



# Pride Press

March, 2020

## 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.



We have a few construction projects coming up that are going to make a big impact at PGS. This spring a new sidewalk will be going in to connect Hwy. 96 to PGS. This will be so helpful for many of our bikers and walkers. This summer we will break ground on two major projects that will positively impact our school. We are building an additional gym that will be located in the green space off our current gym and we will be building a FSSD Performing Arts Center on the PGS campus. It will be located off the middle school end of the building. We are excited about the impact all 3 of these construction projects will have on our campus!



Early Dismissal  
2nd Grade Product Service Fair

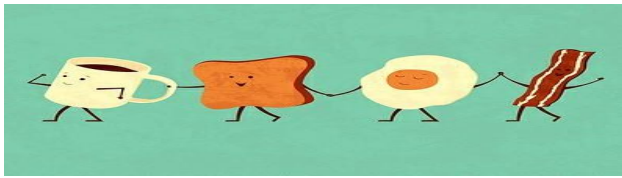


March 16-20

STEAM and Literacy Night  
Two Great Events One Epic Night



We are excited to have two great events happening on the same night at Poplar Grove on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. We are having an elementary STEAM event and the middle school Literacy event on the same night. We will have fun, engaging, and creative activities for your children to explore. We will have a special performance that evening by our 3rd and 4th graders and a spectacular display of art by our own PGES students. All ages are encouraged to shop our Used Book Sale, which will be open as well. Please join us for a fun-filled family evening of wonder, exploration, and creativity. By attending this event, your student will receive a voucher to shop at the used book sale. It will certainly be an epic night you will not want to miss.



**MARCH 2ND - 6TH**

**NATIONAL BREAKFAST WEEK**

**"Join the intergalactic crew of the cafeteria and see breakfast items from out of this world."**

**\*Rocket pancakes on a stick\***

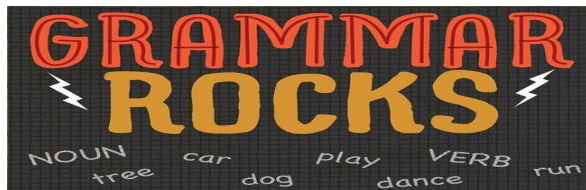
**\*Alien Pancakes\***

**\*Star Parfaits\***

**\*UFO Pizza\***

**Product Service Fair**

Get your quarters ready for the 2nd Grade Product Service Fair on March 13 from 7:45-9:00 am. Students will be learning about consumers, producers, marketing, and business models all while offering great homemade products for sale.



3<sup>rd</sup> grade will perform

**"Grammar Rocks!"**

**Thursday, March the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

Join us for a rockin' good time.

**MAC News**

**March 13th** - Early Dismissal day!  
MAC available until 6:00pm.

**March 3rd** - No school for students and  
**March 16th - 20th** - Spring Break.  
MAC will be open at the Holiday Site located @ 1406 Cannon Street.

Sign ups will take place in the front office of PGES for all of these days.

**FSSD TNReady Testing Schedule for 3rd and 4th Grades**

April 14 ELA (writing)- 80 min.

April 27 ELA, part 2 & 3- 75 min.

April 28 ELA, part 4- 30 min.  
Math, part 1- 45 min.



April 29 Math, part 2 & 3- 70 min.

April 30 Science Test - 50 min.

**Spring Pictures - March 11**



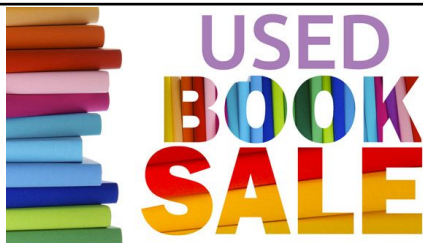
Good Job, Poplar Grove! Our school has earned over \$250 so far this year from Box Tops!

## Volunteers for PGS Fuel Bag Program Needed!!

Fuel bags are provided to our students weekly from Graceworks Ministries. We are in need of parent volunteers to pick up and deliver fuel bags to PGS on Thursdays. If you are interested in learning more about this great program, please contact Sara Holt,

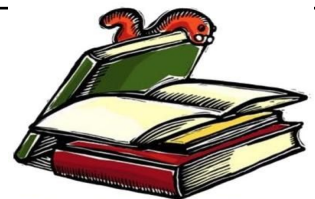
[sgholt26@yahoo.com](mailto:sgholt26@yahoo.com)

Coffee with Prisca  
March 10th at  
7:30am  
Room 101



MARCH

2, 4, 5, 6, & 9



Used Book Sale

## A VOCABULARY PARADE IS COMING!

When: **Friday, March 6, 2020**  
Where: Poplar Grove Gymnasium  
Time: 7:45 A.M.



select a word to become a costume. Put your thinking caps on and start your plans! How could you show ZIGZAG, SLEUTH, HAZARD...?! Send your child to school dressed as their vocabulary word on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and we will have a school wide parade in the gym starting at 7:45 A.M.

Family and friends are welcome to join us to watch this amazing parade.

*\*Please see your teacher if you need help with ideas for a vocabulary word or designing assistance.*

*\*We encourage costumes to be homemade or modify a store bought costume.*



Please call or email the office by **8:30 am** concerning students who are going to be absent (615-790-4720) [sternenbergrho@fssd.org](mailto:sternenbergrho@fssd.org). Notes are due within **7** days of the student's absence. We can only accept a written parent note, a parent email, or a doctor note. Unfortunately, we cannot accept calls, texts, or messages sent through apps.

At **5** unexcused absences the state requires the school to send a letter and administration must meet with the families. At **8** unexcused absences we are required to send another letter and our counselor must reach out. At **10** total absences the school district is required to make contact.

## ENROLLMENT DATES 2020-2021

**April 1st:** Online enrollment for ALL students begins: Follow the 4 simple steps below to register:

1. [www.fssd.org](http://www.fssd.org)
2. Registration (Purple Box)
3. Register Here
4. Returning Student Registration (Blue Box)

2 NEW proofs of residency will be needed to complete enrollment.

Please let us know if you will not be returning.

Need help call office @ 615.790.4720

**April 17th:** Kindergarten Round- UP 8am - 2pm Come & Go!!!

**August 5th and 7th:** Kindergarten screening/testing days

**PK Applications 2020-2021:** Online now at [www.fssd.org](http://www.fssd.org)

<https://tinyurl.com/FSSDVPK>



## Notes from Nurse Vicky

As March (and spring) approach, many of us will be spending more time outdoors. Please be sure that your child is wearing a helmet if riding a bike, scooter, skateboard, hoverboard, etc.

Parents of kindergarten and first grade students, I'm finding that several children have come to me to borrow clothes after a urinary or food accident at school. Please be sure that your child has a change of weather-appropriate clothing in his/her backpack or locker to keep at school, if needed. If your child has borrowed clothing from the clinic, please wash and return it.



## Mrs. Chambers-Woods' Counselor Corner

Mrs. Chambers-Woods is excited to have a school counseling intern from MTSU until the end of the school year. Her name is Ms. Kristen Wessels and she is from Franklin, TN. What is really great is that she attended Poplar Grove the first year it was open!! She has returned "home" to finish her degree in school counseling and we are excited to have her. We have started groups and will complete them by the end of March or the first of April. In our classes, we are focusing on goal-setting and self-control. We also finished our unit on bullying and bullying behavior. Always remember to STOP and THINK and to treat others with ACCEPTANCE!



Save the Date: On **March 24th at 6pm**, there will be a parent presentation done by the Williamson County Department of Health about E-Cigarettes, JUUL, and **Vaping**. It is a short presentation with GREAT information. Knowledge is power and we encourage you to attend to get current information. This meeting is intended for ALL parents of ALL students grades preK-8th grade and will be in the PGMS Media Center.

## THE PAWS REPORT

If you are interested in the benefits of our positive behavior program, here are a few...

- Improves school climate
- Reduces problem behaviors
- Reduces office discipline referrals
- Increases time for academic instruction
- Improves student achievement
- Improves student attendance
- Increases parent, student, and staff satisfaction
- Reduces staff turnover
- Reduces bullying behaviors



If you are interested in learning more about our PBIS program please contact Mrs. Larkin at [larkinlou@fssd.org](mailto:larkinlou@fssd.org)





Being "Internet Savvy"

## PGS STRIVES TO BE A COMMON SENSE SCHOOL

Monthly Topic:  
LEARNING with Technology

**How can you tell if an app or website is *really* good for learning?**

Find out how you can be an informed parent in the digital world -  
use the QR code below to read full article.



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Please come out and support the Poplar Grove Middle School production of ***The Lion King, Jr.*** Performances will be March 26th, 27th, and 28th on the stage in the gym. Show times are 6:30 pm nightly, with an additional 2:00 performance on the 28th. Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Mufasa and all the rest would love for your to come!