

P'ville Newsletter



Welcome Back Pawtucketville Families,

We welcome our students and families back back! A special welcome to the many new families that have joined the school this year. The Pawtucketville staff deliberately set out to create a caring and welcoming community for all our students. Morning meetings in every room are new this year. Teachers have discussions and engage in activities to enhance their social and emotional learning. The theme for September is "Safety". Ask your child what they have learned!

Mark your calendar: September 21st from 6:00 - 7:30 is our Open House for students in grades 1-4 and the Ice Cream Social for students in all grades.

The Pawtucketville staff encourage all members of our community to practice our all school rules to keep our school safe, welcoming, and focused on learning:

Be Safe Be Respectful Be Responsible

A few important reminders as we start the year:

- **Student Absences:** Please call in all absences to the absence line: 978-937-7667 option 3.
- **Facebook:** If you are on Facebook, "Like" the Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School page to receive updates about events.
- **Email:** Please share your email address so we can send out bulk emails regarding emergencies, events, etc.
- **Morning Drop Off:** Students should disembark from the car anywhere along the curb of the building—you do not need to wait to get close to the entrance door.
- **Afternoon Pick Up:** Please park and walk to the building for afternoon pick up.
- **Open House & Ice Cream Social:** Thursday, September 22nd. Be there!

As always, please contact me with questions or concerns...no matter how big or small. We aim to provide an inclusive community school that is responsive to the families we serve.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mathew McLean
Principal

Important Dates

11th ~ SSC Meeting	6:00pm
11th ~ PTO Meeting	6:30pm
20th ~ Early Release	1:30pm
21st ~ Ice Cream Social & Open House	6:00pm
29th ~ All School Assembly	9:45am

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Kindergarten

We are so excited to have begun the new school year! We are beginning the school year talking about rules, building routines and getting to know one another. This year is going to be filled with a lot of learning and fun! We want to remind any kindergarten parents that haven't signed up yet to be sure to sign up for class DOJO. This is really helpful when we are trying to send out whole class reminders and other important information to parents. Thank you!

~Kindergarten Team

First Grade

Welcome back families! We are excited for this brand new year! We have been focusing on friendship, rules, and first grade expectations.

We have jumped into our math curriculum which is working on breaking apart numbers to form number bonds and simple addition sentences.

In writing, we will be starting to write personal narratives. You can help out at home by discussing fun family memories of vacations you took, birthday parties, or just fun weekend activities. This will help them with their ideas. For reading, we have just passed out leveled books so they can practice here at school. Reading groups will begin within the next two weeks, and we can't wait to see how hard they worked over the summer!

In first grade lunch time is very late! They are used to eating lunch at 11:30. They now eat at 1:10. PLEASE make sure you pack a healthy snack for them to have during the day!

We are so looking forward to seeing all of you at our Ice Cream Social and Curriculum night on September 21st!

~First Grade

Nurses' Corner

All students are required to have an updated immunization record on file in order to stay in school. The only exception is for medical or religious exemptions. Physical exams are required for students newly registered, kindergarten, and grade 4. Please send in updated physicals to the nurse when they are completed.

If your child has a health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please inform the school nurse. Individual health care plans help keep your students safe and healthy.

All school medications must be brought in by an adult. A doctor's order and parent consent is required for medication administration by the school nurse. For the safety of our students, please do not send medications in your child's backpack.

School emergency health forms were sent home the first week of school. Please make every effort to complete and return this important information.

~Nurse Jill



Second Grade

The Grade 2 Teaching Team is excited to be back for the 2017-2018 school year. Our teaching team includes Mrs. Scully, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Mendonca. We have some new staff members who have joined our team this year. Some finishing touches are being put on the staff assignments. We'll introduce all of our new members next month.

In **Literacy**, our big focus will be on setting up class routines. This is important because it helps foster independent literacy behavior. In *Interactive Read Aloud*, the focus will be on using key details to recount a story. The key details include descriptions of the characters, setting, and major events in a story. The focus of *Writing Workshop* will be the importance of story structure. This means including important details and chronology to make stories clear to the reader. Students will write several personal narratives.

In **Math**, the big focus is building fluency with sums and differences to 100. The students will be learning many strategies to help them to compose and decompose numbers. We'll be working on building fact fluency through 20. Our first *Math Bee*, featuring addition facts, has been scheduled for the half day before Thanksgiving. Get a jump start, and practice studying your math facts now!

Dismissal Grade 2 "Walker Students" are dismissed through the side door, close to the gym, at about 3:25.

Field Trip Mrs. Bouzan has again connected Grade 2 with the New England Aquarium. Teachers will attend a training there at the end of the month. This is required before we can schedule the field trip, and so that we can acquire the tickets for free. We had a wonderful time last year. We'll let you know the details when we schedule our Field Trip.

We welcome and greatly appreciate donations of tissues, paper towels, soap, and cleaning wet wipes to help us out in our classrooms. Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness.

~Second Grade Team

Third Grade

Welcome back! We are so excited to start the 2017-18 school year. The children have been quickly learning the routines of the classroom. In math, we are beginning multiplication and division. **It would be helpful if all of the children had multiplication and division flash cards. Keep them at home for now. We will be using them soon and will use them all year!

In writing, we are working on personal narratives. The reader's workshop is well underway. The students are learning to choose "just right books" and to improve their reading stamina and fluency.

A few reminders-please send in a healthy, allergy aware snack daily. The children eat lunch at 1:25pm so the morning snack is very important. Also, please remember to send in a note with your child if he/she will be changing his/her normal dismissal routine. If your child takes the bus, we must have a note in the morning saying he/she will be a walker that day.

Thank you for your help with these matters. We look forward to a successful year!

~Third Grade Team



Fourth Grade

Welcome back fourth grade students and families! We have been working hard at getting our classroom routines and expectations established. Make sure you ask your students about their new classroom rules!

We have also begun working on our first units of the year. In math, the students have begun reviewing and digging deeper into place value. We will also work on addition, subtraction, and word problems in the upcoming weeks. In writing, the students will be working on their narrative writing, telling stories about themselves. In reading, the students have been working on building their stamina and will be learning more about story elements.

We are very excited to learn about your student and watch them grow this year. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions moving forward. It will be a great school year!

~Fourth Grade Team

Art Room

"An artist is not a special kind of person, but every person is a special kind of artist." -Ananda Coomarasamy

Art is AWESOME! We have been painting, drawing, cutting, and gluing; creating abstract art. Abstract art is not supposed to BE anything, just shapes, lines, and colors. We will continue learning about the seven elements of art: line, texture, color, value, shape, form, and space for the entire year! We will use various art materials to produce different effects and various artists and books for inspiration.

If you and your student create any artwork at home, feel free to donate it to hang on the "ART FROM HOME" bulletin board outside the art room! Happy September!

~Ms. Amlashi



Music Room

Welcome Back! I am very much looking forward to the new year! This year your students have a lot to look forward to.

Fourth grade will have some exciting performance opportunities, and special groups they may join. Keep an eye out for notices and in the newsletter for information on these groups and their performances.

Third grade has already gotten a great start to the year. We will be playing recorders for most of the year. Every student will need his/her own recorder, a letter went home with all of that information if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask. They all seem very excited to start playing their new instruments and earn their recorder belts!

Second grade will be learning to read music, identify instruments in the orchestra, and of course lots of dancing!

First grade will learn to read rhythms, identify classroom instruments and techniques in playing instruments, including their singing voices.

I can't wait to get to know the new Kindergarten class and begin to teach them to dance, sing, and begin to read music.

It's been a great summer and I hope we are all energized for a fantastic music filled year!

Please feel free to contact me at jknight@lowell.k12.ma.us.

~Ms. Knight

Parent Liaison

Welcome back to school...I hope you all had a fun-filled summer! We have many events planned for the 2017-2018 school year and I am looking forward to another successful year..

It's important to be involved in your your child's school. Volunteering is a great experience for you and your child. Parent volunteer forms will be going home with students soon. Remember, all volunteers MUST have an approved CORI on file.



Keep clipping BOX TOPS!



Keep scanning your receipts to Shoparoo!

If you have any questions, please contact me at 978-937-7667 x11005 or ccote@lowell.k12.ma.us.

~Mrs. Cote

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Getting Enough Sleep

Getting enough sleep...10-13 hours a night will help your child grow stay healthy and do well in school!

First, have him/her stick to a nightly routine. Your child might take a bath, brush his/her teeth and listen to a story, for instance. Repeating this routine each night helps them recognize it's time for sleep. Also, research shows that watching TV or playing video games close to bedtime can get kids wound up and keep them from sleeping. If he/she uses electronics, have him/her turn them off at least an hour before bedtime.

Finally, encourage the rest of the family to read to do other quiet activities after he/she says good night. Your child may have an easier time going to bed - and stay there - if he/she doesn't feel like they are missing out on the fun.

At what time should your child go to bed?

Wake-up time							
	6:00 AM	6:15 AM	6:30 AM	6:45 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	7:30 AM
Sleeping time							
Age							
5	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM
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