



Pride Press

November, 2019

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 22
Early Dismissal

November 25-29
Thanksgiving Break

Dear Families,

Reading at grade level is the single most important skill your child can acquire to ensure their success and the good news is you can help by making reading a priority every day at home, even on weekends and during school breaks. With several long breaks coming up over the next couple months we want to help you make them both FUN and productive. Before a long break, each grade level will be sending home a challenge for students to engage in various reading activities. Teachers will offer incentives to students who complete the challenge. We hope this helps motivate children to read every day EVEN when they are not in school.

Together in education,
Dr. Erickson



Groovin' at the Grove Thanks!

Thank you SO MUCH for making our one big fundraiser of the year a HUGE success! We raised \$23,518.18. Due to your generosity and hard work we will be purchasing iPads, promethean boards, murals, picnic tables, and miscellaneous teacher needs. **THANK YOU** for helping us acquire these needed upgrades. Students are already enjoying some of these items and more are on the way!



Fall Parties



October 31st

K: 1:30 - 2:15pm

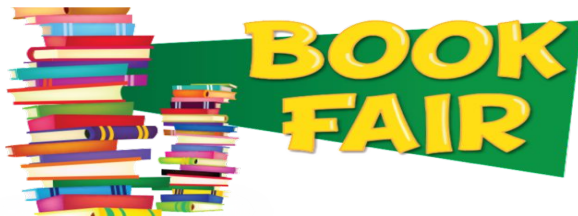
1st grade: 12:35 - 1:20pm

2nd grade: 1:30 - 2:15pm

3rd grade: 1:30 - 2:15pm

4th grade: 1:30 - 2:15pm

Help us by coming during your scheduled party time and being back in your car ready for dismissal by 2:15. Reminder that costumes are **ONLY** for the Kindergarten students during the costume parade. Thank you!!!



The Follett Book Fair is scheduled for **November 18-22**. This is a great opportunity to add books to your bookshelves and pick up a few gifts for the holidays.

To volunteer or get more information please contact:

Jenn Morrison

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Our Winter Spirit Wear Store will open on **November 11th**. Orders will be delivered before we dismiss for Winter Break.

Mrs. Chambers-Wood's Counselor Corner

In classrooms during the month of **NOVEMBER**, we will focus on being a good friend and what that looks like in different settings and situations. Also, we will talk about manners and encourage their use. We will learn that we must use good manners to have a courteous environment at Poplar Grove Elementary School. The Character Word for the second 9 weeks is ENCOURAGEMENT. Also, November 11-15 is BE NICE WEEK/College and Career Week. On November 14th, the students will be **encouraged** to dress up as the career they hope to have in the future. As always, STOP and THINK!! We will encourage one another to be kind and think about our futures!

Love, Mrs. Chambers-Woods and Q-Bear



Character Word for second
9 weeks:
ENCOURAGEMENT

SAVE THE DATE:
March 24th, 6:00- 7:00pm
Vaping Presentation

THINK BOOKS!

Used book collection will begin after Thanksgiving Break. Please consider collecting and donating any used books (children's, teen, adult, all sorts).

For more information contact:

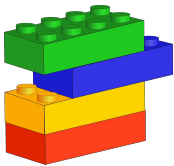
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FALL FUN FRIDAY!!! (AKA-Parents' Night Out)

November 15th - 6:00-9:00pm

Mark your calendars! ALL PGES students Kindergarten - 4th grade, are invited to our annual Fall Fun Friday at Poplar Grove! It will be a fun-filled night including a pizza dinner, photo booth, crafts, legos, games/puzzles, and much more! Detailed information will be coming home soon.



As the temps get cooler, please be sure to send appropriate clothing for your child to keep in his or her locker in case of urinary/BM/food accidents. If your child is in Pre-K, Kindergarten, or First Grade, they should absolutely have an extra set of clothing at school.

If you or your child have not yet arranged for, or received, your flu vaccine, please make plans to do so as soon as possible. Please complete the form from the health department and return it to school if you want your child to get his/her flu vaccine here.

Please abide by our district policy when it comes to illness, lice, etc. and, if you get a call to pick up your sick child, please be sure to do so in a timely manner.

EVERY MINUTE IN SCHOOL COUNTS

Students that are going to be absent or coming in late, **PLEASE** call the office by 8:30am (615-790-4720) or email sternenbergerho@fssd.org to avoid a call from us.

REMEMBER:

Students are late if not in their classroom ready to go when the bell rings.
Late bell rings at 7:30am.



Let's Roll

First through fourth grades will be skating November 13-20th. Please keep an eye out for permission forms and return them ASAP! On the days we skate....

- students must wear socks
- helmets can be brought from home or provided by request
- students may **ONLY** wear the skates provided by the school to prevent damage to our gym floor.

If you are in 3rd and 4th grade and want extra Skating be sure to sign up for Parents Night Out!!



Thanksgiving Lunch

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast is **Thursday, November 21st.**

Adult Visitor- \$5.50 Child Visitor- \$2.90 Student and Staff prices are the same.

Tickets can be purchased the day of the lunch in the elementary lobby. Please try to have correct change. We do not accept credit or debit cards.

On the menu:

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

Chicken Nuggets.

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





Make sure you order your yearbook for the 2019 - 2020 year TODAY! Price is \$32.00, but will go up to \$35.00 starting in November! Jump on this great deal! Yearbooks will arrive in May so students have plenty of time to have friends and teachers sign these memorable books!

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Meet Mrs. Williams

How true this statement is, that through challenges, we learn and grow. As the new Accelerated Learning Specialist at Poplar Grove Elementary and Middle Schools, I have the privilege of challenging students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd and 5th through 8th with lessons and activities involving critical thinking skills, goal setting, universal themes, student interests / learning styles, choice-based decision making, and the list goes on and on! I look forward to partnering with you to challenge all students in reaching their potential.

~Kimberly Williams

The PAWS Report

Like everything else in education we set goals for improvements in School-wide behavior. Last year we set our goal to decrease the number of office discipline referrals (ODR) by 5%. In true PGES fashion, we exceeded our goal and decreased ODRs by 7%. We have set the same goal this year of 5%. The benefits of a school-wide behavior management program are many...increase in time for academic instruction, student achievement, attendance, and school culture. Don't forget to share our PBIS Password with your child...this month the password is "Goals".



SAVE THE DATE:
FATHER/DAUGHTER
DANCE

JANUARY 24, 2020
6:00PM - 8:00PM



**THANKSGIVING LUNCH SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

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