



## Here's What's Happening at PCCS

### Hard Lockdown Drill

This morning, we held a hard lockdown drill with the whole school. The students and staff did extremely well. The purpose of drills is to help reinforce for all how to respond calmly and safely in the event of a real emergency. We are grateful for the Grayslake Police Department, who came in to oversee the drill today.

### Green Apple Day of Service

Don't forget to **RSVP** for the **Green Apple Day of Service**. The Green Team at PCCS is hosting this event on 9/24 from 9-11am. They are building benches and need help!

### Election Voting Has Begun

Each family was sent an email yesterday, providing you a ballot to vote for the Parent-Elected Board Election. If you did not receive an email, please contact **Heather Bendorovich**. Voting continues through Thursday, September 29th at 3:30pm. Candidate information can be found **HERE**. Thank you!

### Board Committee Meetings

**Finance Committee** & **Governance Committee** meetings will take place on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

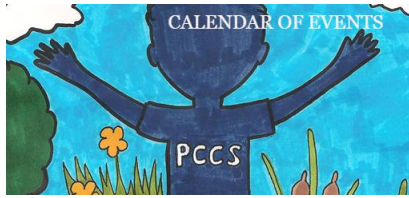
### Thanks for Attending Curriculum Night

Thank you to our 5th-8th grade families for coming to Curriculum Night on Tuesday. We hope you learned about what your child will learn this year as well as about your child's upcoming trips during the Trip Meeting. Please contact your **child's teacher** with any questions you have about the curriculum or classroom this year!

### PSO Textile Drive

The PSO needs volunteers! Would you be willing to help sort donations in the morning? Stop in and join the fun! Still have items to donate? We are collecting through 9/20! Click **HERE** to

## Upcoming Events & After School Opportunities



**Farm to Table.** Many thanks to Chef Loustaunau of **Cafe Pyrenees** for a delicious Farm to Table lunch! Close to 375 people dined on gazpacho; pasta with chicken & vegetables in a tomato basil sauce; and apple tart. Missed **Farm to Table** this month? Please join us

next month!

## Academic Excellence--Spotlight on Math

By now, you are all aware of the "**Model Math**" program we've recently adopted at PCCS. Our priority was to find a curriculum that matched Common Core State Standards and one that adhered to a constructivist philosophy of learning. A math curriculum that has a constructivist philosophy will allow students to work in small groups, engage in problem solving, participate in building their own meaning from the lessons, and will present the skills in games and hands-on activities.



Students learn note-taking skills by recording vocabulary, strategies, and mathematical concepts in math notebooks. Although it may look different for a while, we believe this is what is needed to match the needs of our students. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher. Look for information about *Math Night* opportunities so you can learn how you can support your child's math learning.

### Upcoming Events at PCCS:

Monday, September 19th--Cross Country Meet at Park 4pm

Tuesday, September 20th--Soccer at Home 4pm

--Cross Country Meet at Gavin South at 4pm

--**Finance Committee Meeting** at 6pm

--**Governance Committee Meeting** at 7pm

Wednesday, September 21st--Teacher In-Service--**No School**

Thursday, September 22nd--Soccer Game at Johnsbury 4pm

--Rummage Sale Begins

Friday, September 23rd--Rummage Sale Continues through the 24th

### Coming Soon:

**PCCS Rummage Sale** Thursday, September 22nd-Saturday, September 24th

Visit PCCS at the **Fall Festival** on Saturday, September 24th 11am-2pm

**Green Apple Day of Service** is Saturday, September 24th

**Parent Book Club** for Parents and Staff on September 28th!

**Party Dates:** October 31st--Halloween (Parade at 1:45; Party 2:15)

December 20th--Holiday at 2:15

February 14th--Valentine's at 2:15pm

Sincerely,

PCCS Administration

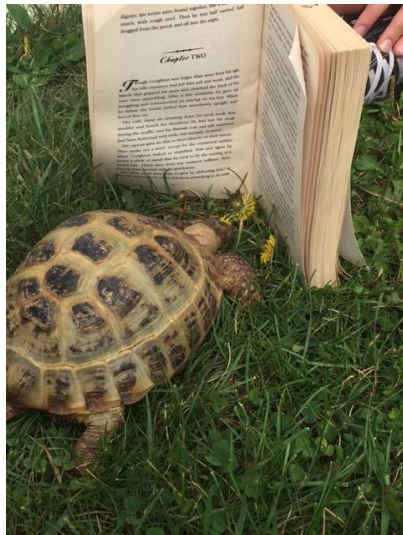
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