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Principal Perry's Corner



Dear Dragon Families,

As we near the Thanksgiving break, I would like to take time to say a special thank you to the following...

Thank you to all our great Pierce Terrace volunteers. Your support and hard work helped make the Holiday Meal and Fall Festival a success.

Thank you to our wonderful PTO, for your commitment to Pierce Terrace and our PT families. We appreciate your many hours devoted to planning and coordinating activities and fundraisers for our students and school.

Thank you to a great staff that is focused on children and dedicated to giving our students their very best each and every day.

And finally- a **BIG thank you** to our PT parents, for your continued support and patience with our new dismissal procedures.

I hope that all of you take the time to rest and relax as you enjoy the Thanksgiving Break with your family!

Mr. Perry

School Board Meetings, Superintendent Forum & Office Hours @ CCP

School Board Meetings

4:00 pm

Superintendent Open Forum

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Superintendent Office Hours

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Nov & Dec Office Hours

26-30 Nov - No Office Hours

6 Dec- Superintendent Forum

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

11 Dec- Office Hours

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

20 Dec- Office Hours

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

21-23 NOV

Thanksgiving Break

5 Dec

Doughnuts for Dads

7:20 am – 7:55 am

Principal Forum 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Interim Reports

6 Dec

Superintendent Open Forum

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

School Board Meeting 4:00 pm

10-14 Dec

Reindeer Lane Holiday Shoppe

11 Dec

PTO Meeting 6:00 pm

19 Dec

Pierce Terrace Winter Music

Concert – CCP 7:00 pm

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Dear Parents

We have a very exciting announcement! All kindergarten, first, and second grade students will participate in the Pierce Terrace Winter Music Concert on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. Due to space limitations at Pierce Terrace, the concert will be held in the auditorium at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School. Although the concert will begin at 7:00 p.m., students must arrive at Pinckney around 6:30 to 6:40 p.m. so they can locate their teachers.

Under the musical direction of Mr. D. [REDACTED] all K-2 students will sing holiday songs selected from the DoDEA music curriculum. Students will learn these songs in music classes during the months of November and December. In addition to learning Christmas songs, students will learn about the cultural traditions associated with Hanukkah and Kwanzaa by singing songs and playing musical instruments. In accordance with DoDEA music standards, Pierce Terrace students receive well-rounded, multicultural musical experiences throughout the school year.

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 19th. Please feel free to invite your immediate and extended family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and other members of the Fort Jackson community. We sincerely hope that your child will be able to participate and look forward to seeing you at the concert.

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Alan D. [REDACTED] - Music Teacher



A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

During the holidays, yummy food is EVERYWHERE! Adults and children can enjoy holiday foods and still eat healthy.

Here are some tips to help you and your family stay on track with good eating habits this holiday season:

- Nibble on a healthy snack like whole grain crackers, fruit, or raw vegetables before the big feast. You will eat less.
- When you are at the holiday meal, look for the foods that are healthier, like veggies or fruits, and make sure to eat some of those.
- It takes your brain some time to signal you are full. Wait 10-15 minutes before eating seconds.
- Don't be pressured to eat if you are not hungry.
- Eating holiday goodies like fudge, peanut brittle, cookies, and other baked goods is fine, but eat them in small portions.

There are lots of healthy holiday foods you can make with your children. Look for low-fat recipes that substitute butter and oil with non-fat ingredients like applesauce or pumpkins.

School Nurse

IN THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT..... New Dismissal Procedures

- Walkers will be dismissed at 2:45. Also, club participants will be released to their designated area at this time. *It is important to know that if you walk up and get your student each day, then he/she is considered a walker and will be dismissed at 2:45. Kindergarten students must be released to a parent based on post regulations. Kindergarten students listed as walkers who do not have a parent at the school at 2:45, will be sent back into the building and the parents must sign them out in the office. This process is to ensure that we can begin car pool in a timely manner.
- **CYS Students will be dismissed to the Lunchroom at 2:47**
- **Car Riders will be dismissed once all walkers (supervised and unsupervised) to include parents are away from the front of the building.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Cold weather is here!

We have quite a few coats and jackets in our Lost & Found, located outside the main office. Please come by if your child is missing a piece of clothing.

Smaller items, such as glasses, are located in the front office.

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