

P'ville Newsletter

Safe ~ Respectful ~ Responsible



Dear Pawtucketville Families,

The Paw program is a school-wide social and emotional learning curriculum developed for Pawtucketville students. It is designed to educate students about essential themes and encourage them to put the ideas into practice.

Each month of school has a theme connected to it. The themes include school safety, respect, responsibility, friendship, achievement, kindness, perseverance, acceptance, focus and teamwork. We explore these important topics through a variety of means including morning announcements, morning meetings, community meetings, and all school assemblies. Our goal is to weave these lessons into the fabric of our day and encourage kids to put them into practice. Students that exemplify these themes during school can be nominated to be our Paw student of the month and honored at our monthly all school assemblies.

Students can also earn “Paws” for a variety of actions connected to our ten monthly themes. The rolling Paw cart travels to all the classes once a month and provides an opportunity for students to spend their earned Paws on some high interest items. We are always interested in adding new and fun items including pencils, fun erasers, small toys, trinkets, key chains, etc. If you have trove of new items you would like to donate, contact our parent liaison, Coralie Cote at ccote@lowell.k12.ma.us.

This program is an important and successful part of our school community. Please contact me if you have specific questions about our social and emotional programming. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Thank you,

Dr. Mathew McLean
Principal



Important Dates

5th ~ PTO Meeting 6:00

6th ~ Election Day (No School for Students)

12th ~ Veterans' Day (No School)

13th ~ Picture Retake Day

21st ~ All School Assembly

21st ~ Early Release 11:50

22nd & 23rd - Thanksgiving Recess (No School)



Kindergarten

We are looking forward to the start of November! Kindergarten will explore the first Thanksgiving by participating in our annual Thanksgiving Feast. The kindergarten students will come together to enjoy some festive foods and songs.

It is starting to get chilly outside so please remember to send your child in with a jacket so that they can participate in outdoor recess. Please continue to practice our sight words each night with your child. Thank you for your continued support at home!

~Kindergarten Team

First Grade

We hope you all are doing well. As the weather gets colder, please remember jackets. In writing, the students will begin their study of opinion writing by composing persuasive letters. We will be talking all about things kids want and want to change.

In math, we are finishing up module 1. Students are working on math fluency. Please practice flashcards with addition and subtraction up to 20.

In reading, the students are becoming words detectives. They are learning different strategies to decode words.

~First Grade Team

Second Grade

Our First Grade 2 Math Bee is scheduled to take place on November 20 featuring Addition Facts. Math Fact Fluency is a very important skill in completing Grade Level computation. It is such an important skill, our Grade 2 Team has set building Fact Fluency as one of our Team teaching goals for this school year. Mrs. Marshall has found an exciting and effective program called Ninja Math. The Team is working to familiarize ourselves with Ninja Math, and to build the components. We'll give you some more details next month!

In Eureka Math, we have finished Module 3 and are wrapping up the End of Module Assessment. We will return to Module 1 to revisit Sums and Differences to 100. We have been working to build flexibility with Place Value. This will help the students have an easier time with Module 1, and we will be able to move quickly through the strategies. We will then get into Module 4 Addition and Subtraction Within 200 with Word Problems to 100, which is the heart of Grade 2 Mathematics.

Writer's Workshop- Students are publishing their Personal Narratives and the last week in October will be dedicated to conferencing. The teachers will be able to have a discussion with each child about his/her writing. This process helps each child see what was strong in the written pieces, and areas where some improvement would enhance the writing.

Then, we will begin to work on persuasive reviews. We'll write reviews of books, movies, restaurants, and family attractions. Writing an "Opinion Piece" is an important standard. The students really enjoy this genre of writing, and the teachers very much enjoy sharing their reviews.

ART ROOM

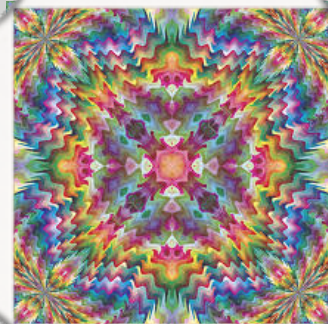
"The artist is not a special kind of person; rather each person is a special kind of artist."
-Ananda Coomaraswamy

We will create red poppies, white birch trees, Native American inspired Art, and start winter themed masterpieces.

The next art show will be Saturday, December 8th at the Pancake Breakfast. Art from Dion, Riddle-Duffy, Mendonca, Bernier, and Cotman-El artists will be on display!

Lowell's Western Avenue will host Holiday Open Studios Saturday and Sunday December 1-2 and December 8-9 noon to 5pm. There is a glass blowing studio and a traditional Cambodian ceramicist!

~Ms. Amlashi



Interactive Read Aloud-We have been listening to stories and the “Essential Question” has been to describe how the character responded to events and challenges in the stories. Our next question will focus on determining the central message in a story.

Disguise a Turkey has become a fun Grade 2 Family Activity. In a few weeks, your child will receive a paper turkey and directions. The idea is to decorate in order to disguise your turkey in a costume that will fool people, so that your turkey won't become somebody's Thanksgiving dinner! You can disguise your turkeys as famous people, television characters, sports figures, or other creatures. Everybody looks forward to seeing how creative the children have been with their disguises!

~Second Grade Team

Third Grade

In writing, we are finishing our personal narrative and will be starting realistic fiction. The children love to write and are very proud of their work!

In math, we are working on multiplication and division. We will also be having our first math bee in December. Please study the multiplication facts with your child.

We will be having our first field trip to The Boott Cotton Mills on November 20th. The buses will leave promptly at 9:30 and we will return to PMES between 1:30-2:00 p.m. Check with your child's teacher regarding any specific questions. A permission slip will be going home soon.

The weather is changing. As it gets colder, please make sure your child is coming to school with a coat/hat/mittens. A sweatshirt for the classroom would be great as the temperatures can fluctuate throughout the day.

It is that time of year again colds and coughs are creeping into the classrooms. Any donations of tissues and paper towels are appreciated!

~Third Grade Team

Fourth Grade

Fourth Graders are off to a great start to the school year. For the past ten weeks we have worked hard to establish classroom rules and routines.

The children are continuing to build their reading stamina, and will be exploring a variety of different genres in their independent reading. During IRA and Reader's Workshop, we will be moving into reading informational texts.

In Writing, students will continue to work on realistic fiction stories and will finish off our unit by bringing their stories through the writing process. Next, we will be moving into learning how to write personal essays during our Writer's Workshop lessons.

In Math, we have finished up our first module on place value and have moved into Module 2, which is a very short module on metric conversions. This will be followed by Module 3, where we will dive into multi-digit multiplication and division.

The Vocabulary Parade was a huge success and we hope that everyone learned some “Great Big Words” from our Fourth Grade performers! We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning here at Pawtucketville, as our study of Regions around the United States are explored, as well as our study of Motion, Force and Models. Thanks for your continued support and cooperation!

~Fourth Grade Team



SCHOOL BANKING

Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School has a partnership with Jeanne D'Arc Bank.

JDCU comes every other Tuesday and makes deposits at the school. The children get a deposit slip at the time of the deposit. JDCU banking will be on November 20th.

Any questions with the banking program please email: kmarandola@lowell.k12.ma.us

Thank you,

Kathy Marandola

Music Room

Music is driving forward in a real awesome way. The fourth graders have been performing tons of music. Everyday I see them they become better, stronger singers!

The third graders have stepped up to becoming great musicians. They have been working with me and independently to learn the recorder. Ask them to play you Cherrie Pie for you! They should be practicing often. The more they practice the easier it becomes for them.

Second grade is well ahead of schedule. They have been learning about our national anthem and why it is important. In the coming weeks we will be listening to many other national anthems. They are also already learning to read complex rhythms and will be reading music in no time.

First grade is playing instruments and will be starting to sing rounds this month. They just learned a couple of spooky songs, have them sing it to you!

Kindergarten is learning how to respect instruments so we can play them. They were given thunder drums to be able create storm noises during the song 5 Little Pumpkins. It is a wonderful song, have your child sing it to the family. They will love it! Fall is a wonderful time of year and I love singing about the colors and flavors of it. It's so much fun working with the students because they are as excited as I am.

~Ms. Knight

Nurse's Corner

November Health News

November is Diabetes Awareness Month – Talk to your health care provider about the risk factors in your family, take precautions, & support the people you know with diabetes!

Continue to say “BOO” to the Flu! – This year, the Centers for Disease Control advise everyone 6 months of age and older to get a flu shot during the months of October and November. Talk to your doctor. Handwashing is imperative during the seasonal flu months.

Please keep all sick children home from school especially if they are exhibiting respiratory and stomach symptoms! If you are unsure – stay home and call your health care provider or school nurse for advice.

Allergy & Asthma season is hitting us hard this year. Monitor all symptoms closely and follow your health care provider's advice. If your child has asthma, it is extremely important to keep an inhaler at school.

We can protect and strengthen our own immunity by eating nutritious foods, taking daily walks, sleeping 8 –10 hours a night, reducing stress, and smiling daily.

~Nurse Jill

CONTENT LITERACY

My name is Ms. C and I am the Content Literacy Teacher at Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School for grades K-4. I am a recent graduate from UMass Lowell with Licensure in Elementary Education 1-6 and Special Education K-8. I am a fervent artist, poet, writing mentor and volunteer at my local Boys and Girls Club. I am excited to teach science and social studies, and do some tactile activities with the students in the upcoming months.

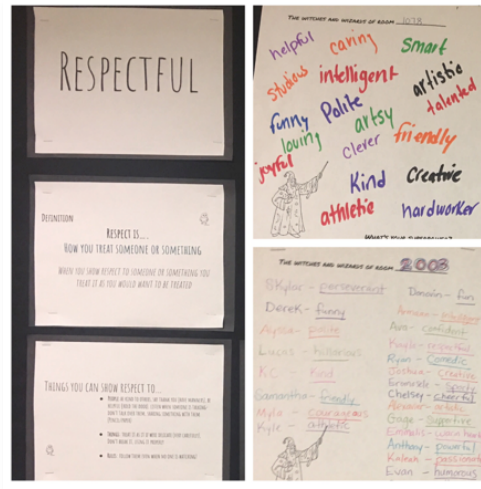
If you have any questions, contact me via email at: fchahine@lowell.k12.ma.us

~Ms. Chahine



Social Worker's Corner

Our students have been busy in morning meetings during October learning all about Respect. We have reviewed and reinforced with students the importance of respecting others, ourselves, and our school community. We have stressed the importance for our students to do unto others as they want to be treated. We will let families know the topic each month in our newsletter so that you can also continue these conversations with your children at home. The PAW award will be given to 1 student from each classroom that has demonstrated respect throughout the entire month. This award will be given at our All School Assembly.



It is starting to get cold outside so it is important you send your children with winter coats to go out for recess. If you need help getting a winter coat for your child, please feel free to reach out to the social worker for help.

November: Friendship

~Mrs. Mangion



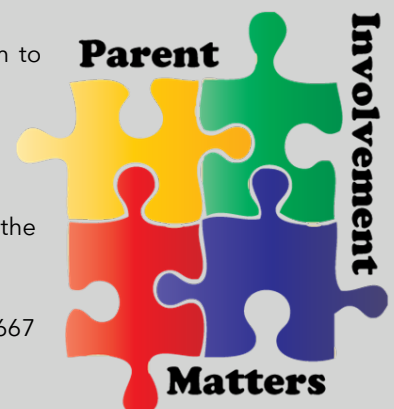
PARENT LIAISON

Family Compacts went home with students last month, please sign and return this form to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

As of October 26th, the Pawtucketville PTO *No Fundraiser* Fundraiser has raised \$2,635 of our \$20,000 goal. This is a great start to our fundraiser, but I know we as a community can do more! If you have already donated, we are truly grateful for your support of the Pawtucketville PTO and the programs we sponsor.

Should you have an questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (978) 937-7667 ext. 11005 or ccote@Lowell.k12.ma.us.

~Mrs. Cote



PTO's *No Fundraiser* Fundraiser

Help the **Pawtucketville** PTO reach \$20,000 by December 8th!

Life is busy and many Pawtucketville Families struggle to participate in the fundraisers the PTO has traditionally organized. This year, we are trying something different with the **No Fundraiser Fundraiser!**

We are encouraging each family to donate or raise \$30 per child (\$60 per family). If you would like to support your PTO but don't have time to participate in the catalog sales, simply write a check or send in cash and your job is done for the year! The PTO is a nonprofit 501(c)(3). **100% of the money we raise is spent on our school, staff, and students.**

The Pawtucketville PTO helps the students in many ways including funding field trips, supporting teachers with supplies and money for special projects, and purchasing technology for classroom use. If you prefer to raise money the more traditional way through our catalog sales, this opportunity will be available throughout the year as well.

Every family that donates will be entered to **win one of these exciting prizes:**

Grand Prize: Chromebook

Second Prize: \$150 Amazon Gift Card

Third Prize: \$100 Barnes & Noble Gift Card

Families will be automatically entered in the drawing: one entry per \$10 donated. Winners will be drawn at random during the Pancake Breakfast on December 8 (you don't need to be present to win).

2018-2019 Pawtucketville Parent & Teacher Organization (PTO) Cash or Check Contribution

We appreciate anything you can do and understand that everyone's ability to contribute is different.

Checks can be made out to: **Pawtucketville PTO**

Donation amount \$ _____ (you will be entered in the drawing once per \$10 donated).

P'ville Student _____ Classroom _____

Person/Family making donation _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Please complete this form and send it, together with your cash or check donation, in to school with your Pawtucketville student. **Thank you for your support!**