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Coming Up

Dec 20 - Jan 2	Winter Break
Thu, Jan 4	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
Wed, Jan. 10	PTA Meeting, 9:30 AM in Rocket Cafe. All are welcome!
Mon, Jan 15	No School – MLK Jr. Day
Tue, Jan 16	Rocket Raffle begins
Wed, Jan 17	Class Picture Day
Fri, Jan 19	End of Quarter
Mon, Jan 22	No School - Teacher Work-day
Wed, Jan 31	Rocket Raffle ends

Next Rocket Review on Fri, Jan. 26
 Deadline for submissions: Jan 22 at 5 PM



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The Annual PSE Rocket Raffle

Get excited! The best fundraiser of the year is coming!

“Grant the Teachers’ Wishes”



What is the Rocket Raffle? This fundraiser is overwhelmingly the favorite for students and staff alike. Each and every raffle item has been donated by one or more of our wonderful teachers, staff, or administrators. In January, the list of raffle prizes will be sent home. Students, with the help of their parents, can choose which raffle prizes to buy tickets for.

The tickets are 5 for \$5, 12 tickets for \$10, and 25 tickets for \$20. The directions for how to purchase your tickets and select your prizes will be included in the packet. There are nearly 100 events being offered! The kids love being able to spend bonus time in small groups with their teachers and other staff members doing fun, non-classroom activities. There are also entries for adults, like parking spaces for fifth-grade graduation and Celebration of Nations. We have a lot of NEW items in the raffle this year, so please take some time to go through all of the offerings. **Rocket Raffle Kick Off will be on Tuesday, January 16.** There will be a two-week window during which you can purchase your tickets. The winners of each raffle prize will be chosen at random and students will be notified during the first part of February.

This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, with all of the money raised going directly back to the school. This year, we will **Grant the Teachers’ Wishes!** In past years, we have raised in excess of \$10,000 from the Rocket Raffle, which enables the school to continue to offer the best educational opportunities possible for our students. Please help support our school while providing great experiences for you and your children.

We're Looking for a Few Good Dads – for Dad Corps!

What is DAD CORPS? A great way for Dads to help out before school begins. We are Hall Monitors at school in the morning from 7:20 AM -8 AM. Say good morning to kids as they head to class, give them high 5’s, fist bumps and help them if they need help. Sign up for one day, multiple days, last minute when available - whatever works best for you. Our presence allows staff to continue preparing for their day. Email Todd Glickman at tglick823@gmail.com for sign up information. Thanks for helping keep our scholars safe.

Character Education

The PSE Character Education Initiative has continued to evolve over the years. This year the administrators, staff, and parent volunteers will continue to emphasize the importance of instilling positive “life skills”, or character traits, into the curriculum throughout the day. It is our goal at PSE to teach the students the importance of developing and displaying good character traits encompassing respect, responsibility, and relationships. Every student at PSE begins the day by reciting the Character Pledge as a part of the school initiative which enables them to grow academically and socially. In addition, service learning is a valuable component of the character Initiative which also enhances student learning. The National Service-Learning Clearinghouse defines service-learning as “a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.” Each grade level carefully selects a service project that is age appropriate and conducive to enriching the curriculum. In addition, the entire school community participates in a service project for the Levine Children’s Hospital each fall during character week. Thank you to the character volunteers who helped to organize and deliver the donation to Levine and Mrs. Barnash, PTA character representative, for her assistance. Below is a letter we received from the events assistant at Levine:

Thank you and all of your students at Providence Spring Elementary School (and I’m sure the families too) for your absolutely awesome donation for the patients here at Levine Children’s Hospital. Your selection of toys and activity items was amazing and provided joy and encouragement to all ages! We also sent the monetary donations to the foundation for further use. I am sure to have this collection as complete as it must have taken a great deal of effort – it shows and is greatly appreciated. You have made a huge difference in the lives of many children who are on the road to recovery. We thank each of you again and wish each of you safe and healthy holiday season to come.

Kindergarten Service Learning: Project Bark



This past semester, Kindergarten students learned about the needs of animals through a unit of study about pets. Students learned about needs of living things, how to care for animals, compared different kinds of animals, and learned how to help animals in our community. Kindergarten students

and families participated in our annual service project called Project BARK. We collected cat and dog food, pet treats, pet toys, and bath towels to donate to a local animal shelter. We had a very successful service project and were able to donate a car full of items to the animal shelter!

More Yearbook Info

Do keep sending your child’s school-related pictures to:

pseyearbook2017@gmail.com.



They can be at lunch, in class, or school-related events of activities. No log-in or password is needed!

Other reminders:

- Class group photos are Jan. 17
- Club groups and candids are Feb. 20
- 5th Grade Panorama Photo is Feb. 20

Note: We hope your kids can be present but unfortunately there will not be a make-up date otherwise.

Early Dismissal

We encourage parents to make dentist/doctor appointments for their children after regular school hours; however, we know that this option is not always available. If you need to pick your child up from school for an early dismissal in the afternoon, **please do so before 2:30pm**. The office will no longer interrupt class for an early dismissal between 2:30 and 3:00. In order to minimize the classroom disruption at the end of the day, please make your child’s teacher aware of this early dismissal by written note. This way your child will be packed up and ready to go when the office calls the classroom, upon your arrival.

PTA Reflections Contest Winners



Thank you to all the students who participated in the PTA Reflections contest this year. We received 86 entries. **Mrs. Fletcher's fifth grade class** will receive a popsicle party for having the most students participate. The theme for this year's contest was **"Within Reach."** Students were asked to think about the theme and then create an entry in one of six available art categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual art. College students and the Matthews Library helped with our "blind judging" based on the following criteria: interpretation of the theme, creativity, and technique/skill. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as winners. In addition to winning \$10 gift cards, their entries will now advance to the county level of the competition.

Primary Winners (K-2nd Grade)

- Abigail Styron (Aquilone): Photography – Staying Healthy is Always "Within Reach" at Squirrel Lake
- Angelina Lambright (Reynolds): Photography – Mother Nature is Hurting
- Landon Vandekar (Mayer): Photography – Zero Goes to Heaven
- Olivia Jacobs (Reynolds): Photography – Pre-Wash Cycle = Scout
- Addison Miles (Reynolds): Visual Art – Love is Within Reach
- Akul Punaji (Aquilone): Visual Art – Save Trees, Save Nature
- Amrita Ananth (Poole): Visual Art – Color of Success is Within Reach
- Anindita Rajkumar (Poole): Visual Art – Doctor
- Bobby Barnash (DeJuneas): Visual Art – Reaching My Dreams
- Dhanyasree Thiruvengadathan (Mott): Visual Art – Dolphin Trainer
- Julian Short (Connolly): Visual Art – Soccer Work
- Killian Dries (Maddox): Visual Art – Reach for the Stars

Intermediate Winners (3rd-5th Grade)

- Claire Beller (Grabon): Dance – Possible
- Julianna Taylor (Surratt): Film – A Friend is Always Within Reach
- Lucy Sleime (Vick): Film – Within Reach
- Diya Mouleeswaran (Fletcher): Literature – Reach for the Stars
- Luca Cyrus (Fletcher): Literature – Cookie Dreams Now and Then
- Odette Vega (Horgan): Literature – Reachable
- Sia Mehta (Fletcher): Literature – Someday
- Akrithi Ilangovan (Vick): Photography – A Ninja Dream
- Emmaline Shepherd (Fletcher): Photography – Dream Big
- Kaitlin White (Adamson): Photography – A Butterfly Within Reach
- Megan O'Donnell (Ebert): Photography – Reading Within Reach
- Rylee Anderson (Adamson): Photography – Reaching for the Sunshine
- Akrithi Ilangovan (Vick): Visual Art – Save Mother Nature
- Nikita Joraj (Columbus): Visual Art – Painting the Sky
- Rheaa Oberoi (Sanford): Visual Art – Treasures of the Heart

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