



Pride Press

October, 2021

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 8, 2020

Early Dismissal @ 11:30

Fall Break

Oct. 11 - 15



We are so excited to be named a 2020-21 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!

Mrs. Chambers-Woods Counselor's Corner

In our guidance classes, we have been discussing ACTIVE LISTENING SKILLS and WORKING IN GROUPS. We talked about the importance of listening to one another with RESPECT and learned Q-Bear's CARING AND SHARING rules: "Groups are fun, when we play fair, we listen, take turns and share." Also, remember to "Stop and Think, Is it Nice? Is it Kind? If it is NOT, Don't do it!"

Love, Mrs. Chambers-Woods



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. We raised \$26,000! 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

Fall parties are October 29th.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to allow outside visitors in the building for this event, but we still want to make it a great day for students. Room parents will be communicating via email with a list of items you can send in for the party. No costumes please.

Awareness Days

October is **Down Syndrome** and **Breast Cancer Awareness** Month. On Oct. 6 we encourage students to wear blue & yellow and on October 22 wear pink or a pink ribbon to school as we show our support.



Notes from Nurse Vicky



Parents, please be sure to consult the district "Illness Guidelines" when determining whether or not to send your child to school. If your child is tested for Covid due to symptoms, the district requires a **PCR test only** and we must have results before your child returns. *The FSSD does NOT accept home Covid results. All Covid results must be documented by a doctor or lab.* If your child tests positive for Covid, or is exposed to Covid through someone outside of school, please notify Nurse Vicky right away by phone (615) 472-3906 or e-mail gishvic@fssd.org.

Parents of PK/K/First Grade – please send an extra set of clothing for your child to keep in his/her locker in case of urinary/BM/food accidents.

homeworkhotline

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!

The app even tells you what products will earn Bonus Box Tops! You don't even have to worry about what qualifies. The app will sort it out!



New Families to Franklin and PGS

Let's celebrate a successful first quarter! **Friday, October 22 at 3pm.** Bring your family and meet at Jim Warren Park. Kids can play while adults visit.

Questions:

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OR

Rachel Lovett

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SAVE THE DATES:

November 15-19 - This will be our annual Scholastic Book Fair which raises money for both PGES and PGMS library media centers.

November 18 - Read-a-thon

Details to come!

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.

Boiler Supply
Brilliant Sky Toys & Books
Maid Right
Vulcan Materials
Tell Me I'm Pretty Salon
Kemp & Rice Orthodontics
Goldfish Swim School
Green Scene Landscaping
Cornerstone Financial Credit Union
Elks Lodge Franklin
Nabholz Construction
Jessica Cassalia, Realtor
Demumbran/Zelnik, Realtors
ZCo Systems

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



MAC News

Oct. 8th will be an early dismissal day at 11:30...PGS MAC will be open until 6pm. Sign up by Oct. 6th

Fall Break is **Oct. 11th-15th** at the Holiday Site located at 1406 Cannon Street.

Please sign up by Oct. 1.

Please contact Angela Kennedy with any questions. kennedyang@fssd.org



The PAWS Report

Welcome to the **PAWS** (Positive Action With Support) **Report!** This month we would like to lift up those cute colored tickets you may be finding in your child's laundry. Our school-wide (TIER I) expectation focuses on the character traits of Responsibility, Respect, Safety, Honesty, and Kindness. Students receive these tickets every time they are found making good choices, going above and beyond, or simply doing things the right way when asked. Students receive classroom incentives for earning tickets. These vary by grade level so be sure to ask your child about how they are earning tickets throughout the school day. Please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Larkin for more information 615-790-4720.



Thanks to everyone
who joined the PTO.
We appreciate your support!



PTO Meeting
October 7th at 1:30
PGES Cafeteria
We hope you can join us!

Did you know....

if your child is wearing a mask in an indoor school setting where another masked student tests positive for COVID-19, your child **will not be excluded** as a close contact?*

*based on the TN Department of Health's Contact Tracing guidelines for K-12 indoor classroom settings.



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, Mr. Xavier, Mr. Jose, Ms. Connie, and Mr. Daniel.