



Pride Press

November, 2017

FSSD Vision Statement

Excellence in Teaching
and Learning for All

PGES Mission Statement

We are a community of
creative and passionate
learners committed to
continuous improvement.

November 17
Pride Time &
Early Dismissal

November 20-24
Thanksgiving Break

State Testing Results

As you have likely heard by now, our state data from last year is here. We are proud to share that our 3rd and 4th grade students exceeded the state average in every subject. Below you can see how they did in each subject compared to the state proficiency averages:

	PGES	TN
ELA	42.7	34
Math	60.8	40.1
Science	70.3	55.8



Groovin' at the Grove Thanks!

Thank you for making our one big fundraiser of the year as much of a financial success as it was FUN! We raised \$21,959.48 to resurface our playground track and to purchase technology. We already have a contract in place for the track resurfacing and have ordered a Chrome Book cart and 2 large screen TVs for projecting lessons. Thank you for helping us acquire these needed upgrades. Students should be able to enjoy all these new tools very soon!



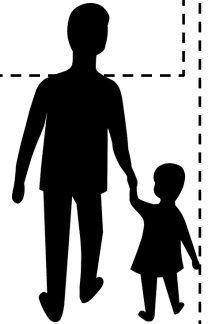
Fall Parties

Fall parties are October 31st. Help us make this a fun and safe day by coming during your scheduled party time and being back in your car ready for dismissal by 2:15. This gives us an opportunity to get students sorted before we begin dismissal at 2:25.



SAVE THE DATE

Father / Daughter Dance
Friday, January 12, 2018



Mrs. Chambers-Wood's Counselor Corner

We have been discussing good manners and classroom rules and learning that we must employ these to have a safe and friendly environment at Poplar Grove Elementary School. We have learned how to be bucket-fillers and spread kindness to others and enjoyed reading the book, *The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig and focusing on what it means to seek out classmates and friends who feel left out. The character word for the month of November is **PERSEVERANCE**, which means to keep trying. Homework, tests, and even making and keeping friends have challenges and we must use perseverance to try our best, even when it is difficult. During the month of November we will focus on being a good friend and what that looks like in different settings and situations. Always remember to **STOP AND THINK** and ask yourself if your actions are nice and kind!

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book fair is scheduled for November 13-17. This is a great opportunity to add books to your bookshelves and pick up a few gifts for the holidays.

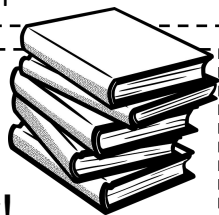
Volunteers can sign up at:

<http://signup.com/login/entry/717018894921440073>

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Collections for
used books will
be in late January!



The most fun Spirit Night of the year will be **Thursday, November 2nd at Chuck E. Cheese** in Cool Springs. On that day your student will come home wearing a sticker which, if worn that evening, will entitle him/her to 10 free tokens. Be on the lookout for Chuck E. Cheese, himself at dismissal! PGES will earn 15% of all sales from 3:00-9:00. Please plan to attend and help us turn FUN into FUNds!

MAC News for November

Early Dismissal Nov.17th cost is \$16.00.

The Holiday site will be open Nov.20th-22nd for \$25 a day.

Mac will be closed Thanksgiving day Nov.23rd and the day after Thanksgiving Nov.24th.



Thanksgiving Lunch

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast is Thursday, November 16th.

Adult Visitor- \$5.50 Child Visitor- \$2.75 Student and Staff prices are the same.

Pre-sales will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - Nov.13th-15th

Help us plan by prepaying for visitor meals. Please send cash or check in an ENVELOPE with student name, teacher name, number of adult visitors and number of child visitors. Please come through the line with your student the day of the lunch or tell the cashier your student's name. If visitors want to join us and did not prepay they can pay at the registers. Please try to have correct change. We do not accept credit or debit cards.

On the menu:

Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Potatoes, Roll, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Salad, Assorted Desserts. For those who do not like Turkey we will have PB&J, Assorted Salads and

Chicken Nuggets as an entrée choice.

Check the special Thanksgiving lunch schedule on the last page of this newsletter for exact lunch times.





Have you taken advantage of our AR Home Connect? This link allows you to follow your child's AR progress and can even notify you when a quiz has been taken.

*Go to our PGS homepage:

<http://poplargroveelementary.fssd.org>

*Click on Parent/Student Information, click Library/Media. You are now on Media Center Homepage.

*Click on AR Home Connect- you will need your child's FSSD username and password (s/he can provide that for you or you can email Mrs. Ward (wardren@fssd.org)). Look for the "Email Setup" link at the top, right side of the the page and you can request email notification when your child has quizzed.

AR is just one accountability measure for you child's reading this year, but this is one you can easily monitor from home and use as a conversation starter about reading!

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:

Doors open at 7:00am

1st bell rings @ 7:20am

2nd bell rings @ 7:30am

Students are **LATE** if not in their classroom by 7:30am.

FUN FACT In the first 9 weeks we had **293** tardies!

PLEASE try to make appointments during non-school hours.

FUN FACT In the first 9 weeks we had **196** "check-outs" during the school day!

Students that are going to be absent please call the office by 8:30am (615-790-4720) or email sternenbergrho@fssd.org to avoid a call from us.



PGES Parents' Night Out (PNO) event, originally scheduled for November 3rd, will be rescheduled for Spring 2018. Any information for PNO you have received should be updated to reflect this change.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Read Across America Week is February 26-March 2nd. On Friday, March 2, PGES will celebrate with a vocabulary parade rather than our usual storybook character dress up day. Each student will select a word that could have an easy and interesting costume design. Students may recycle all sorts of items around the house to create a costume for their word: boxes, poster-board, hats, paper bags, fabric, foil, etc. A word may be as simple as a color or number or as complex as the child's imagination wants to go. Friends may choose to dress up together as homophones or antonyms, etc. Lots more detailed information will come home about the vocabulary parade later, but we want to give parents a heads up about this exciting change to our Read Across America Week.



Notes from Nurse Vicky

As we approach cold and flu season, please be sure to keep your child home if they have a fever of 100° or higher, is vomiting, have had diarrhea more than twice, or have pink eye, etc. Medicating your child who has fever and sending them to school makes them no less contagious. Any child who has a fever of 100° or higher may not return to school till he/she is fever-free without fever-reducing medications for at least 24 hours.



Please be sure your younger students have a change of weather-appropriate clothing at school in case of urinary/BM/food accident.



THANK
YOU to all
our school
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Sponsors!!

THANKSGIVING Lunch Schedule November 16, 2017

GRADE	TEACHER	BEGIN	END
Preschool	Fusco	12:15	12:50
Kinder	Burgess	11:20	11:55
	Cooper	11:20	11:55
	Richardson	11:25	12:00
	Sproul	11:25	12:00
1 st	Colvett	12:00	12:35
	Nance	12:00	12:35
	Wallace	12:05	12:40
	See	12:05	12:40
2 nd	Bechtel	10:55	11:30
	Betts	11:00	11:35
	Covington	11:00	11:35
	Campbell	11:05	11:40
3 rd	Woronka	11:30	12:05
	Howell	11:30	12:05
	Spencer	11:35	12:10
	Ward	11:35	12:10
4 th	Ball	10:45	11:20
	House	10:45	11:20
	Letsinger	10:50	11:25
	James	10:50	11:25
	Wright	10:55	11:30