

Here's What's Happening at PCCS

Board Meet and Greet! [Please join us for refreshments](#) on Tuesday, October 25th as we welcome our new board members and thank our returning board members for their continued service to PCCS. Join us for some light refreshments on Tuesday at 6:30pm in Muir Hall. Our [Board Meeting](#) will follow at 7pm; all are welcome to attend both events.

Holiday Marketplace at PCCS. PCCS is hosting a Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, December 3rd in the Gym. Mark your calendars and pick up some unique holiday gifts for your friends and families! Need a hostess gift? Buy it there! Do you have an at-home business or know someone who might be interested in selling their unique items? Contact [Dil Dybas](#).

PCCS Car Magnets and Yard Signs. Show your PCCS Spirit! Would you be interested in having a PCCS yard sign for your front yard? Don't forget we have PCCS car magnets available for all families and staff. If you would like a magnet or yard sign, please contact [Dil Dybas](#).

Halloween Treat Bags! We are looking for families willing to pass out treat bags to their neighborhood trick or treaters. Thanks to our Aftercare helpers, the Outreach team has [500 treat bags](#) to give out. We would like to have families in both districts, in different neighborhoods take part. Contact [Dil Dybas](#) if you can help!

Diwali at PCCS. PCCS celebrates our diversity! On November 9th, Mr. Freeman and the Multicultural Parent Advisory Council are hosting a [Diwali Celebration](#) for the whole school community. Mark your calendars and [RSVP](#) to come learn more about one of the cultures within our community.

Veterans Day Assembly. All parents are invited to attend our annual Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 11th at 8:30am in the Gym. PCCS military family members are invited to join in this ceremony; we thank you for your service and would like to recognize your contribution to our country!

Upcoming Events & After School Opportunities

Sports Wrap-Up: Soccer and Cross Country wrapped up with great finishes for Mikey M. and Nathan S. at the State Meet. The Soccer team tied the staff 2-2 at the Staff vs. Student game and placed 3rd in their conference! Boys' Basketball and Cheer seasons start next week.

Virtual Backpack. Club Opportunities abound. Please visit the [website](#) to learn more.

PBIS Cool Tools: This year, as part of our continued implementation of [PBIS](#), we have begun the weekly teaching of "Cool Tools." Each week we focus on one specific aspect of our [PBIS Matrix](#), reviewing the behavioral expectations, why they are important, and what they look like at our school. Keep an eye out for a new Cool Tool each week! You can also find a link to [PBIS Cool Tools](#)) on our [school website](#).

Academic Excellence

At PCCS, we pride ourselves on teaching the whole child. What this means is that we devote much of our time and resources to building social-emotional skills, environmental awareness, and stewardship among our students.

This week, however, I want to focus just a little on our academic growth goals and success. Our goal every year is for all of our students to show at least one year of growth as measured by the different assessments and benchmarks throughout the school year. Our teachers are constantly looking at data from these assessments in order to discern what strategies and materials to best use to continue the growth patterns and reach these goals.

We are proud again this year to announce our continued success on the PARCC test, which measures our students' success as compared to the Illinois Learning Standards. On October 31st, 2016, the State will release those results using the Illinois Report Card. We invite you to attend the November School Board meeting, where we will deliver an analysis of those results. Finally, we will continue to use those data to build continuous progress for all of our students. Last month, we sent home PARCC results from last spring's test. Please reference that test to see your child's specific growth. Thank you for partnering with us as we work for every student's academic success!

Upcoming Events at PCCS:

Saturday, October 22nd—[PSO Pumpkin Party](#) from 2-4pm

Monday, October 24th—Food Day

Tuesday, October 25th—Food Day Assembly at 8:15am

--[Board Member Meet and Greet](#) 6:30pm Muir Hall

--[Board Meeting](#) 7pm

Friday, October 29th—Boys' Basketball and Cheer Team Pictures 4pm

Coming Soon!

[Diwali Celebration](#) on November 9th in Barn

Veterans Day Assembly on November 11th at 8:30am in Gym

Holiday Marketplace on December 3rd in Gym

Sincerely,

PCCS Administration