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A Word from Head of School, Julie Frugo

We are off and running on a great start to the 2014-15 school year! It has been so exciting watching students build relationships and settle in to the classroom routines that will be the foundation of all the learning they will do this year. By now you have received your child's MAP test scores that were sent home. Please take a look at these and let your child's teacher know if you have questions regarding any of the information in your child's report. PCS also gets a report called MSIP (Missouri School Improvement Program) that covers four standards: Academic Achievement, High School Readiness, Subgroup Achievement and Attendance. You can find the scores as well as some overall information about this year's performance attached to this edition of The Premier Voice. We would also like to encourage all our families to please plan on attending the PCS Data Night on Oct. 9th from 6:00-7:30 when we will be covering in more detail both the MSIP and MAP test along with other assessments your child may have been given. This will be a great chance for parents to get a comprehensive view of their child's progress and ask any questions they may have about assessments. We hope you will join us!



"I am learning lots of new things in third grade—I like doing multiplication!"

Sam Caudell
PCS 3rd Grader

Warmly,
Julie

Important Dates

- 9/16:** PCS Board Meeting—4:30 PM, PCS Library
- 9/19:** K-3 Father/Daughter Dance—6:00 PM, Primary Cafe
- 9/25:** Fall Peace Rally—9:00 AM, PCS Courtyard
Family Night—4:00-9:00 PM, Hampton Burger King
- 9/26:** PD Day—No School



School News

Middle School Trip Washington D.C. May 3-8th

The TJs pizza fundraiser for the Middle School trip is underway! Please get your order in and help support sending our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to the Nation's Capital! The deadline for registering for the trip is Sept. 10th and registration forms may be turned in to Mr. Doyle.

Elementary Student Council

Elections for Elementary Student Council Officers will take place on this Weds., 9/10. The students running for office have done a great job with their campaigning and we are proud of all the candidates! Student council is a wonderful way for student voice to be heard and we look forward to what our elected officers will be able to accomplish in the 2014-15 school year!

Calling All Music Makers!

If you are in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade, and love to sing... you should join our PCS Choirs! Eagle Jr. Choir is available for 2nd and 3rd grade, and is directed by Ms. Dwidar. Eagle Choir is available for 4th and 5th grade and is directed by Mr. Pastor. You do not need to audition or try-out to get into choir. All you need to do is fill out a form that you can get from the front office, or from either music teacher. Forms will be available starting on Monday, September 15th.

Drum line auditions are open to all middle school students. Auditions will be held Tuesday September 9 and Thursday September 11 from 4-5 PM in Mr. Pastor's room. Drum line will meet on Tuesdays beginning September 23.

Parent Community Group (PCG) Announcements:

Fall Festival : The Fall Festival is officially scheduled for Oct. 18th! Please save the date and spread the word to family and friends! PCG needs lots of help to make this event a success and volunteers for the fair, ideas for booths and help with set-up are needed! With everyone pitching in, this will be another fun event and great fundraiser this year! Please contact Terri Brogan if you are able to help out at: tbrogan@lashlybaer.com

Box Tops: Please remember to save your box tops and bring them to the collection box in the Intermediate building! Thank you for helping to fundraise for the school!

Sports: If you enjoy soccer, basketball and/or baseball, please consider volunteering as a coach for one of the PCS teams. Mr. Strickler is currently in need of some additional coaches for the soccer season. If you are interested, please contact him at: tstrickler@premiercharterschool.org.

Watering Plants: A volunteer is still needed for the Intermediate building to help take care of the new pots by the front door. If you are able to help, please contact Ronda Bradley at:

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MSIP/APR

The Missouri School Improvement Program is a set of standards that the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) uses to measure the school's progress towards providing an education that ensures graduates have the tools needed for college and/or career. The four standards are: Academic Achievement, High School Readiness, Subgroup Achievement and Attendance.

Our Annual Performance Report Overview

In academic achievement this year we received 47/48 points and in subgroup achievement we received 10/12 points. We continue to analyze the MAP data and are putting additional plans in place to help teachers address any uncertainty transitioning their lessons to common core standards, as well as additional support with continuing to differentiate instruction for the students. As we focus even more on critical thinking skills, we are putting many intervention plans in place for students who are struggling in order to support them as we continue to push for growth. In the area of High School Readiness we received 4/10 points. This was the first year we attempted to earn points in this category by conducting an advanced placement math class and taking what is referred to as the end of course exam. 17 students took the test and 14 passed. Next year we anticipate 21 students taking the test and we will be expecting even more passing the test as we now have a better idea what to expect have gone through the process. We received 7.5/10 points for attendance. Although we have amazing daily average attendance, this standard measures 90% of students being present 90% of the time. We have remained the same in this category for 2 years in a row. We did some further analysis of attendance data and realized there are a handful of situations where students are missing school. We will be reaching out to individual families to try and come up with alternative solutions. Although some of these absences may be "excused" that does not translate to the MSIP standards so we are asking that each individual family really work on making sure students are here 90% of the time.