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Coming Up

Fri, Sept 28	Movie Night @ Promenade Progress Reports
Mon, Oct 1	Picture Day – K-2
Tues, Oct 2	Picture Day – 3-5
Wed, Oct 3	PTA Meeting, 9:30AM, ALL ARE WELCOME
Thu, Oct 4	Chick-fil-A Night, 3PM - 8PM
Fri, Oct 5	Go/Play/Save deadline
Oct 5 - 12	Family Fun Run
Fri, Oct 12	Make-up Picture Day
Oct 17 - 25	Book Fair
Mon, Oct 22	Afterschool Book Fair shopping, 3PM - 6PM
Thu, Oct 25	Family Night Dinner, 5PM - 7PM
Tue, Oct 30	End of Quarter
Wed, Oct 31	No school - teacher workday
Thu, Nov 1	Chess Club tryouts

Next Rocket Review: October 26
Submission deadline: October 22

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Hearts and Minds @ PSE



The PSE Administration and faculty recently participated in a professional development experience called MINDFLOW, a mindful-based social and emotional learning curriculum for educators. We would like to thank the PTA for seeing this as a priority and for making it happen!

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which adults and children acquire and apply the knowledge and skills needed to understand and manage their emotions, set and achieve positive goals, make responsible decisions, feel and show empathy for others, and establish and maintain positive relationships with one another.

Research has shown there is a strong connection between academic performance and SEL, as well as the importance of attending to the many facets of student learning experiences in an effort to educate the whole child.

Our MINDFLOW professional development is helping to equip and empower our teachers to better understand their own social emotional needs as a person, as well as the needs of their students, in order to infuse emotional intelligence into the classroom.

By pairing positive social and emotional learning with high quality academic instruction, students will build skills that will have a positive impact on lives throughout their school years and beyond!



As the year progresses, you will be hearing more about our quest to bring heart and mind together.
 – Linda O'Connor, Assistant Principal

Cafeteria Concerts, 2018-2019



Cafeteria Concerts are for our talented Rockets to showcase a talent. Dance, sing, twirl, tell a joke, present a riddle, play an instrument etc... Dates this year are **Oct. 19, Dec. 14, Feb. 22 and April 26**. Performances are on Fridays, during lunch. Performances should be no longer than two minutes. Look for a signup genius link from your room parent about 2-1/2 weeks before the concert.

Questions? Email Michael Flood, papafloody@yahoo.com.

PTA Advocacy: Overcrowding

Hello PSE Parents! Our names are Christine Runyan and Molly Reed, and we are PSE's PTA Advocacy Co-Chairs. The purpose of this position is to advocate for the best interests of our students. We will keep you up to date on the latest legislation or topics that could impact the education of our children.

Our latest call to action is to ask the CMS board to develop a relief plan that would address the amount of space we have to accommodate our increasing numbers of students being enrolled at PSE. Right now, we have roughly 980 students in a building originally built for 600. Our computer lab has been moved to the media center to free up another classroom. Mr. Barnes, Mrs. O'Connor, and the teaching staff are doing all that is possible to continue providing a successful learning environment for our students.

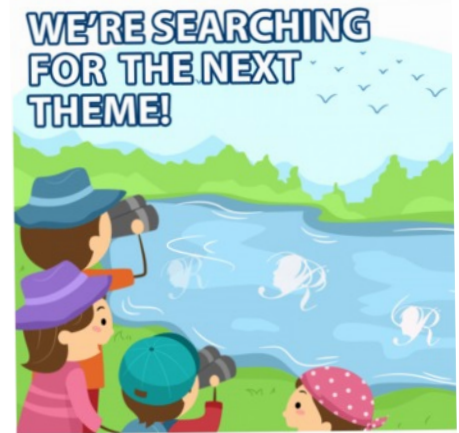
House Bill 90, formerly House Bill 13, which goes into effect over the course of the next three years will put a limit on the number of students that can be in a single k-3 class. Since there will be no cap to the number of students deemed acceptable in 4th and 5th grades, the number of students in each 4th and 5th grade classroom could be very, very large. Even taking away the rooms for art and music cannot make up the deficit in the physical space of the building.

The time is NOW to be vocal about our concerns to the CMS Board of Education, and to request the development of a relief plan for overcrowding at PSE. House Bill 13 will be here before we know it! Molly Reed will speak to the board at the October 9 meeting at 6PM at the Government Center in Charlotte to bring this concern to their attention with the hopes of starting the conversation, and impressing upon them that we need a relief plan.

We appreciate any parents who are able to attend the meeting to show support. Sean Strain is our District 6 CMS Board representative for PSE (and he is a PSE parent!), and he welcomes your questions and comments at seanc.strain@cms.k12.nc.us.

You can also share your space concerns with Superintendent Dr. Wilcox at claytonm.wilcox@cms.k12.nc.us. Please cc Sean Strain and Elyse Dashew at elysec.dashew@cms.k12.nc.us. Sean and Elyse are Facilities chairs for the CMS school board.

– **Molly Reed & Christine Runyan**



The theme for this year's National PTA Reflections contest is "Heroes Around Me."

Do you have an idea for a **future** Reflections Contest theme? A **\$100 reward** is given to the student whose idea is chosen. Up to 5 ideas may be submitted by clicking on this link before the **Oct. 31** deadline:

<https://ncpta.org/reflections/theme.aspx>

**This is separate from the actual Reflections Arts Contest, whose due date is Nov. 8.

To find out how to enter this year's Reflections contest, go to page 7.

A few things about attendance....

...from Mrs. Berger:

*Please send an email to pseabsent@cms.k12.nc.us to let us know why your child is absent from school.

* **Automated phone calls** : If your child is marked with an unexcused absence or tardy, you will receive an automated phone call from the district. These calls are not generated from PSE. These calls can serve as a reminder to you to let the school know why your child was absent if you had not done so already. Occasionally, I do not receive the emails that are sent directly to the teacher regarding an absence on the same day it was sent in and your child's attendance might not be updated until the next day which is why you might receive a phone call even though you had informed the teacher.

* **Attendance Letters:** It is required by the state that letters be sent home to parents when a student reaches 3, 6 and 10 days of unexcused absences. The letters must be sent, even if you have let the school know why your child was absent. At 10 days of unexcused absences, parents can be charged with a misdemeanor for breaking the NC State Attendance Laws. Remember, although it is possible to make up homework and bookwork that a student misses, the educational experiences that happen in



the classroom cannot be recreated. Please plan your vacations/trips around the scheduled CMS days out of school.

* **Educational Opportunity:** Educational absences are rarely approved in elementary school. Exceptions include performing in a play or a ballet designed for student audiences during the school day or participating in a project mandated by the grade level curriculum. Vacations, family events and trips to destinations (NYC, Washington DC, Disney World) are not mandated by grade level curriculum and are not approved educational absences. All requests for an educational opportunity to be approved as an excused absence must be submitted on the appropriate CMS form and turned into the front office at least 1 week in advance of the date of requested leave. Mr. Barnes will respond within 48 hours after the request has been submitted.

* **Religious Holiday Absences:** Please fill in a Religious Obligation form if your child will miss school for a religious holiday. This form is a way to ensure that your child's absence(s) will be coded correctly on their attendance record. We have the forms available in the office or you can find them on line.

A complete guide to Absences is available in the PSE Parent Handbook found on our website.

Register to volunteer @ PSE

Please be sure to log onto www.cmsvolunteers.com to reactivate your volunteer status so that you can begin volunteering. Our Lobby Guard System and the Volunteer Management System are linked; therefore, it is very important that the name on your driver's license and your name in the volunteer system are an exact match. Please be sure to edit your name in your volunteer profile if it is necessary to do so.

For all of our new to PSE families, please go to the above website to apply to become an approved volunteer if you have not already done so. You will need

to respond to the email that is sent back to you in order for the background check to be completed and for you to become an approved volunteer. Please be sure that the name you use to set up your volunteer profile matches the name listed on your driver's license.

Your name must appear on our school list of approved volunteers before you can come in to volunteer.

Thank you for helping to make PSE a wonderful and safe place for all of our students.

Sign Up for the PSE Directory

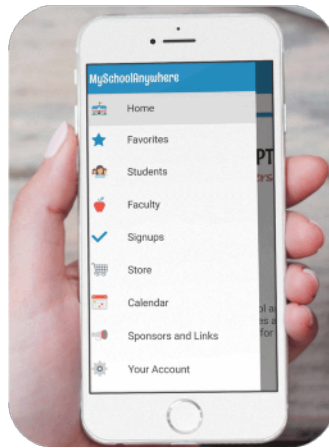
The PSE Directory is now online with
[MySchoolAnywhere.com!](http://MySchoolAnywhere.com)



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 or confirm 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).

Link Your VIC Card

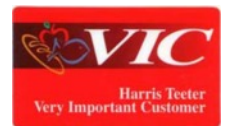
It's time to ReLink! Each year you must relink your Harris Teeter VIC Card to the school(s) you would like to support.

When you purchase Harris Teeter brand items they will donate a portion of your purchase to Providence Spring Elementary. This is a free fundraiser and a terrific way to support PSE.

You can link your VIC card through your cashier at checkout by giving them our school name or number – 4927. You can also relink online: www.harristeeter.com.

**Please consider supporting our sister school, the Metro School, which serves students with disabilities. Simply link your VIC card to Metro School – 3024 – along with PSE – 4927.

Questions? Contact Meghan at meghan.swedberg@gmail.com



Treasurer's Report

Providence Sping Elementary PTA Cash Balance Rollforward

Opening Balance 8/1/18		\$43,180
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Beautification Income	1,260	
Brick Campaign	100	
Capital Donations	1,769	
Directory	210	
Field Days Income	1,099	
Free Fundraisers	45	
Go Play Save	1,170	
Interest Income	1	
Membership	770	
Publications Income	3,721	
School Supplies	2,965	
Spirit Wear	4,940	
Sponsorships	1,750	
Yearbook	2,355	
Total Income	22,155	
Expense		
PTA-PSE Educational Expense		
Beautification and Grounds	450	
Hospitality & Staff Recognition	1,253	
Principal Discretionary	2,662	
School Security Expense	12	
Total PTA-PSE Educational Expense	4,378	
PTA Operational Expenses		
Bank Fees	730	
Discretionary - Administrative	205	
Total PTA Operational Expenses	935	
Technology Reserve	254	
School Supplies Expense	275	
School Store Expense	1,526	
PY Principal Discretionary	1,033	
PY Technology & Education Fund	2,834	
Total Expense	11,236	
Ending Balance as of 8/31/18		\$54,099



Your Rocket Dollars at Work!!

Thanks to your continued generosity, we are pleased to report that your rocket dollars provided these items for the school in August:



A Back-to-School breakfast and luncheon for our teachers and staff.



25 cases of legal-size copy paper.



Technology supplies for the computer lab.



New flowers, plants, pots, mulch and gravel for the campus, and services to clean out the pond in the bog garden.



Preview and Sales : Oct. 17th - Oct. 25th
After School Shopping Open to all Rockets :
Oct. 22nd 3-6pm
Family night dinner : Oct. 25th 5-7 pm

	10/18 Thurs	10/19 Fri	10/22 Mon	10/23 Tues	10/24 Wed	10/25 Thurs
8:15 -9:00	Poole	Bridges	DeJuneas	Ference	Shelton	McMillen
9:15 -10:00	Witt	Gassler	Hinton	White	Pedersen	Scripture
10:15 -11:00	Stewart	Connolly	Friel	Mayer	Mott	Slate
12:15 -1:00		Fletcher	Grabon	Hamilton	Vick	Shipman
1:10 -1:55	Pistorio	Arbo	Columbus	Ebert, Beth	Ebert, Robin	McMurray
2:05 -2:50	Langlois	Adamson	Bramley	Brown	Chapman	Horgan

"eWallet" is the new payment option that Scholastic offers. Any family member can add funds to your child's account from any where. It's easy and simple. Create account, add funds, shop! Send your child to shop the fair without handling any cash. Click this link to sign up @ www.scholastic.com/bf/psefair

Open 7:40 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. 17-28 and sign up for eWallet (optional) @ www.scholastic.com/bf/psefair

Interested in helping out?
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fa5a828a6fc1-psefall1>

#Note - the classes that split up for specials(Kirchendorfer, Wexler, Lynch Reynolds, Simpson, Romig, Surratt) will buy with the class which they attend Media Center.

#Parents, caregivers, younger siblings are welcome to shop with the child's class

Questions? Email Erin Williams (erinmarie607@gmail.com)
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Would you like
to win a
\$10 gift card
for sharing your
artistic talents?

Participate in
the PTA
Reflections
Contest!

Deadline for entries:
Thursday, November 8th

Up to 15 winners from
K-2nd and 3rd-5th

The class with the **most**
entries earns a
popsicle party!



Rules and entry forms: meckptareflections.weebly.com

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