

JOHN T. PIRIE FINE ARTS & ACADEMIC CENTER

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PIRIE PANTHERS' NEWSLETTER

April 2018

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Dear Parents,

We are approaching the end of our 3rd Quarter next week. We have a very busy April so please make sure you review the calendar events for this month. During the next 3 months, our students will continue working on their academic goals. **It is imperative that our students come to school every day prepared for instruction.** We will continue giving the make-up PARCC assessments this week. Our 5th Grade students will take their Illinois Science Assessments beginning on April 16th and ending on April 27th.

The end of the quarter will be on Thursday, April 12th and we will have parent conferences on *Wednesday, April 18th between the hours of 11:45- 6:00 p.m.* We are asking for 100% participation from our parents to join us on Report Card pick-up. During the conferences, teachers will review student achievement data and explain the goals that they are working towards for the Spring 2018 assessments. There will be a parent raffle during our parent conference times. We look forward to meeting with all of you!

Sincerely,
Senalda R. Grady

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, April 6, 2018

- ❖ Spring Photo Orders and Money Due.
- ❖ Movie Night for Pirie Students 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

- ❖ Spring Photos will be taken of students. Students do not have to wear uniforms for their pictures. Money will not be accepted on Picture Day.

Thursday, April 12, 2018

- ❖ Last Day of the 3rd Quarter

Friday, April 13, 2018

- ❖ School Improvement Day - No School for Students

Mon. April 16th – Fri., April 20th

- ❖ Scholastic Book Fair – Students may purchase books from the Book Fair during this week.

Wednesday April 18, 2018

- ❖ Report Card Pick-Up 11:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ LSC Election hours are from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.



Important Dates to Remember

Thursday, April 19, 2018

- ❖ P.A.C. Meeting at 4:00 p.m. in Rm. 204.
- ❖ LSC Meeting at 5:30p.m. in the Art Room.

Friday, April 20, 2018

- ❖ Talent Show for students, parents, and staff beginning at 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium. Cost is \$5.00. **If you have not paid for the Talent Show, students may bring in money on Wednesday, April 11th. This will be the last day to collect money for the Talent Show.**

My Voice, My School Survey & Raffle

Parents we need your help in completing the parent surveys for Pirie School. Your responses to the questions in the survey are used to rate the quality of our involved families, school environment, instructional programs, instructional leaders and teachers. ***Our Goal is to have 100% of our Pirie parents completing the survey.*** We have some wonderful things happening at Pirie and we would like to continue improving our school community and academic programs. The survey window is open from April 1-April 11th for all parents. You may complete the survey online at www.cps.edu/parent_survey. We will also have a computer survey kiosk set up during Report Card Pick-Up. Paper copies of the survey will be kept in the main lobby and Science Lab for those wanting to complete the paper/pencil version. Parents that complete the survey will receive a raffle ticket to enter the drawing for a Prize. ***Thank you for your support!***

Report Card Pick-Up

Our report card pick-up will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. ***Only parents and the legal guardians can meet with the teacher and receive the report cards.***

Teachers will allow for a **10-minute conference**. If additional time is needed, the teacher will schedule another time for you to meet to further discuss the progress of your child.

Pirie Attendance Incentives

All Pirie students have an opportunity to win attendance prizes each week if they are in attendance each day and coming on time to school. Parents we need your continued support in sending your children to school each day and reducing the number of tardies and early dismissals. We are planning for our end of the year prizes for the Pirie Attendance Challenge! We are raffling off some wonderful prizes for students who have a 97% or better attendance rate for the entire school year! Their names will be entered in the drawing to win one of the prizes if they qualify! The names will be called at our June Assembly. Here are the reminders again for the contest:

Eligibility: All Pirie Students, Grades Pre-K – 6th will be entered in the drawing if they meet the Attendance Challenge Criteria.

Criteria: Must have 97% or above attendance rate for this school year.

Rules: The names of all eligible students that meet the criteria will be entered in the drawing. 1st place drawing is for students with 100% attendance, 2nd place drawing is for students with 99 or 98 % attendance, and 3rd place drawing is for students with 97% attendance.

We had 94% of our students in attendance for March! Our attendance rate has increased by 2% since February. ***Let's work on moving our attendance rate to 95% this month!*** If your child has any unexcused absences, you will need to meet with Ms. Grady or Ms. Allen to sign the absence notices before receiving your child's Report Card.

Pre-School/Kindergarten Registration

Parents interested in enrolling children in our Pre-K program for next year may begin the process in April. Parents will complete Pre-K enrollment online. If you have a child ready for Kindergarten, you may also begin the enrollment process for him/her during this time. For Kindergarten, students need a current physical, dental, vision, and birth certificate to begin the enrollment process. Parents must also show proof of residence when enrolling Kindergarten students.

Emergency Contact Information

If your emergency contact information has changed or you have a new address, please make sure you fill out a new emergency form in the main office. We are receiving notifications from CPS of several phone numbers that have been disconnected for our Pirie students. We must obtain new phone numbers which will speed up contacting you regarding your child's health or progress in school. A new emergency form is available in the main office for those families in need of updating the contact information.

Arrival/Dismissal Time

Students **may not** come to school before 8:30 a.m. unless they are enrolled in one of our Extended Day programs. Breakfast begins at 9:00 a.m. and students do **not need to come any earlier**. If you allow your child to arrive to school earlier than 8:30, they will need to stand outside until recess begins.

Spring Photos

We will have our Spring Photos on Tuesday, April 10th for all students. Students may dress up for the pictures. The envelopes were sent home during the last week of school in March and money for the photo packages will be due on Friday, April 6th. Students will take a class photo along with their individual photos.

Student Council Fundraisers

Our student council members will host a movie night event on Friday, April 6th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. This event is for Pirie Students only. Students may bring their own snacks to the movie. Parents do not have to chaperone for this event. All money raised from movie night will be used to support the end of the year school Picnic. So far, our students have raised **\$1,016.00** from the last two fundraising events! Thank you, parents, for supporting our students!

Health and Nutrition Policies

Please be reminded that students must eat a balanced breakfast and lunch while attending school. Many students are bringing large bags of flaming hot chips, Cheetos, etc. and they are spending more time passing out the "junk" food to their classmates and they are not eating their lunches. This has resulted in students arguing over the chips and students getting sick from the flaming hot items. Please monitor the snacks your child brings to school and remind your child he/she may not pass out snacks to other students. Large bags of the chips are not recommended. Students may only bring a small bag of chips to eat after they finish the balanced lunch.

Kindergarten Parents

Please be reminded that you must wait by the gate on the playground to pick up your students at the 4:00 p.m. dismissal time. Kindergarten parents may not come into the modular building to pick up students. Only Pre-K parents are allowed to come in and sign out their children. Thank you for adhering to our school Safety and Security procedures.

