

Notes from Coffee with Admin on 10/20:

- 6th Grade Students will be able to access their Pearson math book on-line via a code. Rather than carry the cumbersome book home, students can view problems, do the homework, and submit their work to their teacher digitally.
- RTI time becomes WIN in 5/6 grade: WIN = What I Need, using the benchmark tests, students identified as needing additional help in the core subjects will receive it during WIN time on Tues & Fri morning while other students will choose from a variety of enrichment activities offered by PCCS staff and parent volunteers. WIN time will take place in 5 week sessions, and students will rotate through the activities over the course of the school year.
- In connection to the RTI discussion, the administration explained MTSS: Multi-Tiered System of Support a 3 tier system used to identify students who need additional academic help.
- Stemming from the MTSS discussion, the administration introduced a similar 3 tiered system intended to help identify students who need additional help in regards to behavior/social skills. This system, referred to as a "Behavior Screener" was scheduled to be presented at the Academic Excellence Committee meeting Monday night (10/20). Parents at the coffee expressed concerns regarding the confidentiality of such a program and hoped that Instructional Assistants who observe students during the more social times (lunch/recess) would have an opportunity to provide input on these assessments.
- Questions were raised regarding lunch supervision in the 5-8 building. Mr. Johnson is assigned as additional recess help for both 7-8 and 5-6. Classrooms are back to having 1 staff member monitor 2 classrooms during lunch and parents expressed concern at the lack of supervision during this time. Mr. Zamiar said he and Mr. Smith both try to stop in during lunch to have more "eyes on" in these rooms. The administration also mentioned that all IA's took a 4 hour class on "active recess supervision" in connection with the Safe & Civil Schools Program.
- There was a request made for a handout to be created that clarifies/outlines volunteer expectations/responsibilities/guidelines.
- An update on the delayed launch of the new school website was requested and the administration said the latest news was a possible, but not definite date in November. Parents expressed frustration in this delay and the lack of communication on updates regarding it.
- A parent expressed some concerns about the food list for 5/6 Halloween party, a coordinator for the party was in attendance at the meeting and addressed the concerns. It was also noted that the 7/8 grade Halloween dance has been cancelled due to lack of student interest.

Thank you to everyone who attended! The next coffee w/admin will take place on Monday, November 17th from 2-3 pm. Mr. Smith will be in attendance and the focus will be on K-4 concerns. If you have a topic you'd like to see added to the agenda, please contact the PSO!