



Pride Press

April, 2023

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.

SPRING
HOLIDAY
APRIL 7TH
NO SCHOOL



Why Imagine Learning and iReady

Imagine Learning and iReady are two digital resources we use to help meet the individual learning needs of our students. Both of these tools assess students' academic progress and develop learning paths that are unique to students as they complete tasks within the digital platform. These tools help support classroom instruction and engage students in meaningful and targeted learning while the teacher is working with other students. When you hear your child talk about getting their minutes, passing lessons, or being the bracket leader, be sure to celebrate this as these digital resources are much more than "games"- they are helping advance student learning.

Always learning,
Alisha Erickson



**THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING
for the 2023-2024 school year.**



If you have not yet completed your Registration please do that ASAP by going to www.FSSD.org and click on "registration".

We need 2 NEW Proofs of Residency dated January 2022 or later.

Documents may be uploaded, brought to the office, or emailed to brownkri@fssd.org

If you need additional help or information call our attendance secretary,
Kristen Brown @ 615-790-4720

If your student will **NOT** be returning to PGES, **PLEASE** let us know **ASAP**.



PGS EARTH DAY
APRIL 22
9:00-11:00 A.M

SIGN-UP OR JUST SHOW UP TO HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CAMPUS.

PROJECTS WILL INCLUDE:

- PLANTING FLOWERS AND TREES
- PICKING UP LITTER
- SPRAY PAINTING/STAINING PLAYGROUND FURNITURE
- SNACKS AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED



April is Autism Awareness month and the month of the military child. Since we are out of school on World Autism Awareness Day (Sunday, April 2) let's "light it up blue" on Monday, April 3rd. We will purple up for military kids on April 19.



Notes from Nurse B



As the weather in April can be tricky to dress for, please help your student come to school dressed and prepared for the cooler days and warmer afternoons. If your student is sensitive to the sun or heading out on one of the great field trips planned this month, please apply sunblock prior to school and avoid sleeveless tops. If you have a Pre-K, kindergarten, or 1st grader, please make sure they have a change of clothing kept at school.

As a reminder, as we gear up for Kindergarten registration, please be sure to supply us with a completed Tennessee Certificate of Immunization, including proof of physical, for your incoming kindergarten student. If you have questions, please feel free to call Nurse B at 615-472-3906.

**Franklin Special
School District
2023 TCAP Testing Schedule -
Grades 3-4**

April 18- ELA Part 1 (Writing)- 80 minutes

April 19- ELA Part 2 and 3- 70 minutes total

**April 20- ELA Part 4 and Science- 80 minutes
total**

April 21- Make-up tests only

**April 24- Math, Part 1 (no calculators)-
45 minutes**

**April 25- Math, Part 2 and 3
(calculators) - 70 minutes total**

April 26,27,28- Make-up tests only

Mac News

MAC will be closed
April 7th
for Spring Holiday.

**Ms. Johnson's
Counselor Corner**

The final character word for us this school year is RESPONSIBILITY. In guidance, we are discussing ways that we are able to take charge and ways to be RESPONSIBLE for our own lives. We will continue discussing personal safety and how our choices affect our futures. We will talk about setting goals for ourselves and how staying responsible can help us become successful and stay healthy.

Happy Spring!

Love,

Ms. Johnson



THE PAWS REPORT

Scan here for information
about our TIER I behavior



If you are interested in
learning more about our
PBIS program please contact
Mrs. Larkin at
larkinlou@fssd.org



Kindergarten Kickoff is here! Once you complete the online registration (www.fssd.org) we will call you to set up a screening time for July.

We would also like to invite you to join us at PGES on Friday, April 14.
Pop by anytime between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM
to tour the school, meet some of our staff,
and receive a small welcome gift.

Kindergartners must be 5 years old on or before August 15 to enroll.

4th Grade Parents!

You will soon have a Poplar Grove Middle Schooler! There are 2 upcoming meetings that may be of interest to you.

One is regarding the Honors Program THIS Thursday, March 30th at 6:30
in the Middle School Media Center.

There will also be an overall informational meeting for **parents** of rising 5th graders. PGMS will get this date and time to you soon.

Make plans to attend to ensure a smooth transition to PGMS for your child.



Used Book Sale

Our Used Book Sale was a tremendous success for our PGS media centers. We raised \$1974! Thank you to everyone who donated used books, shopped the great sale, and volunteered time to make it happen.



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO COME TO POPLAR GROVE!!

If you know of a student who may be interested in attending PGES next year who is currently being homeschooled, in private school, attending another FSSD school, or who may be interested in becoming a tuition student at PGES please have them reach out. We would love to talk with them about PGES. Contact Dr. Erickson at ericksonali@fssd.org or call the school at 615-790-4720.

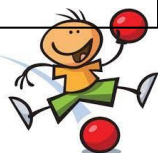
SAVE THE DATE

Since a lot of April is taken up by TCAP, there is A LOT happening in May. Here are lots of dates you may want to save on your calendar:



- 1-5 Staff Appreciation
- 3 Bike/Walk to school Day
- 11 Kindergarten goes to the zoo
- 12 Last Pride Time
- 12 4th Grade Historical Wax Museum
- 12 2nd to Nashville Children's Theater
- 12 Mother Son Dodgeball at 5:30
- 18 4th Grade Promotion 8:00 in PAC
- 19 3rd to Nashville Children's Theater
- 23 End of Year Parties
- 24 Field Day 9-11:30
- 25 Last 2 hour day/report card pick up

SAVE THE DATE



- Annual Mother-Son Dodgeball
(Kindergarten - 8th Grade)
Friday, May 12th @ 5:30 at PGS GYM
- More details to come next month.



May 1 - 5, 2023

Fill Your Cup, PGS Staff!

Your Poplar Grove PTO is excited to announce we will have an entire week of **nourishing our staff by filling their cups with rejuvenating experiences**. We have events planned every day during the week look for more details to come home soon.

In the meantime, if you would like to donate for this event, here is how you can help:

1. Send a check to the school made out to PGS and make a note that it is for Staff Appreciation.
2. Send in a gift card in any amount. There will be a drop box in the Elementary Office or you can send it in with your student. Please put it in an envelope and designate it for Staff Appreciation.
3. We want to make it SUPER EASY.... we will be sending a GroupVine message closer to time for ways you can send an electronic payment and 100% of these funds will be used to purchase gift cards for the staff.

Thank you for your support and the ways you love our amazing staff!