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## Coming Up

Wed., Jan. 31	Rocket Raffle ends
Thu, Feb 1	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Third-grade program, 6:30 PM
Feb 5 - Feb 16	Loaves & Fishes Food Drive
Wed, Feb 7	Early Release Day
Thu, Feb 8	General PTA Meeting – 9:30 AM - Rocket Cafe – All are welcome!
Tue, Feb 20	Club Picture Day
Feb 20 - Mar 2	Staff Appreciation Week

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



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## Loaves & Fishes Food Drive

Let's LOVE our community!

As the generosity of the holidays ends many in our community are still hungry. For the first time this year we are doing Loaves & Fishes in February! PSE will be collecting canned and nonperishable good items from February 5 through February 16 to help feed families in our area. (No fresh or frozen food, and no glass, please!!!)



75,000 people received food from Loaves and Fishes last year, and 48 percent of those were children. We have always exceeded our total number of good items from year-to-year and we want 2018 to be no exception. Our goal this year is 11,000 food items (last year's total was 10,341) – that means we need an average of TWELVE items per child.

Each class that reaches or exceeds their class goal will receive a **BIGGEST HEART AWARD**. Of course the biggest prize will be helping feed thousands of people in need right here in our area!

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 and will be included in the competition.

Let's LOVE our community!

## Rocket Raffle

PSE's beloved fundraiser, the Rocket Raffle, is here!

This year's Rocket Raffle has it all: sports, games, arts and crafts, treats, outdoor adventures, front-row seats, VIP parking at PSE events, and much more!



















This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, with all of the money raised going directly back to the school. This year, the proceeds from the raffle will go to the teachers. That's right! We will **Grant the Teachers' Wishes!** Let's give the teachers what they need to help your children succeed, while your kids win prizes! Rocket Raffle tickets can be purchased online at [www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuff.com).

The list of amazing prizes and opportunities can be found in the packets your children brought home, and they are also on the PSE PTA website. Rocket Raffle tickets are on sale through Wednesday, January 31. Winners will be announced on Monday, February 12.



## Your Rocket Dollars at Work!

Thanks to your continued generosity the PTA has been able to provide our children and teachers with many resources and benefits this school year. Here are a few of the things we've purchased!

-  The annual subscription for the online AR Renaissance tool.
-  Classroom Grants for all of our wonderful teachers.
-  Repair of the playgrounds, including the curb.
-  Field trips for each grade level; including Charlotte Nature Museum, Children's Theater and Charlotte Museum of History.
-  Water bottle fillers.
-  New computer monitors.
-  Cell phone booster. This helps ensure our teachers and staff can make phone calls in an emergency situation.
-  National Paideia Leadership Conference and the Empowering Writers Workshop.
-  Ink and toner for the copiers and printers.
-  Supplies for our wonderful new science lab.
-  Filament for our 3-D printer.
-  Several chrome book carts.
-  Substitute teachers to ensure our teachers have the opportunity to attend professional development events.
-  Flexible seating for our kindergartners and first graders.
-  Paint to freshen up the outdoor cottages.
-  Provided a staff meal from Nothing but Noodles for the Metro school, our sister school.
-  Supplies to support the Art Program.
-  Several hospitality events for our teachers including a back to school luncheon, hospitality cart, and a workday lunch.

## Plan Ahead: Book Swap

Book swap is not until June 3, but it is not too early to start setting aside books that you want trade in!

Book collection days will be in May, so watch this space for specific dates and instructions.

Question? Contact Jess Finn at [jessfinn@gmail.com](mailto:jessfinn@gmail.com)



## Second Grade Service Project

This year, second grade is excited to be participating in a wonderful new service project. The organization that we are working with is called Bright Blessings. Bright Blessings provides birthday parties to homeless or impoverished children in the Charlotte-Metro area. Our classes will be decorating birthday bags for children to receive on their special day. We want these children to feel loved and recognized on their birthday, a day that might otherwise go unnoticed. We are looking forward to being a part of this amazing opportunity!

If you are interested in learning more about Bright Blessings, please take a minute to [visit their website](#). It is full of lots of information regarding their ministry and how it impacts children in our area.

## PTA Reflections Contest Winners



Congratulations to the following PSE students who placed at the **CMS County level of the Reflections contest**. The PTA Reflections Contest encourages students to create works of art in any of six categories based on a given theme. This year, students were given the prompt, **“Within Reach.”** These students first won at the school competition and then advanced to compete with all the other winners from the other schools that participated in CMS. They will have their entries displayed and will be honored at the Reflections awards ceremony on Saturday, March 24 at 2 PM at Elizabeth Traditional Elementary School.

### Primary (grades K-2):

#### Visual Art:

**\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Anindita Rajkumar** (Poole) – “Doctor”

**Honorable Mention: Bobby Barnash** (DeJuneas) – “Reaching My Dreams”

### Intermediate Winners (grades 3-5):

#### Dance Choreography:

**\*\*1<sup>st</sup> Place: Claire Beller** (Grabon) – “Possible”

#### Film:

**\*\*1<sup>st</sup> Place: Julianna Taylor** (Surratt) – “A Friend is Always Within Reach”

**\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Lucie Sleime** (Vick) – “Within Reach”

#### Literature:

**Honorable Mention: Odette Vega** (Horgan) – “Reachable”

#### Photography:

**\*\*1<sup>st</sup> Place: Megan O'Donnell** (Ebert) – “Reading Within Reach”

**4th Place: Rylee Anderson** (Adamson) – “Reaching for the Sunshine”

#### Visual Art:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Rhea Oberoi** (Sanford) – “Treasures of the Heart”

**\*\* These winners were chosen to advance to the state level of the competition. Results will be available sometime in March.**

The Spring Book Fair is Coming!

# SAVE the DATE

Calling all the rockets and family!!  
Our exciting Spring Book Fair is coming  
**March 15-22**. Make sure to save the  
date to support our school. More  
details are coming soon. Can't  
wait for another PAWsome  
Book Fair!!





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