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Coming Up

Wed, Nov 16	Reflections Deadline & Rocket Art Deadline
Mon, Nov 21	Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A (Arboretum)
Tue, Nov 22	Loaves & Fishes Food Drive Ends
Nov 23-25	No School - Thanksgiving
Sun, Nov 27	Winter Spirit Wear Sale Ends
Wed, Nov 30	Science Olympiad Club Application Deadline
Fri, Dec 2	Coat Drive Ends

Next Rocket Review on Tue, Nov 29

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Smile! Big PTA News...

We know so many of our families shop on Amazon, and now for the first time, you can shop and help out PSE: **The Providence Spring PTA is now part of the Amazon Smile program!!**

This means that when you shop, we receive 0.5% of eligible purchases (for example, some things, like "Subscribe and Save" items, are excluded).

Here is the only "hard" part - in order to participate, you need to shop on smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com. Unfortunately, your chosen organization is not otherwise tied to your account, so shopping



from the regular site or the app will not work.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for Providence Spring on the program. As always - thank you!

And remember - shop SMILE.AMAZON.COM this holiday season.

(You can also get to our Amazon site via the official banner now located on the [PTA](#) and [PSE school](#) sites).

Send Photos for the Yearbook!



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.

And get ready, students! The Yearbook Cover Contest is coming soon!

Questions? Contact Julia Heinzerling, juliaheinzerling@gmail.com, or Karin Simoneau, karinsimoneau@gmail.com.

PSE Kids Voting Election Results

Click to view [PSE's Kids Voting 2016 election results](#), thanks to GenerationNation.

And a big THANK YOU to our awesome Mrs. Berlacher, Mrs. Segarra, and all of our volunteers!



GenerationNation



Providence Spring Elementary – Winter 2016 Spirit Wear

Please visit pay4schoolstuff.com to place your order by 11/27/16.

Orders will be delivered by 12/20/16

Long Sleeve T-shirt
Forest Green, Aquatic Blue, or Dark Heather Gray
PSE Home Logo



Youth XS-XL	\$15
Adult S-3XL	\$15

Long Sleeve Game Day Jersey - Coral
Providence Spring Logo on BACK.
Oversized



Youth S-L	\$30
Adult S-2XL	\$32

Long Sleeve Performance Tee
Heather Green
Providence Spring Rockets Logo



Youth S-XL	\$26
Adult S-3XL	\$26

Burnout Hooded Sweatshirt -Deep Coral
Providence Spring Paint Splatter Logo
Runs Small



Youth S-XL	\$28
Adult S-2XL	\$28

Black with White Hooded Sweatshirt
Providence Spring Elementary Logo



Youth XS-XL	\$26
Adult XS-3XL	\$28

Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt
Neon Blue and Forest Green
Providence Spring Logo



Youth XS-XL	\$28
Adult S-3XL	\$30

New Staff Introductions

Liz Janson, Lunch Assistant



Hi! My name is Liz Janson and I am excited to be at PSE this year helping out in the lunchroom. This is my family's 10th year at PSE, I have been volunteering at the school since the beginning! I am married and have four children. My youngest daughter is currently in the third grade here at PSE and my three sons all attend Providence High School. I consider

myself a true Charlottean having moved here from Rochester, New York, at 5 years old. I am also a CMS "graduate" and began at Cotswold Elementary in the first grade, Randolph Middle School and graduated from West Charlotte High School. I went on to Virginia Tech for college and CUNY for law school. Some of my passions include my four children, all of whom have been to PSE, reading historical fiction, going to the public library, NPR, walking on the city greenways and working out at the YMCA, volunteering with the Legal Aid Society, and traveling to Keuka Lake, NY, with my family every summer. I am proud to be a part of the PSE family and can't wait to meet all the students in the lunchroom this year!

Holly Noye, First Grade



What an honor it is to be joining the Providence Spring Elementary family! My name is Holly Noye and I joined the first grade team at the beginning of October. I graduated in 2002 from Harding University with a degree in Elementary Education. As my family has moved around the country, I have taught in Knoxville,

Tennessee (my home town), Newport News, Virginia, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. We look forward to putting down roots in Charlotte.

I am a mother of two boys, Maddox (10) and Jack (5), who are a wealth of information on Greek mythology

and Lego design, respectively. We also have a furry family member, Percy Jackson Noye. I treasure being a mom and we enjoy hiking, biking, and playing board games. My family loves college football and our house is divided between the Tennessee Volunteers and the Florida State Seminoles. To unwind I enjoy gardening, hammocking, and reading comedic essays and first grade narratives.

Whether it is reading a book, completing a Lego creation, adding the finishing touches to an artistic masterpiece, or mastering a musical number they have been working on, I believe that there is nothing sweeter than to see students engaged in active joyful learning. I love these words from Bernard Shaw, "What we want is to see the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child." My goal for this year is that my students leave my classroom yearning to know more and be more because they have truly been engaged in their education.

Pooja Oberoi, Lunch Assistant

Hello Providence Spring! My name is Pooja Oberoi, and I am very thrilled to be a part of PSE. I might sound familiar to many as I have been actively volunteering at school, whether it's the classroom, lunchroom, field trips, or in the nurse's office.

I live in Charlotte with my husband and our beautiful daughter, Rheaa. We relocated from Delhi, India, in 2014. I was raised in Toronto, Canada. My background is in Human Resources. I love meeting people and spending quality time with friends and family. I also enjoy working independently on different projects outside of school.

I have always wanted to work in the school to make a positive difference in children's lives. After all, they are our bright future.

I strongly believe "The determination to win is the better part of winning."

Thank you, PSE, for this exciting learning opportunity.

Food Drive & Coat Drive

Each year, our school proudly participates in one of Charlotte's local food drives, Loaves & Fishes. We are collecting canned and nonperishable food items **until November 22** in order to help replenish their shelves. No fresh or frozen food, and no glass, please!

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation (checks only), please make checks out to "Loaves and Fishes." Checks can be given to your child's teacher.

Please encourage your students to help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors who rely on Loaves & Fishes to feed themselves and their families.



As you prepare for the cold weather, please consider donating new or gently used coats to PSE's annual winter coat drive benefiting Charlotte's Crisis

Assistance Ministry. Boys' and girls' coats in all sizes are needed, as well as gloves, mittens, scarves, and winter hats.

The coat drive runs **until December 2**. There is a donation box in the front hallway at PSE.



Be a Caring Turkey!

The class in each grade level that provides the most cans of food will receive our Caring Turkey Award trophy, which they get to keep for the year!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FALL BOOK FAIR!

YOUR TREMENDOUS GENEROSITY TO OUR TEACHERS,
CLASSROOMS AND THE LEVINE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
ARE ALL VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE
THIS BOOK FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN IN
THE SPRING.



PSE Science Olympiad Club Information

What is Science Olympiad?

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. (Adapted from www.sciencenc.com)

For more information and to review the events for this year, please visit www.sciencenc.com and select Division A – Grades 3-6.

Who is running it and when?

What costs are involved?

Wendy Ikoku is the head coach. Aileen Westover and Stephanie D'Souza are the parent facilitators. This will be PSE's 8th year participating in NC Science Olympiad and we have been blessed with some wonderful PSE teachers who have volunteered to coach, but....we will need parent coaches as well. **There will be 19 different events this year requiring coaches. Please consider coaching – it is fun and VERY rewarding.**

We will meet every Friday from 3:00-4:15 p.m., starting January 6, 2017. The competition will be held on a Saturday in either late May or early June from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at UNCC (at this time the competition date has not been scheduled). This club takes a lot of hard work, dedication and time commitment. We need students to be at every meeting and stay the whole day at the competition at UNCC in May. You will also need to practice on your own at home by studying and perfecting your event!

This year, there is a membership fee of **\$40 per student**. This fee will cover the cost of team registration, team t-shirts, and materials needed for the various practice events.

Who can join and where can I sign up?

Any student can apply to be part of the team if they are in **grades 3-5**. We are limited to 3 teams of 12 students per team. The teams will have a distribution of members from grades 3-5. Due to these restrictive numbers, students will be asked to provide the following: **answers to a series of questions describing why they would be a good Science Olympiad team member, a teacher recommendation, and current science grades.** The application will be made available on **Tuesday, November 15th. The short answer questions, essays and teacher recommendations will be due by Wednesday, November 30th to Mrs. Ikoku.** Students will be informed by **Friday, Dec 9th** if they have been selected to participate in the club. There will be a mandatory informational meeting **Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.** for parents and students. The fee will be due at that time.



Science Olympiad Club Questions?

Contact Aileen Westover:

704-287-5940
OR

amwestover@carolina.rr.com

PSE PTA Profit & Loss for October

Opening Balance as of 10/1/16	\$106,126.35
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Book Fair	\$2,941.87
Brick Campaign	\$100.00
Capital Donations	\$5,017.78
Citipass	\$2,700.00
Directory	\$126.00
Family Night Dinner	\$334.00
Field Days Income	\$468.00
Food Fundraisers	\$149.67
Free Fundraisers	\$419.75
Membership	\$619.00
Publications	\$190.00
School Store	\$434.50
School Supplies	\$1,671.64
Spirit Wear	\$701.00
Sponsorships	\$3,550.00
Yearbook	\$630.00
Total Income	\$20,053.21
Expense	
Book Fair Expense	\$254.00
Art Appreciation	\$47.45
Beautification & Grounds	\$300.00
Character Education	\$87.38
Cultural Arts	\$5,663.24
Hospitality & Staff Recognition	\$48.68
Principals Discretionary	\$180.09
Technology and Educational Fund	-\$110.00
Total PTA-PSE Educational Expense	\$6,216.84
PTA Operational Expenses	
Bank Fees	\$952.77
PTA Dues	\$1,918.00
Total PTA Operational Expenses	\$2,870.77
School Store Expense	\$152.15
School Supplies Expense	\$175.85
Spirit Wear	\$4,669.50
Spring Carnival Expense	\$50.00
Total Expense	\$14,389.11
Other Expense	
Gallery Night Expense	
Gallery Night - Art Expense	\$160.41
Gallery Night - Music Expense	-\$195.00
Total Gallery Night Expense	-\$34.59
Media Wish List	\$5,000.00
Total Managed Assigned Accounts	\$4,965.41
PY Tech & Ed Fund	-\$5,135.87
Total Other Expense	-\$170.46
Ending Balance as of 10/31/16	\$111,960.91

Your Rocket Dollars at Work!

Thanks to your generosity, we are pleased to report that your Rocket Dollars provided these items in October:



Field Trips for K, 1st, 3rd & 4th grades



Outdoor Maintenance



Character Ed and Art Appreciation Supplies



NC PTA Dues

Box Tops for Education



Clip those Box Tops found on General Mills products and send them to school!

We receive **10¢** for each Box Top we submit. We

just sent in about 4,000! Let's see if we can beat that number with our next collection in March.

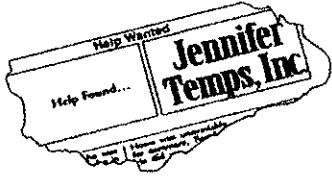
Send in Box Tops with your child and they can place them in the Box Tops mailbox by the front office.

For a complete list of products that carry the Box Tops symbol, visit www.boxtops4education.com.

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 November 2](#)



Substitute Cafeteria Workers Needed ASAP!

Jennifer Temps, Inc

1973 J. N. Pease Place Suite 201, Charlotte, NC 28262

Phone: 704-510-1556 / Fax: 704-510-2053

JOB SUMMARY:

Looking for people to perform a variety of routine tasks and operations.

- Prepare Food
- Cook Food
- Serve food to customers
- Assembles food supplies and equipment for daily food production.
- No experience required, training provided.



JOB DESCRIPTION:

Title: Substitute Cafeteria Worker
Reports to: Jennifer Temps, Inc
Address: 1973 J. N. Pease Place Suite 201
Charlotte, NC 28262
Pay Rate: \$9.00 per hour

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FOR SOMETHING WE
DONT CARE ABOUT
IS CALLED STRESS.
WORKING HARD FOR
SOMETHING WE LOVE
IS CALLED PASSION.



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