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Coming Up

Wed, Oct 4	PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM Everyone welcome!
Thu, Oct 5	Spirit Night – Chick-fil-A
Oct 11 - 18	Book Fair Preview
Wed, Oct 18	Early Release Day
Oct 19 - 26	Book Fair Sales
Mon, Oct 23	After School Book Fair Sales, 3 PM - 6 PM
Thu, Oct 26	Family Night Dinner, 5 PM - 7 PM
Fri, Oct 27	End of Quarter
Mon, Oct 30	No School - Teacher Workday
Oct 31 - Nov 9	BoosterThon

Next Rocket Review on Fri, Oct 27



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Welcome to the PSE Family

Dear Parents,

The Providence Spring Elementary family of students, parents, educators and staff is thrilled to welcome you to Providence Spring Elementary. PSE is exceptional in so many ways we would like for you to get to know our family.

From our treasured 23-acre campus and outdoor learning areas to our 3-D printer in the computer lab; from our community service projects to our leadership in district and state academic excellence; from the local history that surrounds us to the community partners we build, we join together to pursue our passion as lifelong learners.

As groups of students walk along the trail to “the spring” that is our namesake, they learn about the Native Americans who once inhabited our property. We are reminded of the four pillars upon which our school is built. It is these four pillars that drive our learning.

Our first pillar is that of the principles of Paideia learning through rigorous and challenging academic instruction. We are, in fact, a demonstration site for the National Paideia Center.

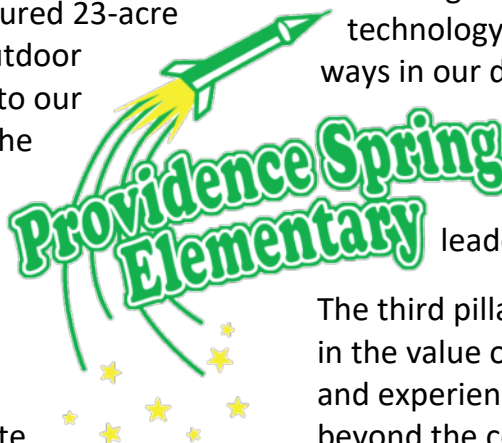
Our second pillar is our commitment to 21st century learning as we incorporate technology in meaningful ways in our daily lessons and prepare our students to become digital leaders.

The third pillar is our conviction in the value of outdoor learning and experiencing the world beyond the confines of brick walls. The NC Museum of Natural Sciences has cited our campus as one of the premier schoolyard habitats in the state.

The final pillar that unifies us is our sense of responsibility for supporting the character development of the whole child through each lesson, each day.

We welcome you to our school as we develop the “scholars of today” into the “leaders of tomorrow.”

The Providence Spring Family



Alumni News

PSE Alumna **Eliana Berger** was recently named the statewide **2017 Student Teacher of the Year** by the North Carolina Association for Colleges and Teacher Educators!



Ms. Berger, who came to PSE as a second-grader in Mrs. Fletcher's class when the school first opened in 2002, is currently in her first year of teaching at Oakhurst STEAM Academy. She graduated in May from UNC Greensboro, where she was chosen as the outstanding undergraduate student teacher for her class. She is also the daughter of PSE's own Tess Berger.

Congratulations Eliana! Your Rocket family is proud of you!

Cafeteria Concerts

Where our Rockets showcase their talent....

Do you play an instrument? Do you like to sing or dance? Tell a joke or riddle? Cafeteria Concerts are for you. During your lunch period you can perform in front of your entire grade. You will come to lunch at your regular time and check in at the performance table. Eat your lunch and perform. Please keep your performance to 2-3 minutes so we can fit the most students.

The first concert will be Friday, Oct 20. Click on the link below to sign up:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4faea82da5fb6-cafeteria

Note: What is appropriate at your home may not be appropriate for all students. Please choose only appropriate material for the whole community. If your song is from Kidz Bop make sure the lyrics you print out are from there as well.

A piano will be available all other instruments must be provided by the student. If singing please provide a CD of music.

Questions? Email Michael Flood at: papafloody@yahoo.com



Battery Drive News

A great big THANK YOU to everyone that made our battery drive for Metro School a HUGE success!

Together we donated more than 1,000 (1,004, to be exact!) batteries to Metro School. The donated batteries will be used in devices that assist with communication for students with significant disabilities at our "sister school." To have such a big impact in such a direct way is something to be proud of – **THANK YOU AGAIN, ROCKETS!!!**



– Julia Heinzerling, PTA Vice President of Outreach

For All Our Volunteers

Volunteering is such an important part of our school. There are so many programs that couldn't happen without parent involvement.

CMS has a volunteer management system in place that all adults coming on campus to volunteer must go through. **Please be sure to reactivate your volunteer profile if you have been an approved volunteer in the past. Please log onto your volunteer profile at cmsvolunteers.com and update your profile (if needed) and hit the submit button on the bottom of the page. Please make sure that your name on your profile matches your name as printed on your driver's license.**

If this is your first time in CMS, please apply to become an approved volunteer at cmsvolunteers.com.

Your name must appear on our school approved volunteer list in order for you to come in to volunteer!

Question? Contact Tess Berger at tessv.berger@cms.k12.nc.us

The PSE Directory Goes Digital!

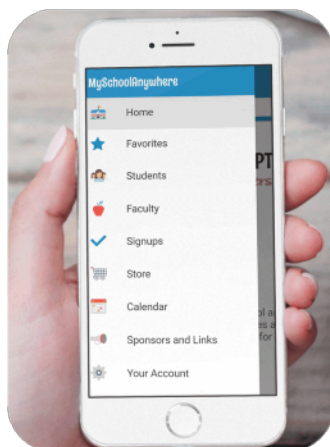
The PSE Directory is now online with MySchoolAnywhere.com!



View the PSE Directory from your computer or mobile device – there's a free app for [Apple](#) and [Android](#). Just \$2/family gives you access to the latest student and faculty contact information, class rosters and more.

Features

- Easy to search by student, parent, family, and faculty
- Tap to call, text and email from the mobile app
- Keep your family's information updated throughout the year
- Control what information is shared in the directory
- Your data is secured using SSL encryption, password protection, and access controls (access can only be granted to PSE families & faculty)
- Includes up to 4 access accounts per family



Help make our directory complete and add your info today!

STEP 1 – Provide Info

Whether or not you decide to purchase access to view the directory, you can add your family's information to help us keep the directory current and accurate:

1. Go to join.myschoolanywhere.com
2. Enter our code: **psepta**

3. Follow the screen prompts to securely enter your family's information. We will be notified of your entry. Once we confirm that you're a PSE family, we'll accept your info into the directory and email instructions for creating your password-protected account(s). You do not have to purchase access in order to be included, but you won't be able to view the full directory unless you've purchased access.

STEP 2 - Purchase Access (optional, but recommended!)

1. Purchase the Directory item on Pay4SchoolStuff.com (under Back to School Forms, Fees & Purchases). Remember:
Just \$2 for the whole family (includes up to 4 individual accounts)
Don't forget to download the mobile app
2. Within 48 hours of receiving your order, we'll activate your access so you can view the entire directory

Questions? Contact Genie Ombach (gombach@gmail.com) or Jess Finn (jessfinn@gmail.com).

CMS Bonds Vote

On the ballot this fall will be the important issue of bonds for building and renovating CMS schools.



The Mecklenburg PTA Council voted to endorse the bonds. Early voting starts Oct 19 and Election Day is Nov 7. You can find out more information on the [CMS Bond Information Site](#).

School Store News

The PSE School Store will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 7:25 AM to 7:55 AM, starting Oct 2.



This is a great opportunity to teach kids about money, commerce and responsibility. If you would like to volunteer, contact Maggie at mwjamison@gmail.com

Important Parking Information



Our wonderful community partner, Providence Presbyterian Church, allows us the use of their parking lot during school events when the PSE lot and the CATS lot on Alexa Rd. become full. Do not block other cars in or park in the fire lane at PSE or at the church.

Please fill the CATS lot first before using the church lot.

Please use the first two rows of available parking nearest the street in the church lot. Be sure not to block entrances or driveways in and out of the church. Be sure to leave time to walk down to the school.

The small lot to the right of the church is never available for PSE event parking neither is the area in front of the cemetery.

All cars parked in our driveway or around the median in our parking lot must be moved from those areas by 2:40 pm due to our buses arriving and the carpool line.

Thank you!

School Attendance Facts

1. If your child will not be attending school, please send an email to pseabsent@cms.k12.nc.us with the reason for the absence.
2. If your child has an **unexcused** absence or tardy, an automated phone call will be generated from the district to the home phone number listed in powerschool. If you have already notified us as to the reason for your child's absence there is nothing else you need to do. The phone calls are generated each day and unfortunately we cannot turn them off.
3. A complete explanation of excused (lawful) and unexcused (unlawful) reasons for missing school can be found in the parent handbook located on the PSE website under forms and information. The state requires the school to send home letters when a student accrues unexcused absences even when we are informed as to the reason for these absences.
4. A student must be in school for 210 minutes in order for the day to count. For example, your student arrives at school on time (8:00 am) and gets picked up at 11:15. The time would not add up to enough minutes and therefore the student would be marked absent for the day. The earliest a student can be picked up for day, if he or she arrived on time, is **11:30 am**. You can take your student out for an appointment and return them later in the day and as long as the minutes add up to 210, the student is considered present for the day.

Please contact Tess Berger, tessv.berger@cms.k12.nc.us, if you have any questions about attendance policies.

Join Remind for Bus Updates

PSE uses the Remind messaging tool to get the information out in the afternoon about late buses. Remind allows parents to receive a cell phone text message with real-time late bus information. We use this system when a PSE bus is scheduled to be significantly late (more than 15 minutes). Please be aware that all bus schedules are generated by CMS Transportation and are estimates based on most current information received.

Join the Remind group simply by texting "@pseb" to 81010.

You will receive a confirmation text letting you know you are part of the PSE Buses group. You may opt out at any time by replying "unsubscribe@pseb."





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WITHIN REACH

PSE STUDENTS: Would you like to win a **\$10 gift card** for sharing your artistic talents?

Think about the theme **“Within Reach”** and create an entry in one of the following categories:



Up to fifteen winners chosen from each grade division:
Kindergarten-2nd Grade
3rd– 5th Grade

Deadline: Thursday, November 2nd

Rules and Entry Form:

<http://meckptareflections.weebly.com>

The class with the most entries wins a popsicle party!

FALL BOOK FAIR

Student Preview : Oct. 10th - 18th

Sales : Oct. 19th - 26th

After School Shopping Open to all Rockets :

Oct. 23rd 3-6 pm

Family Night Dinner : Oct. 26th 5-7 pm

*** Parents are welcome to shop with their child's class.**

Buying Time	Thurs, Oct. 19	Fri, Oct. 20	Mon, Oct. 23	Tues, Oct. 24	Wed, Oct. 25	Thurs, Oct. 26
8:15 -9:00	Poole (2)	Adamson (3)	Brown (3)	Vick (3)	DeJuneas (2)	Ference (2)
9:10 -9:55	Reynolds (2)	Shuman (2)	Simpson (k)	White (k)	Maddox (2)	McMillen (2)
10:05 -10:50	Hinton (k)	Kirchen - dorfer (k)	Pederson (k)	Stewart (1)		Bridges (k)
11:00 -11:45	Mayer (1)	Mott (1)	Shelton (1)	Wexler (1)	Aquilone/ Boardman (1)	Connolly (1)
12:20 -1:05	Hamilton (5)	Sanford (5)	Shipman (5)		Fletcher (5)	Grabon (5)
1:15 -2:00	Ebert (4)	McMurra -y (4)	Pistorio (4)	Surratt (4)	Arbo (4)	Columbus (4)
2:10 -2:55	Bobbins (k)	Langlois (3)	Nido (3)	Romig (3)	Chapman (3)	Horgan (3)

Open 7:45 am during Sales. Students must first go to their classroom and get a hall pass before coming to the Book Fair.

Shop the PSE Book Fair Online Oct. 19-29

www.scholastic.com/bf/psefair

Books will be delivered to your child's classroom free of charge.

Interested in helping out?

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4FA5A828A6FC1-psefall

Questions? Email Erin Williams (erinmaric607@aol.com)

Michelle Kidd (mishur777@yahoo.com)

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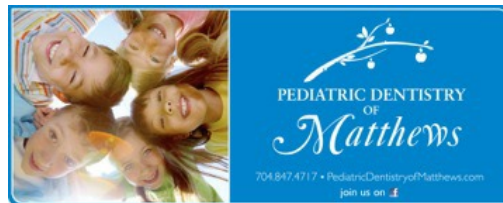
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