



Pride Press

October, 2022

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.

October 7, 2021
Early Dismissal @ 11:30

Fall Break
Oct. 10 - 14



We are so excited to be named a 2021-22 Reward School! Every K-8 school in the state is scored annually based on a calculation that includes the following: student achievement results (from TCAP), student growth (TVAAS), chronically out of school student percentages, and growth of students taking the ELPA (English Language Proficiency Assessment). Our students did AMAZING and YOU play an important role in this distinction for making sure they are at school every day and supporting the work that is happening at school. Thank you and CONGRATULATIONS to all!

Miss Johnson's Counselor's Corner

In our guidance classes, we have been discussing active listening, being a **RESPECTFUL** friend and student, as well as the importance of being trustworthy. We have also recognized the importance of **Positive Self Talk**. Saying encouraging words to not only others, but ourselves, can go a long way! Lastly, always remember to "Stop and Think, Is it Nice? Is it Kind? If it is NOT, Don't do it!"

Sincerely, Ms. Johnson



Groovin' Thank You
Thank you to everyone for helping to make Groovin' at the Grove such a success! It was such a fun day and has proven to be a very lucrative fundraiser for our school. Our totals will be announced this Friday! We couldn't have done it without Shay Hall and Kalie Printz, as they did an amazing job chairing the event this year. Thank you!





Fall parties are October 31st

4th Grade Parties: 12:30-1:15

Kindergarten Parade at 1:15

Kindergarten-3rd Grade Parties 1:30-2:15

Due to allergies, we must preplan the food items that will be served. Room parents will be communicating via email with a list of items you can send in for the party. Thanks for helping us make it a fun and safe day. No costumes please, other than for the PreK and Kindergarten parade which will begin at 1:15.

Awareness Days

October is **Down Syndrome** and **Breast Cancer Awareness** Month. On Oct. 6 we encourage students to wear blue & yellow and on October 21 wear pink or a pink ribbon to school as we show our support.



Notes from Nurse B.



As we welcome in fall, the mornings look to be cool with afternoons quite warm. This is a tricky time to dress for the weather. Please make sure your student(s) has on a few layers of clothing so they are warm enough in the mornings, but can remove a long sleeve shirt or sweatshirt to be cool enough for PE and recess.

Parents of PK/K/First Graders – please make sure your student(s) has an extra set of clothing to keep at school in case of a urinary/BM/food accident. The clinic has extra clothing as needed, but the students are usually much more comfortable having their own clothing to change into if necessary.

Do you have questions about the FSSD Illness Guidelines for the 2022-2023 school year? You can find the guidelines under the FSSD Student & Family Resource Dashboard on our website. The guidelines will help you determine whether or not to send your student to school.

Please feel free to call me at 615-472-3906 or email me at boyntonmar@fssd.org with any questions or to report a health concern for your student.

homework hotline

Need homework help? The homework hotline is available to help in any language. They are open until 8:00 PM. You can call 615.298.6636 or reach them online at www.homeworkhotline.info. They are also available for consistent tutoring. This is a wonderful FREE resource.

Have you downloaded the new app for Box Tops? They have made it so easy for our school to earn money with the Box Tops for Education program!

It's as easy as ...

1. Shop at your favorite stores
2. Scan your receipt in the app
3. Poplar Grove gets money!



We have already earned \$100 this year! Happy scanning!

Report Cards and Conferences

Report Cards will be sent home with students on Friday, October 21st.

Your child's teacher will be contacting you regarding a conference time. Please take this time to participate in partnering in your child's education.

Things to remember: Growth! We're all in the beginning stages of development and progress.

If you see a "tardy" listed on the attendance section remember that FSSD considers a tardy "arriving late" OR "leaving early".



SAVE THE DATES:

November 14-18 - This will be our annual Scholastic Book Fair which raises money for both PGES and PGMS library media centers.

November 17 - Family Night and Kindergarten Program

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our school shirt Sponsors!! Because of the generous donations from these companies we were able to provide a school shirt to each student and staff member free of charge. Please support their businesses as they support us.

Brilliant Sky Toys & Books
Lineage Bank
Kemp & Rice Orthodontics
Nabholz Construction
Focus CFO
James C Hailey & Co
The Harvest Concept
Tell Me I'm Pretty Salon
Cornerstone Financial Credit Union
Sal's Family Pizza
Fairview Transmissions
L & Z Landscaping

AND...a special THANKS to all of our Poplar Grove Families that supported this year's shirt!

MAC News

Oct. 7th will be an early dismissal day at 11:30...PGS MAC will be open until 6pm. Sign up by Oct. 5th Spaces are limited.

Fall Break is **Oct. 10th-14th** at the Holiday Site located at Johnson Elementary



Please contact Angela Kennedy questions. kennedyang@fssd.org

The PAWS Report

Welcome to the PAWS (Positive Action With Support) Report! This is where you can find information about our school-wide positive behavior support. We are currently looking for parents that may be interested in serving on our PBIS school committee. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies. If you would be interested in meeting with grade level teachers and administration once a month either in person, via Zoom, or even email, please contact Mrs. Larkin at larkinlou@fssd.org. We will have our next PBIS committee meeting on Nov. 2, 2022.



Thanks to everyone
for your donations to our
Staff Appreciation Drive
We appreciate your support!



PTO Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7:45 am
We hope you can join us in
the MS cafeteria.

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day

On Thursday, October 20th PGS is hosting a Spirit DAY! Stop by the Columbia Ave. Chick-Fil-A anytime between 6:30am - 9:00pm. Stop by Chick-Fil-A (Columbia Ave.), order your food, and BEFORE YOU PAY tell the cashier team member you are there to support Poplar Grove; a portion of your sale will be donated to PGS.

Mom or dad can stop by and order breakfast before heading to work, grandparents can take younger siblings to pick-up lunch, and families and teachers can come by anytime after school or sporting events are over and take home a great meal! "Eat more chicken" and help make this ENTIRE DAY a success!!



You can help us at dismissal by doing the following:

- always bring your placard. If you need a new one just ask the office.
- If you have a PGM student, don't park in the first lane
- pull ALL the way up to the car in front of you.

We are always looking for people to help type students names as cars pull up at dismissal. Please contact the office or car rider volunteer if you are willing to help.



We want to hire YOU. We are looking for substitutes and for help in the cafeteria.

Being a substitute offers a ton of flexibility. Substitutes can pick their days, specific classes, grades, or school they are interested in working with.

The cafeteria position is part time to help cook breakfast and/or lunch with a FUN team!

If you are interested in learning more about either of these job opportunities please contact Dr. Erickson.



October 2nd is National Custodian Day! Please consider having your child draw a picture or write a note of appreciation for our custodians: Mr. Charlie, Ms. Merin, Mr. Jose, Ms. Connie, and Mr. Daniel.

ESL CLASSES

Workforce Essentials Adult Education Program

FREE CLASSES!



- Classes available in person and online
- No fee to register or attend class
- Must be 16+ to attend
- Classes and registration year round
- Must contact our office to set up orientation time

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Coordinated School Health News











October is National Dental Hygiene Month. The American Dental Health Association celebrates the importance of good oral health and the dedicated work of dental hygienists. Dental hygienists address the general care of teeth and gums, cavities, inflammation & disease, and teeth whitening among many other health issues.

Focus on these four daily routines to maintain your healthy smile :

- Brush twice daily
- Floss daily
- Rinse with mouthwash
- Chew sugar -free gum





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 School Custodian and Grounds Appreciation	3 Flu Clinic	4 PreK, K, 1st NCT coming to the PAC	5 Picture Retakes Limo to Lunch 	6 Student RA teachers for a day 2nd and 3rd Animal Prog. Rochelle Wright's B-day	7 11:30 Early Dismissal Q1 Ends Pride Time- Respect Sproul and Bennorth Bday 	8
9	10 Fall Break <i>Happy Fall Break!</i> 	11 Fall Break 	12 Fall Break <i>Happy Fall Break!</i> 	13 Fall Break 	14 Fall Break <i>Happy Fall Break!</i> 	15 Lisa Casey Bday
16 National School Bus Safety week and Drive Appreciation	17 Andrea Lamere B-Day	18 7:45 PTO Meeting	19 Gentry's Farm pre-K & Kinder Nechole Myers-Jones Bday	20 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day 	21 Report Cards 	22
23	24 Diwali	25 Virtual Learning Drill	26	27 FSSD Founder's Day 6:00 Grammar Rocks-PAC 	28 PGMS Fall Fest	29
30 Ginger Colvett's Bday	31 Halloween 1:30 Fall Parties (4th at 12:30)	Notes:				