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## Coming Up

Wed, Dec 5	-PTA Meeting, Rocket Cafe, 9:30 AM, ALL ARE WELCOME -Early Release Day
Thu, Dec 6	-Chick-fil-A Night, 3 PM - 8 PM, Waverly
Fri, Dec 7	-Yearbook Cover Contest Deadline
Wed, Dec 12	-Staff Cookie Exchange -Paideia Seminar for par- ents, 6:30 PM @ PSE
Thu, Dec 13	-Metro School Lunch
Fri, Dec 14	-Hornets Spirit Night
Dec 19 - Jan 3	-Winter Break

Next Rocket Review: December 14  
 Submission deadline: December 10

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## Full sTEAM Ahead

We are off to a fantastic start here at Providence Spring. We know it takes a TEAM to keep everything going and we appreciate all of you being part of our TEAM. It seems like yesterday we were greeting our Rockets for the first time this school year. We are continuing with our traditions and have introduced a few new things to make PSE even more successful as we work to ensure every student meets his/her potential.



We started our year with a focus on Social Emotional Learning. In today's world, this was a piece of our curriculum desperately needed. The state, NCDPI, will be rolling this out next year. But you know PSE...we are always a step ahead! We started this journey with a focus on the teachers. After all, healthy teachers are better equipped to provide support to students and will continue to implement a rigorous curriculum. Next, the focus was on the students. You may have seen this in action as you visit our school. Making every classroom a supportive place to learn is key to helping all students be successful. The last phase of our Social Emotional Learning will focus on parents. That's right, we will have a session to help you support our Rockets at home, which in turn helps them be successful here at school.

Our support for our TD students is also in full swing. Ms. Conroy and Ms. Safran are busy working with students from grades K-5. The services range from a pullout model to a push-in model. This best practice ensures all our Rockets are exposed to the engagement and critical thinking that these lessons offer.

The Paideia principles continue to be a critical focus at PSE. Our first school-wide seminar will take place on Thursday, November 29. Ask questions about the seminar when you gather around the dinner table. You will be amazed at the conversations our students will have.

As we head into winter break, I want you to know that we are Full sTEAM ahead here at PSE!

**-Ran Barnes, Principal**

## Riding the Bus: the 3 R's

Respect, Responsibility and Relationships are three words your student(s) should be familiar with as a PSE Rocket. They form the foundation of our behavior expectations at school. The 3 R's, as we call them, are key to a student's success now and in the future.

Sometimes, we find that students remember the 3 R's between the hours of 8 am and 3 pm, but forget them during the half-hour bus ride to and from school. In CMS, the bus stop and bus are considered an extension of the school day and all school rules apply.

As you discuss daily events from school, think about working in a few of the following ideas for how your child/children might show the 3 R's on the school bus:

Respect: Be courteous and respectful of the bus driver and other students on the bus.

## The Cornerstone of Paideia

PSE is founded on the belief in four pillars: Character Education, Outdoor Education, Technology Integration, and the belief in the Paideia philosophy of education. It is easy to see evidence of technology, character education, and a commitment to the outdoors around our school. But what is Paideia?

Paideia is a teaching and learning philosophy based on the teachings of Mortimer J. Adler outlined in his book "The Paideia Proposal." In this work, Adler identified twelve principles or beliefs that should be evident in a Paideia school. These twelve principles are posted in every classroom at PSE to remind us as we plan, implement, and reflect on teaching and learning in our classroom and throughout the school.

These twelve statements form the foundation of the rigorous educational opportunities we offer at PSE. We believe that the time students spend here in our school is preparation not for just this year or just during childhood but for life beyond the walls of our school. Education should be a lifelong pursuit, and the goal of a Paideia school is to develop well rounded individuals who are able to think critically, listen actively, and speak intelligently in order to become productive, contributing members of society.

The cornerstone of the Paideia philosophy of teaching and learning is the seminar. All students and even staff members engage in Paideia seminars on a regular basis. A seminar is an intellectual discussion of ideas from a text, a painting, song lyrics, photographs, artifacts, or any other source material. Preparation for seminar begins several days in advance through multiple readings and examination of a text as well as clarifying the meaning of vocabulary so that students can begin to formulate ideas and thoughts about the text. On seminar day, students sit in a circle and share their thoughts, questions, and wonderings about a rigorous text. After the seminar students transition to a writing task that integrates the text and the big ideas discussed at the seminar.

Next time you are on campus, see if you can find evidence of the Paideia philosophy in your child's classroom. Ask your child about their latest seminar in the classroom. Your child participated in a School Wide Seminar on November 29.

**You have an opportunity to participate in a seminar yourself! Dr. Terry Roberts, director of the National Paideia Center in Asheville, will be on campus on December 12, at 6:30 PM to facilitate a community seminar. Come and participate in a seminar and see the Paideia philosophy in action for yourself. You will receive an invitation via Listserve.**

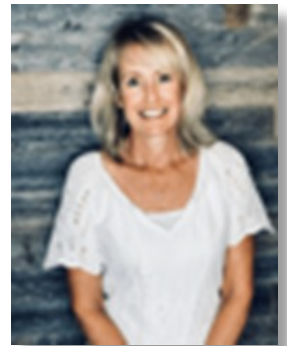
To read about the 12 Pillars of Paideia, go to [www.paideia.org/about-paideia/philosophy/](http://www.paideia.org/about-paideia/philosophy/)



## Faculty & Staff Changes

### Mindy McIver, K-5 Orton-Gillingham Instructional Support

I'm Mindy McIver and I'm excited to be joining the PSE team. I am from Atlanta, GA where I taught Kindergarten for 8 years. Recently, I have been



working at a ministry helping refugees learn to read. I have two, sweet teenage girls who are busy getting ready for college. When I am not watching my girls play sports, I enjoy yoga, running and reading! I am looking forward to getting to know the staff, students, and families at Providence Spring.

### Jamie Albright, 3-5 Instructional Support



I joined PSE in 2003, as a Kindergarten Teacher Assistant. Since then I have been fortunate to work with every grade level. While assisting the EC Team, I developed a love for working

with small groups of children. This year I will primarily support students using the LLI Program. I'm excited to be back in the vibrant atmosphere of PSE. At home you can find me baking, reading outdoors, or on an adventure with my grandsons.

-See STAFF, [page 5](#)

## Character Corner

***This month, the Character Club is spotlighting...***

**Second Grade:**

Gratefulness and Humility

The following Character Club members provided information for this month's traits:  
**Amalia Bordoloi, Ayla Bridges, Taylor Guinn, Annabel Lee, and Dylan Schetgen**

QUOTES:

"Gratitude is the beginning of wisdom. Stated differently, true wisdom cannot be obtained unless it is built on a foundation of true humility and gratitude."

- Gordon B. Hinckley

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." - C. S. Lewis



**Examples of how students and others show gratitude and humility:**

- Saying thank you
- Appreciating what you have and not being jealous of others who may have more than you
- Helping others without telling people what you did
  - Volunteering
  - Giving other people credit
    - Admitting when you are wrong
    - Asking for advice
    - Praising others/Giving compliments

- Mrs. McMurray & Mrs. Adamson

## PSE Spirit Night @ the Hornets Game



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**Friday, Dec. 14**



Providence Spring Elementary invites your family to come out and watch the Charlotte Hornets take on the New York Knicks and enjoy some awesome Spirit Night perks!!! All families who purchase through this ticket link will have access into the arena an hour before the general public to get close and watch the pros from the lower bowl seats during warm-ups. Plus, when you arrive early for warm-ups you'll get your free Hornets T-shirt and a Hornets bobblehead.

**Arrive at 6 PM for perks and free prizes!**

**<https://groupmatics.events/event/Providencespring>**

## **BUS, continued from page 1**

**Respect:** The buses are tight; many are at capacity. Students should sit in their assigned seat and move over to allow others to sit down quickly.

**Respect/Responsibility:** Talk quietly. Loud noises are distracting and can cause the driver to take their eyes off the road. The driver's first priority is getting students to and from school safely.

**Respect/Responsibility:** Bus delays can be avoided when students find their seat quickly. This also keeps other vehicles waiting on the bus moving.

**Responsibility:** Students should stay seated at all times. If a driver has to stop suddenly, they could be thrown forward if not seated properly.

**Responsibility:** Keep the bus aisle clear of legs, feet, backpacks, etc. This will keep students from tripping and provides a safe path to the emergency door if needed.

**Responsibility:** Keep ALL objects to yourself. Besides talking quietly, reading is another acceptable activity on the bus. While it would be great to get homework completed, pens and pencils should not be out on the bus - someone might get hurt.

**Respect/Responsibility/Relationships:** Be careful of the words you speak. Inappropriate language is never acceptable, but kind words are always a good choice!

**Respect/Responsibility/Relationships:** We love our bus drivers! Let's recognize how valuable they are. Remind students that the bus driver is an "extension" of the school. Their teacher is in charge of the classroom and the bus driver is in charge of the bus!

Did you know...?

–PSE is a part of the Providence Transportation Zone. They are in charge of assigning sub buses/drivers when needed. Any concerns about transportation times and late buses can be addressed at the Zone office. Their number is: 980-343-5715.

–Bus stops/routes are created by CMS Transportation. Any stop changes/requests must go through this department. They may be reached through the CMS homepage:  
<http://www.cms.k12.nc.us/cmsdepartments/transportation/Pages/default.aspx> or at the following number: 980-343-6715.

–The Providence Zone is still short approximately 20+ bus drivers. This means any illness, personal days, etc. may result in substitute drivers.

–Are you using the Remind app? As we receive updates from CMS Transportation, we will send them out on the app. Please note, we do not always receive bus changes until after the fact, but strive to get notification to you as quickly as we can. Joining the Remind group is easy. Just follow these instructions:



Text @pseb to 81010. You will receive a confirmation text letting you know that you are part of the PSE Buses group. You may opt out at any time by replying "unsubscribe @pseb."

– Traci Rider, Dean of Students

## **Attendance Policy**

Important Information regarding **ATTENDANCE**.....



Please report all absences to [pseabsent@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:pseabsent@cms.k12.nc.us)

Unexcused absences or unexcused tardies:

If your student is marked with an **unexcused** absence or tardy, you **will** receive either a phone call and/or email from CMS asking you to inform the school of the reason your student is absent or late. If you have already let us know why your child is not in attendance, you do not have to call the school. The phone calls and/or emails are generated by CMS each and every day of the absence. We cannot stop them from happening.

Your student must be in attendance for 210 minutes for the school day to count. If your child is in school at 8:00 am, the earliest she/he can be picked up for early dismissal so as not to be marked absent, is **11:30 am**.

If you need to make a same day change in the way your child is going home, you must call the office by 2:15 pm if you did not send a note to the classroom teacher. *School policy does not allow teachers to accept same day transportation changes via email.*

**At the end of our school day, the latest that your child can be picked up for early dismissal is 2:30 pm.**

–Tess Berger, Secretary



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## **Elizabeth Byron, K-3 Instructional Support**



I am so excited to be part of the PSE team again! I graduated from Clemson University, GO TIGERS, with a degree in Elementary Education and certification in Early Childhood Education. I started my career at McKee Road Elementary. I taught for 9 years before I had my girls.

Outside of school, my family keeps me very busy! I am married to my high school sweet heart, Matt. We have two girls, Allie and Amelia. We love to do things as a family and we are always up for new adventures! We love traveling, tailgating, playing games, hanging out by the pool, and we try to get to the beach any chance we can get!

This year I am supporting K-3 students in a small group setting.

## **Mary Diehl, 2 & 3 Instructional Support**

I am a native North Carolinian, raised out in the country in Rowan County. Over the years and in many different places, I have taught preschool, 1st grade, kindergarten, 3rd grade, and 4th grade. In addition, I've tutored children from first grade to high school and have provided both math and reading intervention to elementary students.

My longest tenure was in 4th grade and was at Providence Spring Elementary. I taught here ten years. After having moved away, it's great to be back...two days a week.

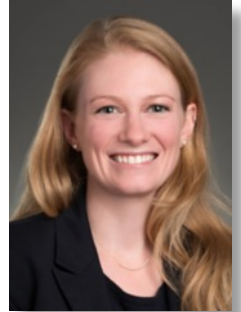
I am married to Mark, a Presbyterian minister, and we have three children. Our daughter, her husband, and our only grandchild, Meier, who is four years old, all live in Jonesboro, AR. Our middle child, is getting married in Texas over Thanksgiving. He and his bride will live in Dallas, TX. Our youngest son is in Raleigh, NC. All three of our children graduated from Providence High School. I am happy to be back at PSE.



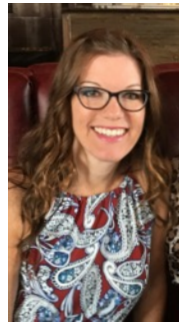
## **Anne Bateman, 2 Instructional Support**

I am a new 2nd Grade Teacher Assistant at PSE. Prior to joining the second grade team, I worked as an assistant for the After School Enrichment Program for one year.

Prior to joining CMS and PSE, I worked as an Executive Compensation Consultant for seven years and held positions within the Human Resources and Nursing departments at Carolinas HealthCare System. I graduated cum laude from The University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a B.S. in Economics (Operations Management Minor) and a B.A. in Psychology. I am a Certified Equity Professional and Emeritus Chair of the Belk College of Business Alumni Council. I have one daughter who attends PSE as a third grader.



## **Sue Townsend, Teacher Assistant**



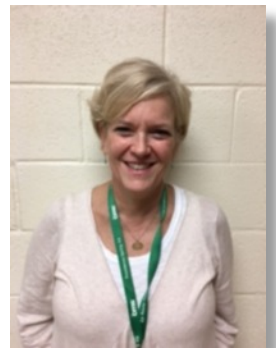
Hello Providence Spring! My name is Sue Townsend and I am a teacher assistant for the kindergarten classes. Before working here, I was a lead teacher at the Hemby Preschool Academy for the past eight years. There are so many of my past students attending PSE and I love being able to see them again each day!

I am originally from upstate NY, born and raised. I met my awesome husband in college at Niagara University. We have been married for 21 years and have two boys, Trey, 16, and Jayden, 11. We love hiking, hanging at the pool, playing with our two dogs, Jack and Chewbacca, and of course going to the BEACH! Everyone here has been very nice and welcoming, and I am super excited to be a part of the PSE team!

## **Kim Carter, Media Support**

Hello, PSE! I am Kim Carter and I am so happy to be working part time in the Media Center.

I am a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, and my work background is in Human Resources and Corporate Communications. I am a certified Augustine Literacy tutor and have enjoyed working with children with reading challenges. In my spare time I enjoy reading, cooking, and any and all sports. I look forward to a great year!



## Treasurer's Report

### Providence Spring Elementary PTA Cash Balance Rollforward

Beginning Balance 10/1/18	\$88,296
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Beautification Income	20
Book Fair	9,151
Capital Donations	2,434
Directory	54
Family Night Dinner	2,724
Field Days Income	659
Food Fundraisers	667
Free Fundraisers	54
Go Play Save	3,705
Interest Income	7
Membership	(1,495)
Publications Income	1,977
School Store	584
Spirit Wear	1,023
Sponsorships	1,500
Spring Carnival	(150)
Yearbook	705
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,619</b>
Expense	
Book Fair Expense	231
Family Night Dinner Expense	1,670
Membership Expense	60
PTA-PSE Educational Expense	
Beautification and Grounds	429
Classroom Grants	1,037
Cultural Arts	1,302
Hospitality & Staff Recognition	10
Professional Development	1,340
Publications Expense	21
Reflections	27
<b>Total PTA-PSE Educational Expense</b>	<b>4,166</b>
PTA Operational Expenses	
Bank Fees	358
Discretionary - Administrative	473
PTA Dues	50
<b>Total PTA Operational Expenses</b>	<b>881</b>
School Store Expense	338
Spring Carnival Expense	483
PY Technology & Education Fund	268
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,097</b>
Ending Balance as of 10/31/18	<u><u>\$103,818</u></u>



## 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 October:



Beautification of school grounds including mowing, weeding, pruning and ant extermination.



Fourth Grade Field Trip to the Charlotte Museum of History.



Lodging for six teachers to attend a Paideia training.



Carpet cleaner for rugs in K-2 rooms.

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