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Coming Up

Feb 25 - March 1	Staff Appreciation Week See complete schedule
Wed, March 6	General PTA meeting, Rocket Cafe, 6 PM
Thu, March 7	Chick-fil-A Night @ Wa- verly, 3PM - 8PM
March 11 - March 15	PSE Spirit Week
Wed, March 13	Early Release Day
March 14 - March 21	Book Fair preview & sales See complete schedule
Thu, March 21	Ice Cream Social, 6PM
Thu, March 28	End of Quarter

Next Rocket Review: March 29
 Submission deadline: March 25

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Save Our School Update

We have had a fantastic response to our SOS. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to call and send heartfelt emails to Superintendent Dr. Clayton Wilcox. They worked! Within days, Dr. Wilcox and Area Superintendent Dr. Kondra Rattley had personally visited our school and the conversation on strategies to address the overcrowding have begun.

To review the issue once again: we are facing severe overcrowding at our school. We need 3-4 more classrooms for the 2019-2020 school year. Each of the following years PSE will need an additional 2-3 more classrooms due to expected area growth and state mandates on class sizes. This accumulates to a need for 10-12 classrooms full of students in 2024 or, stated another way, enough space to add 10-12 classrooms.

Currently, our building has 44 classrooms including our mobile classrooms. With 41 being currently used as grade-level classrooms, Art, Music, and Science fill the remaining 3 classrooms. Last year we lost our computer lab to free up space for an additional classroom. If no changes are made, our school will need to convert the Art, Music, and Science classrooms to regular grade-level classrooms next year, with future needs potentially taking space from the media center and gym. The school is limited in its ability to add more mobiles or buildings due to land availability, fire codes, wetlands, and single entrance and exit.

Members of our Advocacy Committee spoke to the CMS Board regarding these issues at the February 12 Board Meeting. Please click [here](#) to read the Charlotte Observer's article about the meeting. PSE and our overcrowding issues are mentioned

We invite parents to our [SOS Suggestion Box](#) to offer ideas for relief due to the issues we have outlined. Discussion and updates will be on the agenda at the next PTA meeting, March 6 at 6 PM in the Rocket Café.



Our PSE Overcrowding Relief Request speech begins at 31:05:
<https://www.facebook.com/cmsboe/videos/353788768543132/>

Staff Appreciation Week

This month is the perfect time of year to celebrate the wonderful team we have here at Providence Spring, launching so many bright minds!

PSE STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

February 25- March 1

We celebrate PSE Staff with Staff Appreciation Week! Here's our plan to show them how much we appreciate all they do for our children.

Monday, 2/25: Grab-and-Go Afternoon Snacks!

The PTA will provide grab-and-go snacks in the staff lounge after lunchtime this day.

Tuesday, 2/26: Staff Breakfast

The PTA will provide yummy breakfast treats for the staff; set up in the staff lounge. Students will bring in classroom supplies to donate.

Wednesday, 2/27: Treats for the Bus Drivers

The PTA will deliver treat bags for each of the bus drivers. Students will be bringing in special notes of appreciation to their teachers, assistants and class pals.

Thursday, 2/28: Staff Luncheon!

Lunch will be provided by the PTA and parent donations of food and will be set up in the media center. Delicious Chicken and Pork BBQ will be provided by the PTA, with delicious sides and desserts sent in by our wonderful parents. There will be 2 lunch times, K-2 and specials teachers will eat from 11-12 pm, while grades 3-5 will eat from 12-1 pm. Coverage will be secured by room parents for classrooms. For parent food donations, sign up [here](#).

Friday, 3/1: Favorite Snacks!

Students will bring in favorite snacks for their teachers, assistants and class pals.

We look forward to celebrating our fantastic PSE team during this week which will soon be here.

Your Hospitality Team
(Heather, Jill, Amy and Elizabeth)



Rocket Raffle Results

Thank you to all of our PSE families who purchased tickets for Rocket Raffle this year! You helped raise **\$16,590** for our school, which the teachers in each grade level will use to purchase much needed materials and tools to further enhance the educational experience for our children. Special recognition goes to our amazing teachers and staff who create the events for the raffle, and take their time to make each experience fun for our kids. We were able to far exceed our goal, so your support of this event is very appreciated.



Way to go, Rockets!

Order Your Yearbook Now

Did you pre-order a yearbook? If you didn't now is your chance! Order on [Pay4SchoolStuff](#):

We will have a very limited number of Yearbooks available the last week of school for purchase. These will sell out! Pre-order to have a Yearbook reserved for your student.

Deadline for pre-orders: Friday, March 22

Cost: \$15

Can't remember if you ordered a yearbook? Check out how to look up past purchases [here](#).

Character Corner

This month, Character Club is spotlighting:

Fourth Grade: Integrity

The Character Club members who worked and found the information are **Ryan Harris, Zach Hodhette, Henry Jenkins, Pranit Pradhan, Caramia Smith, and Olivia Toth.**



QUOTES:

“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not.”

-Oprah Winfrey

“If you don't have integrity, you have nothing. You cannot buy it. You can have all the money in the world, but if you are not a moral or ethical person, you really have nothing.” **-Henry Kravits**

Examples of how students and people show integrity:

- Never betray a friend's trust even if you get in trouble.
- Return money that you noticed someone dropped without expecting a reward.
- If you do not study for a test, do not cheat. Take the failing grade.
- Keep your promises even if it takes extra work.
- Inform the cashier if he/she gave you too much change back.
- Never take anything from a person's desk, cubbie, or book bag without asking first.
- When it is treasure box day and you do not earn it, do not take anything from the box. Wait until you deserve to select an item.

– Sarah McMurray & Angela Adamson

Bits & Pieces

K-2 report card attendance issues

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction added a new attendance code this year -- 1P, which tracks students who leave school before the regular dismissal time (3PM). The 1P code is showing up on K-2 report cards as a tardy. (For example, two tardies plus one early dismissal equals three tardies.) The official reasoning follows: "The IP code shows as tardy because the student left and technically is not in the building. That is how the student is tracked when they are not at school." So there you have it . . . You are either present, absent, or tardy (whether you come in late or leave early).

Same-day changes in transportation – please call the office by 2:15 PM

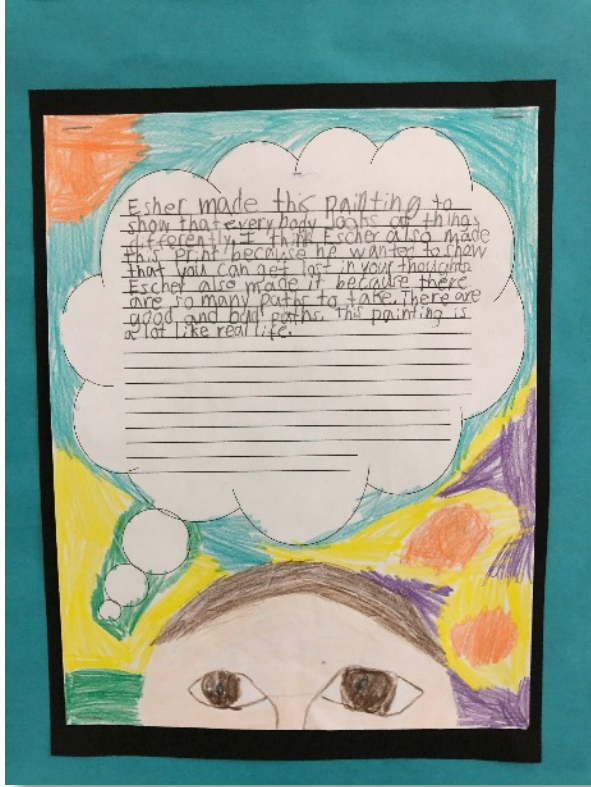
In an ideal world, a parent would send a note in with a student to communicate to the teacher that there will be a change in transportation; however, we all know that even the best-laid plans can change. If you need to make a same-day change in your child's transportation home, please call the office no later than 2:15PM. Our teachers are not allowed to accept same-day changes via email. This policy helps to prevent missed emails and children being dismissed to the wrong place.

Returning to class after dismissal? Not allowed

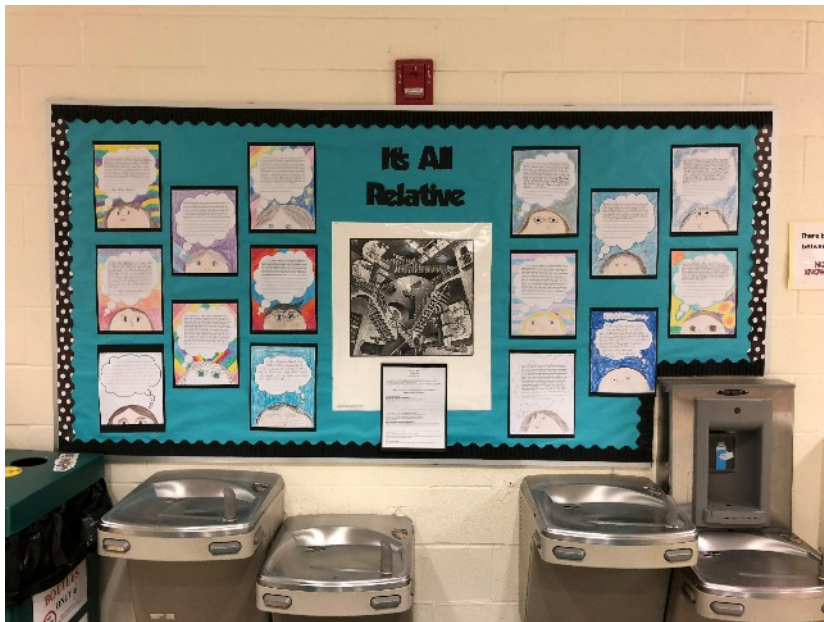
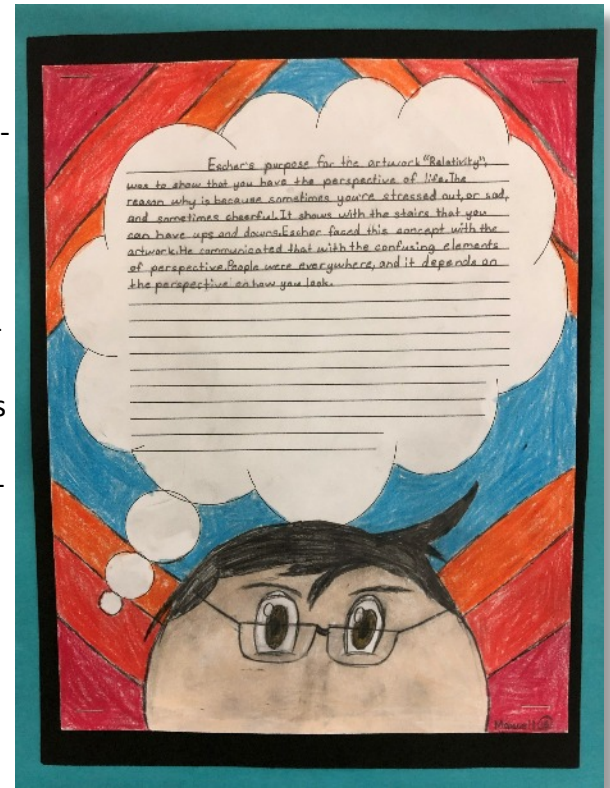
Please note that students are not permitted to return to school at the end of the regular school day to retrieve items that have been left in the classroom, for any reason. This school rule (which is part of our safe schools policy) also applies to forgotten homework and textbooks, etc. Teachers' time after school is reserved for team meetings, professional development, conferences, and planning. Please encourage your child to have a "homework buddy" who may assist your child in such an event.

Paideia: Before & After the Seminar

Providence Spring Elementary is a Paideia school. This means that we believe in nurturing children’s ability to speak and listen as well as think critically as a way to prepare them to become productive citizens. We do this by engaging through Paideia seminars, collaborative discussions about the values and big ideas in a text, starting in kindergarten all the way through fifth grade.



While seminar is the centerpiece of a Paideia classroom, work is done before and after the seminar to ensure student understanding and success. Before the seminar begins, students read the text multiple times, ask questions to ensure understanding, and discuss tricky vocabulary words. After the seminar is over, students engage in a writing task. Kids organize their thinking and integrate new ideas from the seminar as they compose a written piece based on the ideas and values discussed during seminar.



The next time you come to have lunch with your Rocket, take a look at the bulletin board right outside the cafeteria. Each month new examples of post-seminar writing will be put on display. This month's bulletin board features writing from third graders after a seminar based on artist M.C. Escher's lithograph "Relativity." After discussing the lithograph, students wrote a response based on their seminar discussions over the picture. Their writing turned out great! Be on the look out for more post-seminar next month from our second graders!

– Wendy Hamilton

Spring Book Fair

Preview and Sales: March. 14th.-21st.

After School Shopping Open to all Rocket:

March 18th. 3-6 pm

Ice Cream Social: March 21st. 6-7:30 pm

	Friday 3/15	Monday 3/18	Tuesday 3/19	Wednesday 3/20	Thursday 3/21
8:15-9:00 (2)	Poole	Bridges	DeJuneas	Ference	Shelton/ McMillen
9:15-10:00 (K)	Witt	Gassler	Hinton/ White		Pederson/ Scripture
10:15-11:00 (1)	Stewart	Connolly	Friel	Mayer	Mott/ Slate
12:15-1:00 (5)		Fletcher	Grabon	Hamilton	Vick/ Shipman
1:10-1:55 (4)	Pistorio	Arbo	Columbus	Ebert,B	Ebert, R/ McMurray
2:05-2:50 (3)	Langlois	Adamson	Bramley	Brown	Chapman/ Horgan

Shop the PSE Book Fair Online Mar. 15-24 and sign up for eWallet (optional) @ www.scholastic.com/bf/providencespring

Interested in helping out?

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4FA5A828A6FC1-pspring2

"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.

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

Questions? Email Erin Williams (erinmarie607@gmail.com)
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Treasurer's Report

Providence Spring Elementary PTA Cash Balance Rollforward

Beginning Balance 1/1/19	\$93,018
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Beautification Income	10
Capital Donations	700
Directory	5
Field Days Income	28
Food Fundraisers	785
Free Fundraisers	591
Go Play Save	60
Interest Income	7
Membership	(22)
Publications Income	111
Rocket Art	2,372
Rocket Raffle	5,865
School Store	203
Spirit Wear	420
Total Income	11,135
Expense	
Brick Campaign Expense	324
PTA-PSE Educational Expense	
Classroom Grants	700
Club Startup Expenses	555
Cultural Arts	515
Hospitality & Staff Recognition	327
Publications Expense	73
Scholarships	40
School Security Expense	147
Total PTA-PSE Educational Expense	2,358
PTA Operational Expenses	
Bank Fees	277
Discretionary - Administrative	121
Total PTA Operational Expenses	398
Spring Carnival Expense	2,234
PY Technology & Education Fund	5,660
Total Expense	10,974
Ending Balance as of 1/31/19	<u>\$93,179</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 January:



Start-up materials for PSE's new Robotics Club.



Bus transportation for the 4th Grade field trip to the Charlotte Museum of History.



Two new Promethean boards to replace broken SMART boards.



Classroom materials for the Science Department.

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