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Coming Up

Wed, Apr 5	PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM Everyone welcome!
Fri, Apr 7	No School – Teacher Workday
Apr 10-14	Spring Break
Apr 18-25	Spring Challenge Run
Tue, Apr 25	PSE Spirit Night, Chick- fil-A, 3 PM-8 PM
Wed, Apr 26	Early Release Day
Thu, Apr 27	Gallery Walk, 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Next Rocket Review on Tue, Apr 25



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SPRING PERSONAL BEST CHALLENGE RUN

Tuesday, April 18 – Tuesday, April 25



It's that time of year when the children head out to the track during their regularly scheduled PE time for the Personal Best Challenge Run. Volunteer responsibilities are simple, yet **very important**. Your job is to come during your child's class, and **keep a tally of how many laps they run** in their given time period. For the Challenge Run to go smoothly, and effectively we need at least **SIX VOLUNTEERS PER CLASS!!!**

Please review the Challenge Run day and time to see if you can help count laps. Please check in at the table by the track 10 minutes prior to your child's run time (even if you're a pro at counting laps) so we know that the class is covered with enough volunteers. *If you are late your spot may be given to someone else. Thank you so much!

Tuesday, April 18

9:10 Stewart (1)
 10:05 White (K)
 11:00 Romig (2)
 12:20 Shipman (5)
 1:15 Nido (3)
 2:10 Vick (3)

Wednesday, April 19

8:15 Hinton (K)
 9:10 Mayer (1)
 10:05 Aquilone (K)
 11:00 Chapman (2)
 12:20 Bernie-Lucien (5)
 1:15 Arbo (3)
 2:10 Adamson (3)

Thursday, April 20

8:15 Simpson (K)
 9:10 Denton (1)
 10:05 Bobbins (K)
 11:00 DeJuneas (2)
 12:20 Blaszak (5)
 1:15 Columbus (4)
 2:10 Brown (3)

Friday, April 21

9:10 Safran (1)
 10:05 Bridges (K)
 11:00 Baker/Ebert (2)
 12:20 Fletcher (5)
 1:15 McCrocklin (3)
 2:10 Horgan (3)

Monday, April 24

8:15 Lynch (2)
 9:10 Noye (1)
 10:05 Bubany (K)
 11:00 Hamilton (2)
 12:20 Grabon (5)
 1:15 Pistorio (4)
 2:10 Langeland (3)

Tuesday, April 25

8:15 Trevisan (2)
 9:10 Shelton (1)
 10:05 Kirchendorfer (K only)
 11:00 McMurray (2)
 12:20 Sanford (5)
 1:15 Surratt (4)
 2:10 Langlois (3)

*If you can **volunteer** for your child's class please go to the Sign Up Genius link:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084caea62ea1fc1-fall>

For any questions regarding your volunteering please contact Amanda Wyatt at whitlowwyatt@hotmail.com or Shirin Vandekar at shirinatri@gmail.com



If you have any questions about the Challenge Run please email Mrs. Wyatt at Lindsay.maxson@cms.k12.nc.us

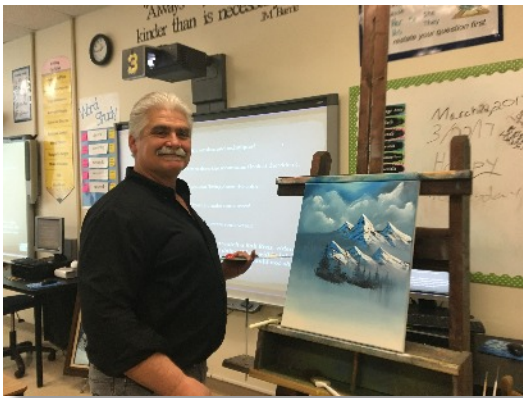
***Remember you can also run with your child if you would like!!!
 Thank you so very much for your continuous support.

Art Appreciation News

Each month, Art Appreciation lessons are taught by wonderful parent volunteers in every class. In March, all our students learned about the painter Bob Ross, who parents might remember from the PBS television show, *The Joy of Painting*, which aired in the 1980s and '90s.

Mrs. Blaszak's class was treated to an extra special painting demonstration by David Hunt, owner and artist at Eight Legs Gallery in Waxhaw. Parent Julia Pfefferkorn, who also paints in David's gallery, brought him in to help because David actually studied with Bob Ross!

David was extremely gracious in demonstrating his painting techniques to the kids. Parent volunteer Leslee Black was also on hand in the classroom to assist the kids in painting the "happy little trees" that Bob Ross was famous for.



If you have not done so, please check out Eight Legs Gallery in Waxhaw. Adult art lessons are taught by Renea McGuire on Wednesday mornings and evenings, and children's classes are on Thursday nights. They also offer glass making, pottery, and drawing classes.

Thank you to David Hunt for a great painting experience and for gifting his artwork to a student in Ms. Blaszak's class.



"Everyone is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up." - Pablo Picasso

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

March 23-25, **your faculty** here at PSE **played a tremendous leadership role in the National Paideia Conference** held right here in Charlotte, and I want you to know the talent and expertise they exhibited both here on campus and at the convention site itself. I'll try to be brief in my comments but there is so much to brag about, it will be difficult.



March 23 – Thursday. Providence Spring served as a demonstration site for conference goers from 10 states and from the Philippines as well as our neighboring school, Beverly Woods, which is going through the second year of Paideia implementation. Demonstration seminars were held in the following teachers' classrooms: Ms. Blaszak, Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. Arbo, Mrs. Columbus, Mrs. Adamson and Mrs. Trevisan... **to rave reviews.**

That afternoon, our **11 National Faculty members attended a National Faculty leadership meeting** at the conference site. The National Faculty from PSE includes Mr. Surratt, Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Bernier-Lucien, Mrs. Ikoku, Ms. Keith, Mrs. Pistorio, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Trevisan and, yes, they let me in, too.

March 25 – Friday. **Our own Ann Clark gave the keynote address**, "Why Excellence Matters," and cited Providence Spring and its faculty as one of the finest schools in Charlotte, corrected herself and said "in the state" and then corrected herself again and said if we had a way to measure performance nationally, "probably in the nation." She recognized the hard work of our teachers and said that she visited PSE the first day of this school year (and she did) and we were all hard at work. She continued by saying she will again be on our campus the last day of this school year and she expects to see the same rigor and challenge our school has become known for – even on the last day.

Just an aside... being recognized by someone we all so admire feels very good. And, **for the break-out sessions Friday afternoon**, you may recognize the following names who were presenters:

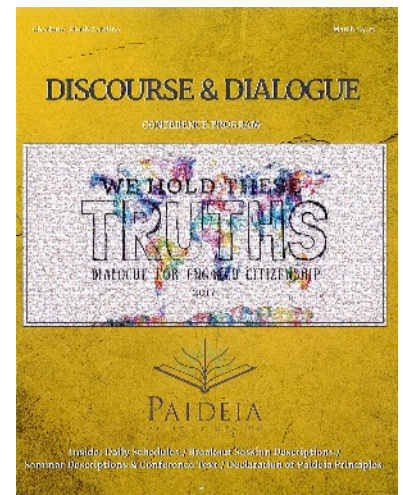
1. Vocabulary and the Developing Citizen – **Mark Surratt** and **Wendy Ikoku**
2. Paideia Projects for Engaged Citizenship – **Lynn Keith** and **Adrienne Shelton**
3. Preserving a Paideia Legacy: How to Make it Stick – **Diane Adams** and **Heidi Trevisan**
4. Using Faculty Seminars to Build Community – **Wendy Ikoku** and **Lynn Keith**

I tell all of you this information for **three reasons**. **First**, the support you, through your PTA, provide us, allows us the incredible opportunity to grow as educators and to weave the magic of the Paideia philosophy of teaching and learning throughout our school. Your support of yearly professional development costs, your volunteering for teacher planning days, your covering the cost of conference registration and some limited travel, and your payment of substitutes for national faculty when they are away for training have allowed us to provide a program for our students **that is much better today than it was just a year or so ago** but not nearly as good as it will be in the future with the support you continue to provide. **Second**, with your assistance, we are helping to spread good practice in our neighboring schools, which in turn makes us stronger because we go **from being a Paideia oasis to a Paideia partner** in this labor-intensive endeavor. **Third** – and this is what keeps me up at night – we want you to **never lose sight of the value of a Paideia education** for our children. Whatever the changes that might occur in our environment, PSE parents must always insist that our children be "educationally reared" in this challenging and rigorous fashion because... **they deserve nothing less.**

So, thanks for supporting the best of the educational world for the students who will be quite capable of taking over the reins one day quite soon. We salute your untiring efforts, your understanding of excellence, and your sharing of a common vision for our children which helps us to follow Ralph Waldo Emerson's sage advice:

"Do not go where the path may lead; go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."

-Diane Adams



PSE Gallery Walk is almost here!

April 27th
6 - 7:30pm

Come and enjoy this fundraiser benefiting the wonderful Art, Music and PE departments at PSE. Browse the artwork covering the walls, give a donation, and take home a masterpiece created by your student!

The evening will include performances by the PSE Choir, Chimes, Percussion and Jump Rope Team. There will also be clay demonstrations in the art room. Meet some Providence High School and PSE alumni art students who will be there showing off some of their skills.

Don't go home hungry! Hungry Howie's Pizza and SAS Cupcakes (including gluten-free options) will be available in the cafeteria. Info on pre-ordering your food will be sent out soon. Cash and credit cards will be accepted at the door.



THANK YOU

Thank you for another record breaking
Spring Book Fair!

More than 5,700 books were
purchased for our students and
classrooms. Together with the
Fall Book Fair, that's a record
12,100 books this year.

As always, your generosity is
TRULY OUTSTANDING
and greatly appreciated!





Join the conversation!

Community Engagement Sessions to discuss the 2017-2018 CMS Operating Budget

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools will host three community engagement sessions to discuss the 2017-2018 operating budget recommendation. Employees, parents and community members are invited to attend and learn about the current budget climate and budget priorities for the next school year.

LOCATIONS

April 17, 2017: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Francis Bradley Middle School
13345 Beatties Ford Road

April 18, 2017: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Eastway Middle School
1501 Norland Road

April 19, 2017: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Jay M. Robinson Middle School
5925 Ballantyne Commons Parkway



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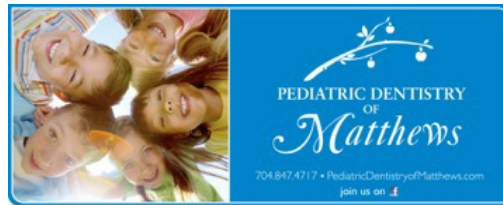
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