

Pierremont Paw Print

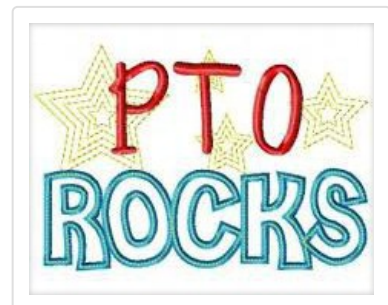
September 6, 2019

Note from Gina

Did you know that September is Attendance Awareness Month? Celebrated for the first time in September 2013, the Attendance Awareness Campaign is a nationwide recognition of the connection between school attendance and academic achievement. The goal is to mobilize schools and communities to promote the value of good attendance.

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success.

Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of school and in the workplace.



Looking Ahead

- Sept 8 - National Grandparents Day
- Sept 11- Patriot Day
- Sept 11- 7:00pm - Board of Education Meeting
- Sept 23-26- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Sept 23-27- Book Fair
- Sept 25- 5:00pm - Playground Night
- Sept 25- 7:00pm - Board of Education Meeting

Reminders

Volunteer Background Checks

- [Background checks](#) are needed for all volunteers working with and around students.

All For Books Campaign

- Start collecting coins for our upcoming fundraiser!

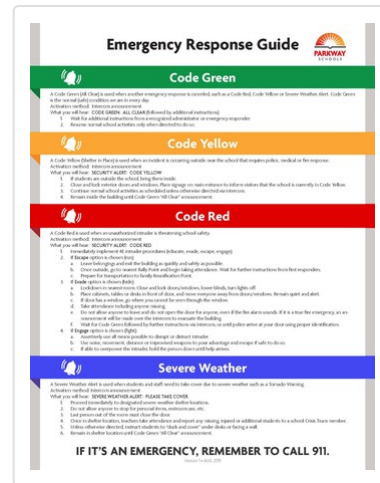
PTO News

Book Fair Volunteers

- [Help Wanted!](#) Please consider volunteering for the fall book fair.

Mrs. Lackey's Timely Tips

We're very proud of how the entire school embraced yesterday's initial Intruder Drill with a serious but sincere, "this is why we practice" attitude. We were eager to use the new language of our kid-friendly, color-coded Emergency Response system, expertly taught by our teachers. As you may have heard at the PTO meeting Wednesday, Dr. Piccinni initiated the drill via the PA system by first explaining what students would hear: her voice announcing "Security Alert: Code Red," Dr. Piccinni and Mrs. Lackey jiggling door handles as we checked the locks throughout the building, then Dr. Piccinni announcing the "Code Green: All Clear" when we were finished.



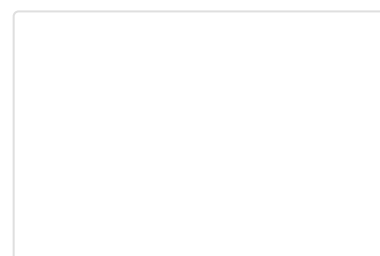
In true Pierremont fashion, embracing new learning and new challenges, we initiated the drill despite recesses and transitions that were happening at the time. Students and staff were amazing. Perhaps you've heard the stories... Our first graders, who were at recess, listened closely to directions and followed their teachers toward the Rally Point near the front playground. Our Academy students, who were at recess in the back, headed toward the Rally point beyond the back playground. Our superstar third graders, along with their quick-thinking teachers, were actually at various points of transition to specials. In true 4E training style, the adults thought on their feet and either led a group to a Rally Point or ducked into a nearby classroom to "evade." Teachers were teammates, helping students not necessarily their "own" and handling the whole situation with the calm, caring stance typical of our staff. What a great first intruder drill!

Extra special thanks to our outdoor groups (1st, 3rd, Academy, P.E...) who gave an extra ounce of grace (along with a bit of humor later on) to me. If you haven't heard, an in-the-moment addition to our practice was to echo the "Code Red" over the walkie-talkie for any outside groups. Good idea, huh? Well, when the "Code Green" was announced on the PA, I was mid-follow-up with a few teachers in the building and *completely* forgot to echo or announce the "Code Green: All Clear" on the walkie-talkie. Ahhh! Needless to say, our outside friends got about ten extra minutes at the Rally Points on a beautiful day...Thanks for the reminder, Mrs. Wallace! See kiddos, even grown-ups need practice when something is new. And they always jump in and help each other.

Great job, Pierremont! Parents, if you have any questions regarding our drills or would like additional information about the attached emergency protocols, please call me at 314-415-6603. I am happy to help! More information is also provided on page 17 of our [Family Handbook](#).

Parent Teacher Conferences

Sign ups are now available for parent-teacher conferences, September 23-26. Click the Signup Genius icon to schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher.





Read, Right, and Run

Go! St. Louis Read, Right, Run packets for Pierremont students were handed out this week during PE. Please remember, this is for students in grades 2-5 who enjoy running. Registration and paperwork due September 30th for an Oct 3rd start! Click below to view/print your packet.

Read Right and Run Packet

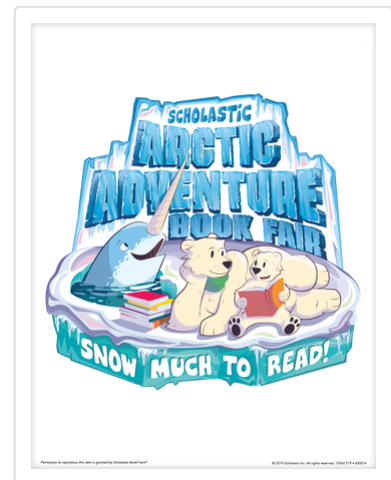
Library Lowdown

Students will find *snow much to read* at this year's Arctic Adventure book fair! The book fair will be open during the week of conferences. You are welcome to stop by while you are here for parent-teacher conferences.

Sept 23-25 7:20AM-2:30PM

Sept 26 7:20AM-8:00PM

Sept 27 7:20AM-12:00PM



Volunteers are needed, sign up [HERE!](#)

[Scholastic](#) offers online shopping, e-bucks and much more. Check out your options...



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