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"I will believe and achieve!"

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dearest PCS Families,

It was an especially exciting week for our fifth graders! They spent a good part of the week at Camp Manitowa in southern Illinois. Three days and two nights were spent having fun, practicing teamwork, and building friendships! Rock climbing, kayaking, hiking, playing gaga ball, balancing on the high ropes course, singing around the campfire, enjoying smores and sleeping in yurts are just a few awesome experiences had by all. This is such a great PCS tradition that all students get to look forward to in 5th grade and a memory they will remember for a lifetime!

PCG Fall Fundraiser Pick up...

The fall fundraiser items will be delivered on Tuesday, October 17 and will need to be picked up IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCHOOL (3:30 – 5:30) IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA. There is no space to hold any items so please make arrangements to get all items picked up on this day. Thank you!

Autism Speaks...

Join PCS to support Autism Speaks! You can support this great cause in two ways: 1. Donate \$1 to participate in a Dress Down Day on October 17 and/or 2. join the PCS team and walk with us at Forest Park tomorrow! (please see attached flier for more detailed information on both ways to participate)

PCG Family Night coming soon at Rockin' Jump...

Do you like to flip, bounce, and have fun? If so, join us for the next PCG Family Night at Rockin' Jump in Shrewsbury. There are limited tickets available so be sure to get yours. Jump time for elementary students is 7:00-9:00 pm. Check out the attached flyer... tickets can be purchased from the Elementary Office.



Important Upcoming Dates

10.18.17: Quarter 1 conferences (4:00-7:30)

10.19.17: 1/2 Day (noon dismissal) & Quarter 1 conferences (12:30-8:00)

10.20.17: No School

10.21.17: PCG Family Night - Rockin' Jump

10.24.17: PCG Family Night - Fuddrucker's

10.27.17: No School - Professional Development Day

Did You Know?

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America provides free community panel discussions... check out the next upcoming one about food allergies at <http://aafastl.org/FA101>

The Story of PCS...

We will be collecting your stories throughout this school year to compile an incredible video that we will share at our Multicultural Fair & Spring Peace Rally.

Not sure what to say? Do you have a favorite memory, trip, teacher, project, event from the school? Have you made lifelong friends? Gather your family and friends to share these stories with us. You can plan out your story or talk from the heart.

Recording Dates & Times:

Conference Dates:

October 18th, 4:00-6:00 PM; October 19th, 12:30-4:00 PM;

March 14th, 4:00-6:00 PM; March 15th, 12:30-4:00 PM

Event Dates:

Literacy Ball November 16th, 6:00-8:00 PM

Board/Parent Coffee February 28th, 7:30-9:00 AM

STEAM Night April 26th, 5:30-7:00 PM

Still have questions? Contact Mrs. Wohlgemuth cwohlgemuth@premiercharterschool.org

Please join us to tell your story!

Free/Reduced Meal Status 2017-2018

As a reminder, Free/Reduced lunch statuses from the previous school year are expiring this week. If you have not filled out an application for this current school year, or are interested in turning one in for the first time, make sure that you do so and turn it into the front office ASAP! **If you do not turn in the application your student will start to be charged full price for meals as well as before/aftercare.** If you have any questions feel free to contact Ben Huebner at bhuebner@premiercharterschool.org. An application is attached for your convenience.

Library News...

Library Open House during conferences:

The PCS Library will be open for families to drop in during conferences on Wednesday, October 18th from 4-7 and Thursday, October 19th from 12:30-4. Come by and browse our collection, borrow a book, try out some of our STEM and Makerspace resources, and sign up for a public library card! We'll even have a drawing for free books! See you in the library!

Save the dates for our "Wild West" Book Fair coming to the library November 13th-16th after school and during the Literacy Ball! Volunteers make a difference and we need your help to pull off the best #pcsbookfair ever (coming November 13th-16th)! Even an hour of your time would help! Sign up here: <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/blr2hPSxw>

Book Clubs have officially begun! K-5th grades are invited to participate in the "Book a trip around the world" book club. 4th and 5th graders can also participate in the "Mark Twain Readers Award" Book club. Look for book club flyers coming home this week. Questions about book clubs? Contact Mrs. Ramsey at vramsey@premiercharterschool.org.

Get a free book and meet the author! The Saint Louis Public Library has a program called "Reading Pays-Pass it On." Kids in 3rd-6th grade can stop by any SLPL branch and pick up a copy of The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson to keep! The idea is to read it and pass it along to a friend to read! The author will be at the Buder Branch on October 18th at 6:30 p.m.

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Your child's login is:

Username: (your child's lunch number)

Password: (your child's first name)

Feel free to contact me if you need your child's lunch number. (vramsey@premiercharterschool.org)

Follow what's new in the library on:

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Important note about dismissal and the YMCA...

We are kindly asking parents and students to be respectful of our neighbors at the YMCA. Their building and grounds are not meant to be used as a pick up point for students as they have membership rules and regulations regarding their building and grounds use.

Their policy is that MEMBERS under the age of 13 cannot be present at the YMCA without a person 18 years or older to supervise them. They especially cannot allow NON MEMBERS under the age of 13 to be there either. Also, 13 year old NON MEMBERS can only be in the building with a signed waiver from a parent and they are only admitted on a guest pass 2 times per calendar year. The YMCA is for members only afterschool and their lobby is not a place for students to "hang out". The parking lot is also not a place for parents to pick up their children after school.

If you are needing a place for after school care, please check out our Aftercare program. Payment is on a sliding scale and is affordable. It offers a safe and engaging program for our PCS students!. For more information contact Josh Lydon at jlydon@premiercharterschool.org.

Fun around town...

Arch Bark Sat., Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

A new signature dog-centric event is coming to the Gateway Arch, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, this Fall. Arch Bark, presented by Royal Canin, will be the first event of its kind at the Arch park and invites St. Louisans along with their furry family members to enjoy the newly renovated park. The free event on Saturday, October 14, celebrates the dog-friendly nature of the expanded Arch park grounds with a variety of activities for dog lovers and their four-legged companions such as dock diving, agility course, K-9 demos, dog experts, veterinarians, live music and food trucks. Free <http://www.archbarkstl.com>

Small Press Expo Sat., Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Back for its fourth year, the St. Louis Small Press Expo once again returns to the central branch of St. Louis Public Library ([1301 Olive Street](http://1301OliveStreet.com); www.stlouissmallpressexpo.com) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 14. More than 80 vendors selling comics, art, literary magazines and traditional books are scheduled to attend, providing an in-depth look at the small-press scene. A host of informative seminars and classes will also be on offer — everything from a creative writing workshop for kids to a seminar on copyrights. The library's Creative Experience area also gets in the act, with a digital drawing demo by Marie Enger and an intro-to-podcasting session. Admission to all of this is free, but bring your funds for that vendor room. Free admission

Author Meet and Greet at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site

7400 Grant Road off Gravois Road across from Grant's Farm

Tuesday, October 17 at 7 p.m.

Author, Charles Calhoun will discuss and sign copies of his new biography, The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant, which highlights Grant's emphasis on developing strong relationships with congressional leaders to enhance executive influence over legislation. Free but reservations required by calling [314-842-1867 Ext. 230](tel:3148421867)

ON-GOING EXHIBITIONS

Invent a Musical Instrument: Selections From The Sheldon's Hartenberger World Music Collection

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesdays-Fridays, 12-5 p.m. and Tuesdays, 12-8 p.m. Continues through Jan. 27, 2018 314-533-9900

This exhibit features a selection of inventive musical instruments by students from area schools made during The Sheldon's SOLID (Science of Learning Instrument Design) program in 2016 and 2017. A collaboration that takes students through a design and build process using found objects and recyclables. Free

The World of Spectacular Strings

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesdays-Fridays, 12-5 p.m. and Tuesdays, 12-8 p.m. Continues through April 28, 2018 314-533-9900

Drawn from The Sheldon's Hartenberger World Music Collection, this exhibit features over 100 unique stringed instruments from around the world including Europe, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East and Asia. Instruments from the United States include a rare double bass and violin made from matchsticks, a harpsichord owned by former St. Louis resident comedienne Phyllis Diller, a Gibson guitar signed by B.B. King, and a special edition KISS logo Gene Simmons "Axe" bass. Free

#1 in Civil Rights Mondays, Wednesdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Continues through April 15, 2018

St. Louis' history as a wellspring of civil rights activism is deep and impressive. Dred and Harriet Scott's legal fight to be free, Mary Meachum's bold actions leading slaves to freedom across the Mississippi River, the Jefferson Bank protesters organizing to get access to better jobs, Percy Green and the daring VP Ball invaders who challenged St. Louis' powerful elite and the exclusionary nature of their private party — all of these people fought the good fight in St. Louis. #1 in Civil Rights, the new exhibition at the Missouri History Museum (Lindell Boulevard and DeBaliviere Avenue; www.mohistory.org) chronicles the history of the civil rights movement in the metro area through artifacts, historical photos, oral histories, art work and actors' performances. Every key moment in the black struggle for equality is covered up to the present day, with artifacts collected by the museum staff following the killing of Michael Brown and the resulting civil unrest in Ferguson playing a major role in the exhibit. #1 in Civil Rights opens on Saturday, March 11, and continues through April 15, 2018. Admission is free.

Mission: Mars

Mondays-Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

NASA is currently working toward the goal of putting humans on Mars in the 2030s, which is not as far away as it sounds. The space agency just last week opened the astronaut application process for the class of 2017, which indicates a certain urgency. If you're eager to see what the future holds, the Mission: Mars exhibition at the Saint Louis Science Center (5050 Oakland Avenue; 314-289-4400 or www.slsc.org) is the place to be. This interactive display is developed by the science center, Washington University and NASA and is divided into two parts. Mission Control gives you the chance to program and remotely drive a simulated Mars rover, complete with the time delay caused by the signal transit time between Earth and Mars. Mission Mars — Base lets you take on the role of an explorer on the Red Planet in the year 2076. You'll conduct scientific operations at key points using one of the science center's two rovers. Mission: Mars is open daily, and admission is free.

Social Media Spotlight...

Keep up with PCS and all its happenings and learnings through Twitter and Instagram! This week we spotlight Third grade...

- Ms. Jackson:
T: @Msjacksonpcs
I: msjacksonpcs
- Ms. Magee
T: @MsMagee1718
I: msmagee1718
- Ms. Spellman
T: @spellmanscoop
I: spellmanscoop
- Mrs. Valuck
T: @mrsvalucksvIEWS
I: mrsvalucksvIEWS
- Mrs. Wissler:
T: @wisslerweekly
I: wisslerweekly

And as always, be sure to give our school's Facebook page a like too!

Please reach out if you have any questions or comments as we get this year started. My office is located in the Elementary Main Office area.

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REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PCG Update:

- Mark your calendars for the Fall Festival and the PCG Trunk and Treat which are coming up on October 7! Bracelets can be purchased through school or the day of the festival. Lots of fun so be sure to check them out.
- The next PCG Family Night is coming up soon. Head on out to Fuddrucker's on Lindbergh on October 24!

SFE: NEW!!!! Starting next week, smoothies are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for breakfast in the Elementary Building. Also, October menus are attached.

Box Tops for Education: We will continue to collect Box Tops this year... so start collecting! Box tops can be given to your child's teacher or placed in the collection container in the Elementary office.

IC Parent Portal Page: Please contact your child's teacher if you need your log in information for the Parent Portal Page. Great way to stay up to date on grades, account balances, etc!

Amazon Smile Program: Our school has linked up with the Amazon Smile Program in which we get a percentage of an order placed that is "smile eligible" (it will say on the item by the price if it is or not). The easiest way to do this is to type "Amazon Smile" into the search bar on Amazon.com. It will then automatically link you to the Smile program. Then type in "St. Louis Charter School" (and look for St. Louis Charter Schools) to select us to be correctly linked with in order for the purchase percentage to go to us!

Lost & Found: We are hoping to keep this small this year! Please make sure to mark your child's lunch box, jackets, coats, sweatshirts, etc with their name so any lost items can be returned to them! We will be cleaning out lost and found on a monthly basis this year.