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"I will believe and achieve!"

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Winter is a great time of year for many activities, but if you are one who isn't a fan of this weather, I suggest getting involved in a good book. Or better yet, try the book that your child is currently reading as their Independent Reading book or whatever text they are reading for class. This way you can engage them in some discussion at home, not only on what they did at school today, but really on the topics that they are learning about in their ELA class. If you ever want to borrow the book your child is reading, just contact their teacher. They'll be glad to share the book and probably some helpful resources for you to use with your son or daughter.

#thatsPCS

Middle School Shoutouts

Ms. Lemmon would like to shout out to the Coding 101 Advisory for already sharing some awesome encouragement videos. If you haven't yet, email those to her as soon as possible so we can get those to the recipient. Thanks coders!

To Kyia Clark for assisting a classmate into the building several times this week. Way to show empathy for one of your peers.

Ms. Franke would like to give a shoutout to Jude Ryan for leading third block in a fantastic classroom meeting on Thursday.

Ms. Brockhaus would like to shout out to 6th grade social studies 3rd block for their awesome behavior and engagement today (Thursday).



Upcoming Events

**January 15- Martin Luther King Day
No School**

January 17- Report Cards sent home

January 18- Popcorn Palace Fundraiser

**January 18- PCS Board Meeting
PCS Library
4:30 pm- 6:30 pm**

**January 23- PCS Basketball
Central Middle School
Girls @ 4:30 pm
Boys @ 5:30 pm**

**January 25- PCS Basketball
Gateway Science Academy
Girls @ 4:00 pm
Boys @ 5:00 pm**

Give a LIKE to PCS's Facebook Page...

Our Facebook page is a great way to see all the awesome things happening at PCS!

Follow Us on Twitter:

@kimwrightpcs

@kgdoyle4

Parking Lot Update

Exciting news...beginning Tuesday, you may use the lower lot (off Fyler) for parking at any time of the day! Any spot. All day.

Middle School Trip 2018: Washington D.C.

The middle school trip will be here before we know it! The planners are beginning to work on the lessons for the travelers, called Washington 101. We began these lessons last year when we went to New York to help our students know what they would be seeing and some of the expectations that we will have for them as many of them will be staying away from home for the first time and visiting a larger metropolitan area. I will announce those dates in future newsletters. In the meantime, please make sure that you are making your monthly payments to Adventure Student Travel or that you have made payment arrangements with them. We have a cut-off date of February 15 set, where we will have to release students from the trip if they have not been making payments. This is so the travel company can purchase tickets, make reservations and submit meal orders for our trip.

We will start our 3rd Middle School Trip fundraiser next Thursday, January 18. Get ready to sell some popcorn to help reduce the cost of our trip to Washington, D.C. These forms will be handed out in study hall.

If your child would like to attend the trip, I still encourage you to complete the paperwork and submit a deposit. We have had a couple of students unfortunately drop out of the trip recently, so there have been spots available. Openings will be filled based on the order of students on the waiting list. Contact Ms. Rhine or Ms. McAdams for more details.

PCS STEAM Team Update

8th grade STEAM students are beginning a new unit, food for thought, where students will be studying their favorite snacks and developing their own recipes for healthier versions of their favorites. We will have guest speakers, including DuPont, present to students during the unit. 8th grade families- be on the lookout for an invitation to our "Foodie Showcase" that will take place on February 6, where students will show off their recipes and marketing plans. Yum!

PCS Athletics

Due to the uncertainty of yesterday's weather, Confluence Academy canceled the boys and girls basketball games. If this game is rescheduled, I will be sure to let you know in the newsletter. The next scheduled games for the PCS Eagle teams is Tuesday, January 23.

Area High Schools Still Looking to PCS

See the attached flyer from Lutheran South High School about an informative event about preparing for high school. This event, for 8th grade students and their parents, is this Thursday, January 18.

And...

SLUH is hosting the Upward Bound summer program for boys entering 7th grade (UB7) and for boys entering 8th grade (UB8). Please visit their website for more information and to reserve a spot for your son. Here is the website link:

WWW.SLUH.ORG/UPWARDBOUND

In the past, this program has been completely filled, with a waitlist, so the earlier you register, the more likely

you are of securing a spot for your son. Financial aid is available. For more information, please contact Tim Curdt @ tcurdt@sluh.org.

PCS 2018-2019 School Year

Don't forget to spread the word that PCS 2018-19 enrollment is now open. Please register those new kindergarteners or let your friends and neighbors know about this hidden gem in St. Louis public education before it's too late.

Paper applications have been dropped off in both offices, in case you want to pick one up for your neighbors or friends that you may be encouraging to apply here at PCS. You can also share our online application, which can be found at premiercharterschool.schoolmint.net. This a secure website, where all that needs to be done to submit an application is create to a username and password. Please see the attached flyer about kindergarten open house later this month.

Cold Weather Safety Tips

When temperatures drop, children need extra attention to stay warm, safe and healthy. Young children are less likely to recognize when they are cold and more likely to lose body heat quickly due to their smaller size. Here are some tips to protect children when the thermometer dips:

1. **Think layers.** Put several layers of clothing on your child and make sure their head, neck and hands are covered. Dress babies and young children in one more layer than an adult would wear.
2. **Beware clothing hazards.** Scarves and hood strings can strangle smaller children so use other clothing to keep them warm.
3. **Check in on warmth.** Tell children to come inside if they get wet or if they're cold. Then keep watching them and checking in. They may prefer to continue playing outside even if they are wet or cold.
4. **Use sunscreen.** Children and adults can still get sunburn in the winter. Sun can reflect off the snow, so apply sunscreen.
5. **Install alarms.** More household fires happen during the winter so make sure you have smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home.
6. **Get equipped.** Children should always wear helmets when snowboarding, skiing, sledding or playing ice hockey. Any sports equipment should be professionally fitted.
7. **Teach technique.** It takes time to master fun winter activities like sledding, so make sure children know how to do the activity safely.
8. **Prevent nosebleeds.** If your child suffers from minor winter nosebleeds, use a cold air humidifier in their room. Saline nose drops can help keep their nose moist.
9. **Keep them hydrated.** In drier winter air kids lose more water through their breath. Keep them drinking and try giving them warm drinks and soup for extra appeal.
10. **Watch for danger signs.** Signs of frostbite are pale, grey or blistered skin on the fingers, ears, nose, and toes. If you think your child has frostbite bring the child indoors and put the affected area in warm (not hot) water. Signs of hypothermia are shivering, slurred speech, and unusual clumsiness. If you think your child has hypothermia call 9-1-1 immediately.

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 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 need 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.

Lost and Found

Please remember to label any coats, hats, gloves and lunchboxes, so if they end up in the lost and found, we can return them to their rightful owner.

From the Desk of Nurse Gerwitz

This week the Center for Speech and Hearing (CHS) performed vision and hearing screenings for all PCS students.

If your child did not pass the hearing portion of the screening, CHS will be getting in touch with you later to give you options for re-evaluation of your child's hearing.

If your child did not pass the vision portion of the screening, you child was given a consent form that lists various options for re-evaluation including an option to have your child re-evaluated by Eye Care Charity of Mid-America (ECCOMA) here at PCS at no cost to you.

Eye Care Charity will bring a fully equipped Vision Van to PCS complete with an optometry office and lab on board. Your child will receive a free eye exam and free glasses if needed. **If you would like your child to take advantage of this option, please sign the consent form and have your child return it to the nurses by Tuesday, January 16.**

The Story of PCS

Please join us to tell your story!

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:

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

Event Dates:

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

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

Library news

Visit our online catalogue:Destiny Discover!

You can search our library shelves from any computer or device. Simply visit www.Gofollett.com or download the Destiny Discover App! You can see a list of new books and popular books, search for books, see what books are checked out and when they are due, and more!

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)

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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!

Family Fun Around the STL

Sat Jan 13 10 a.m to 2 p.m.

Birds of Winter at the Audubon Center in West Alton, MO

Meet a raptor up close in the warmth of the visitors' center in West Alton, MO

<http://saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com/content/birds-winter-raptor-saturdays>

Sat/Sun Jan 13-14 11a.m- 4 p.m.

Delmar Loop Ice Carnival

Enjoy winter games and winter fun at the Loop this weekend.

Free admission, some events are not free

<http://saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com/content/ice-carnival-delmar-loop-1>

Sat Jan 13 and Mon Jan 15 at 10 a.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King Family Celebration at the History Museum

Designed for Parents and children 14 and under to celebrate the life of MLK on the weekend of his birthday.

The exhibit #1 in Civil Rights continues on display as well.

<http://saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com/content/mlk-family-celebration-3>

Sat/Sun/Mon Jan 13-15 during regular museum hours

SCI-FEST at the St.Louis Science Center

One weekend each month the St. Louis Science Center will host Sci-Fest where you can meet and speak with real scientists and engineers working in the St. Louis area. This weekend the theme is diversity--meet scientists & engineers who are women, scientists & engineers of color, scientists & engineers with disabilities.

<https://www.slsc.org/learn-kid-family-activities/scifest/>

Mon Jan 15 at 10 a.m.

Celebration of MLK at he Blanche Touhill Performing Arts Center at UMSL

The UMSL Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity presents it's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance - a celebration of the life and legacy of the great civil rights leader. Every year, people from all over St. Louis gather with the UMSL community for dynamic presentations of song, speech and other performance. Free

<https://www.touhill.org/events/detail/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-holiday-observance-1>