.g., contacting vendors). Contact Nicole Vega ([nicolemvega@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolemvega@yahoo.com)), Casey Beck Ruifrok ([kcrbeck@gmail.com](mailto:kcrbeck@gmail.com)), or Amy Donovan ([adonovan@keenan.com](mailto:adonovan@keenan.com)).
- **Yearbook** - Help edit photos or even come take photos at some of our evening or weekend events. Contact Julia Heinzerling ([juliaheinzerling@gmail.com](mailto:juliaheinzerling@gmail.com)) or Karin Simoneau ([karinsimoneau@gmail.com](mailto:karinsimoneau@gmail.com)).

Learn more about these (and other) volunteer opportunities on the PSE PTA website:

<http://providencespringpta.weebly.com/get-involved.html>.

## Enter the PTA Reflections Contest



1. Think about the **THEME**
2. Choose an **ARTS CATEGORY**
3. Create your **ENTRY**

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 16th**

**Rules and Entry Form:**

[meckptareflections.weebly.com](http://meckptareflections.weebly.com)

**\$10 Gift Cards given to winners from K-2 and 3-5 grade divisions**

Encourage your classmates to participate too – the K-2 and 3-5 classrooms with the greatest percentage of participants win popcorn parties!

**Do you have an idea for a future Reflections Theme?**

**Enter the Reflections Theme Search Contest!** The student with the winning theme wins \$100. Students may submit up to 5 entries directly online: link on the home page of [meckptareflections.weebly.com](http://meckptareflections.weebly.com). **Deadline: October 31st**

Questions? Contact Kristen Anderson: [meckptareflections@gmail.com](mailto:meckptareflections@gmail.com).

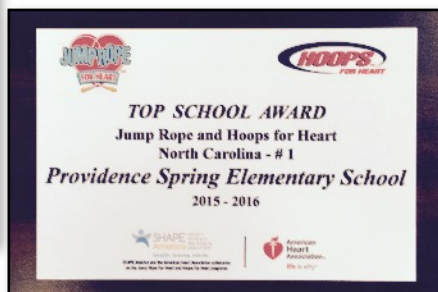
## PSE Jumps High & Long with AHA

On September 27, PSE was recognized by the American Heart Association for its outstanding support of their research efforts through the money raised in last year's Jump Rope for Heart. All of you PSE families pitched in and raised **\$42,000**, an incredible amount of money for a very worthy collective goal. Thanks to you, our walls have three new plaques.



**#1 School Award, Mid-Atlantic**

**Don't ever put anything past the miracle-working families at Providence Spring Elementary!**



**#1 School Award, NC**



**#4 School in Online Fundraising, Mid-Atlantic**

## This & That

### PTA Meeting Minutes

Not able to attend the last PTA Board meeting? We know not everyone can make it on Wednesday mornings, but we want to make it easy for you to stay informed...

[Minutes from October 5](#)

### Box Tops for Education



Clip those Box Tops found on General Mills products and send them to school. We receive 10¢ for each Box Tops we send in. For a complete list of products that carry the Box Tops symbol, visit

[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

### Cafeteria Concerts Friday, October 28!

The first Cafeteria Concerts of the year will be Friday, October 28. Get more information and sign up here:

<http://www.sig-nupgenius.com/go/10c0c4faea82da5fb6-cafeteria>



# PSE FALL BOOK FAIR

## NEW SIGNATURE FAIR

A LARGER FAIR CONTAINING THE BEST COLLECTION IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE.

STUDENT PREVIEW: OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup>

SALES: OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup> - NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

ASEP SHOPPING: OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 4 - 6PM

THIS FALL - SHOP DURING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 9AM - 1PM

FAMILY NIGHT DINNER: NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 5 - 7PM



OPEN 7:45AM DURING SALES. STUDENTS MUST FIRST GO TO THEIR CLASSROOM AND GET A HALL PASS BEFORE COMING TO THE BOOK FAIR.

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO SHOP WITH THEIR CHILD'S CLASS.

BUYING TIME	WED, OCT 26	THURSDAY, OCT 27	FRIDAY, OCT 28	TUESDAY, NOV 1	WED, NOV 2	THURSDAY, NOV 3
8:15 - 9:00	SIMPSON (K)		LYNCH (2)	TREVISAN (2)		HINTON (K)
9:10 - 9:55	RICE (1)	SAFRAN (1)	SANTANA (1)	SHELTON (1)	STEWART (1)	MAYER (1)
10:05 - 10:50	BOBBINS (K)	BRIDGES (K)	BUBANY (K)	KIRCHENDORFER (K, 1)	WHITE (K)	AQUILONE (K)
11:00 - 11:45	DEJUNEAS (2)	EDWARDS (2)	HAMILTON (2)	McMURRAY (2)	ROMIG (2)	CHAPMAN (2)
12:20 - 1:05	BLASZAK (5)	FLETCHER (5)	GRABON (5)	SANFORD (5)	SHIPMAN (5)	BERNIER-LUCIEN (5)
1:15 - 2:00	COLUMBUS (4)	McCROCKLIN (4)	PISTORIO (4)	SURRATT (4)	NIDO (3)	ARBO (4)
2:10 - 2:55	BROWN (3)	HORGAN (3)	LANGELAND (3)	LANGLOIS (3)	VICK (3)	ADAMSON (3)

SHOP THE PSE BOOK FAIR ONLINE OCT 26<sup>TH</sup> - NOV 6<sup>TH</sup>

[HTTP://WWW.SCHOLASTIC.COM/BF/PSEFAIR](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/psefair)

BOOKS WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM FREE OF CHARGE.

LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DONATIONS - IN SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL WIDE SERVICE PROJECT & CMS'S NORTH STAR LITERACY INITIATIVE, WE WILL BE ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY DONATIONS OF NEW BOOKS FOR THE LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? [HTTP://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/508044D8AAA2DAB9-PSEFAIR](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044d8aaa2dab9-psefall)

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Who wants to be in the yearbook?!

Your kids do, that's who!



Please share your photos of them from school-related events for the yearbook!

Upload them to [our Photobucket account](#), or email them to [pseyearbookpictures@gmail.com](mailto:pseyearbookpictures@gmail.com).

Questions? Contact Julia Heinzerling, [juliaheinzerling@gmail.com](mailto:juliaheinzerling@gmail.com), or Karin Simoneau, [karinsimoneau@gmail.com](mailto:karinsimoneau@gmail.com).



## PSE Science Olympiad – Help Needed!

Many of you in the PSE community are familiar with our Science Olympiad program and what a fun and rewarding club experience this is for many of our 3rd–5th grade students. For those of you not familiar with the program, North Carolina Science Olympiad (NCSO) is a nonprofit organization with the mission to attract and retain the pool of K-12 students entering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees and careers in North Carolina. Every year NCSO hosts tournaments on university, community college, and public school campuses across the state. **These tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of different hands-on, interactive, challenging and inquiry-based events that are well balanced between the various disciplines of biology, earth science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology.** The challenging and self-motivating events of the NCSO align with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study as well as the National Science Education Standards. The events are designed to enhance and strengthen both science content and process skills. A small sample of some of the events in which we have participated in the past are 3, 2,1 Blast Off! (rockets), Backyard Biologist, Data Crunchers (measurement and data analysis), Science Charades, Rock Star and Weather Permitting.

Wendy Ikoku has been the head coach of the PSE Science Olympiad team since it began (7 years ago) and Aileen Westover has been the parent facilitator for the last 5 years. PSE has been blessed with many wonderful PSE teachers and parents who have volunteered their time

to coach over the years. The Science Olympiad program has been an important activity at PSE because it extends the academic rigor of the curriculum in a fun and exciting way. Our students are able to put into practice many of the lessons that are taught in the classroom and work collaboratively with their teammates.

**The Science Olympiad program NEEDS YOU!** In order for this club to continue at PSE, I am looking for someone who is willing to work closely with me to be the acting parent facilitator. My kids are aging out of PSE shortly and we must find someone willing to help Mrs. Ikoku lead this team in the years to come. If we cannot find someone to help fill this role for this year, there is a good chance that the Science Olympiad program will no longer be offered to our students. I am reminded of the folk tale of the Little Red Hen who had seeds to plant and asked her friends for help with planting, harvesting, milling and baking. The common response was “not I.” All of the Little Red Hen’s friends could not find the time to participate in the work required to grow the seeds into the wheat to make the bread. They were all more than happy to agree to help her eat the bread once all the work had been completed to which the Little Red Hen replied, “No.” Please find it in you to help this not so Little Red Hen with the work so all the students can benefit from our efforts together.

If you would like to throw your name into the proverbial hat, please contact me, Aileen Westover, directly at either [amwestover@carolina.rr.com](mailto:amwestover@carolina.rr.com) or 704-287-5940.







## What do you need to know about the PSE Chess Club?

Participants of the PSE Chess Club receive group instruction, attend lectures from chess experts, play games, and attend tournaments. Our team is affiliated with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Scholastic Chess Association (CMSCA). Students who participate must have a genuine interest in improving their game, and conduct themselves in a way that demonstrates both their continued curiosity about chess and their respect for their fellow teammates, the staff and our parent volunteers. Our goal is to have fun learning together!

## When will we meet?

Tryouts for applicants are **Thursday, October 27, 3-4pm** in Mrs. Chapman's room, main building, 2nd floor. You must submit your application by **October 25** (See below.) **Regular practice will run Thursdays, November 3 through early May, 3-4pm, meeting in the Media Center.** Pickup is by carpool at 4pm sharp.

## Who can participate?

Students in 1st to 5th Grade are welcome to apply. Tryouts are required as space is limited. Beginner, intermediate and advanced players are welcome. We will do our best to match students with similar abilities for maximum learning, challenge and fun! The club will attend two Saturday team tournaments (February 25 at West Charlotte High and April 29 at Olympic High, 8:30am-2pm.) Members must be available to play in at least one tournament. Cost is \$60 per person for the year, which includes team fees, instruction and a team t-shirt. Scholarships are available. Parent volunteers are welcome. For more information contact Kelly Keeling at 704.577.3415 or [silverstream.cg@gmail.com](mailto:silverstream.cg@gmail.com).

## How do I sign-up?

All participants who are interested need to complete and return this form to Mrs. Chapman (or to the main office) by **Tuesday, October 25** and must attend tryouts on **Thursday, October 27** after school from 3-4pm. Returning players do not need to tryout but should fill out an application so that we have the most current contact information. Returning players may retain their spots in the club IF they communicate with Mrs. Keeling by October 25.

APPLICATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature, granting permission for student above to participate and ensuring that transportation will

be provided at 4pm on Thursdays \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Level (please circle)    Never played    Know Basics    Play Occasionally    Play Frequently    Rated \_\_\_\_\_

Why I want to join PSE Rocket Chess (prospective members only):



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