

**JOHN T. PIRIE FINE ARTS & ACADEMIC CENTER
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PIRIE PANTHERS' NEWSLETTER

June 2017

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Dear Parents,

Our school year is quickly coming to a close and I would like to take this time to thank all parents for supporting our staff and students this year! **You have played an important role in helping our students become the future leaders of tomorrow!**

We have several events that will be occurring during the last full week of school. Please mark your calendars so that you are aware of our school programs and activities.

The last day of school for students is on Tuesday, June 20th and this is a full day of attendance for all students. Included in this letter is a list of the Community Summer Programs which was also noted in the May Newsletter.

Students who must attend the 3rd or 6th Grade Summer Bridge program will begin on Wednesday, July 5th. **All students will begin school in the Fall on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.**

Thank you to all parents who supported all our school fundraising events. We will start out in September with some new fundraising events to help raise additional funds to support our educational programs for our students. We must continue to raise funds to support the additional family night events and student incentives which occur during the entire school year. I look forward to working with everyone next year!

*Sincerely,
Senalda R. Grady*



June Dates to Remember

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

- TRC/NWEA Academic Awards Ceremony. 9:30 a.m. in the Gymnasium.
- The Pirie Parent Society will sponsor the academic school dance to celebrate the accomplishments of students who met their academic growth and attainment targets for their grade level. **The dance will be held in the Gymnasium beginning at 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Students will come to school dressed up for the awards ceremony and dance.

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

- Pre-K Assembly 9:30 A.M. Class
- Pre-K Assembly 1:45 P.M. Class

Thursday, June 15, 2017

- P.A.C. Meeting 9:15 a.m. in Rm. 204. Our Presenter from L.J. Frame will present to parents on how to work with students' anger issues at school and at home.
- Kdg. Assembly 9:30 a.m. in Gymnasium
- Team 6 Assembly 1:45 p.m. in the Gymnasium
- LSC Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.

Friday, June 16, 2017

- Fine Arts Assembly – 9:30 a.m.
- Awards Assembly – 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 19, 2017

- School Picnic – 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. in Sidney Brown Park

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

- Last Day of School for all students. Students will be promoted to their new grade at the end of the day and receive their Report Cards.



Summer School Programs

Summer school will begin for students who did not meet the promotion criteria for 3rd & 6th grade on Wednesday, July 5th and end on Friday, August 4, 2017. Our 3rd grade students will attend the summer bridge program at Pirie School from 7:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Our 6th Grade students will attend the summer bridge program at different locations which will be noted on their summer school letter. Parents will receive a detailed letter regarding the promotion status, bus transportation, and schedules for the summer program as soon as it is sent out to schools. If your address is not in our attendance area, your child will attend the school in his/her attendance area. The name of the summer school site will be located on the letter.

Summer Programs in Chicago Communities

The following centers and museums will be open for the summer for you and your family to visit. If you would like to get specific information about the events going on at any of the locations, please feel free to contact them or look them up on their website.

- www.sheddaquarium.org
(312) 939-2438
- <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org>
(312) 922-7827
- Art Institute www.artic.edu
(312) 443- 3600
- Chicago Public Library www.chipublib.org
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Vacation Bible School – Opens June 26th (773) 846-2992

Early Registration

We are in the process of registering Pre-K and Kindergarten students for the upcoming Fall programs. If you have any other children in grades 1st-6th grade ready for registration, please take advantage of our early registration process.

You may register from now until June 21st between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. When registering your child, you must have 3 proofs of residency, your child's birth certificate, social security card, current medical, dental, and vision records. Pre-K

students who do not live in our school's attendance area, will have to enroll in the neighborhood school according to your address.

Emergency Contact Information

If your emergency contact information has changed or you have a change of address, please make sure you fill out a new emergency form in the office. If you have moved or plan on moving out of the attendance area, please inform the office so that we can prepare the transfers before the students receive their final report card. **If the address you have on file is not in our attendance area, the system will automatically generate a transfer at the end of the school year. If you tell us the information we have on file is incorrect, then you will have to show proof of address to re-enroll your child into our school for the Fall.**

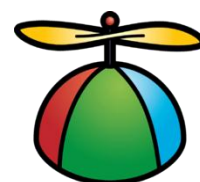
Uniform Dress Code

Pirie students must continue wearing their uniforms until *Friday, June 9th*. Beginning on Monday, June 12th, students will not have to wear uniforms. *Students may not wear shorts, tank tops, or any type of inappropriate clothing to school at any time.* When the students come out of uniform they must wear pants, jeans, skirts, capris, or skorts that come to the knees. They may not wear jeans with holes in them. **SHORTS MAY NEVER BE WORN TO SCHOOL.** Students may wear sandals that have a supportive strap around the ankle for running. Gym shoes must be worn for P.E. class.



Beginning Monday, June 12th, Pirie will be having our Student Council sponsored Spirit Week. Students are encouraged to dress along with the following themes:

- Monday, June 12th – **Sports Day**
- Tuesday, June 13th – **Best Dressed**
- Wednesday, June 14th – **Twin Day**
- Thursday, June 15th – **Crazy Hat Day**
- Friday, June 16th – **College Day**



Lost and Damaged Books

Students who have lost or damaged books will receive a letter next week stating how much the book will cost to replace it. Mrs. Bell, our librarian, will also send home reminder letters to parents whose child has lost a Library book. *Students will not be able to get their final Report Card until all book fees are paid.* You may send cash or a money order made payable to Pirie School for any lost or damaged book.

Extended Day Programs

All after school programs have ended. Our Choir, Drumline, and Cheerleaders will continue to practice until Thursday, June 15th. Thank you for allowing your students to participate in the additional practices. Our students will perform during the Fine Arts Assembly which will be held on Friday, June 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the Gymnasium.

20% Illinois students enrolled in CPS system

20% State income tax contributed by Chicagoans

15% State funding received by CPS students

The missing 5% is \$500 million— enough to save our classrooms.

Join the fight for equal funding at cps.edu/equality

20% FOR 20%

CPS School Budgets

We are still facing some tough budget cuts for the upcoming school year, and we will need all families to continue sending letters and making phone calls to our state legislators. Thank you goes out to all parents who have either made phone calls or sent letters to Springfield supporting our fight for equal funding. **The battle isn't over and we still must stand united to fight for the education our children deserve!**

Attendance Targets

Parents we really need your help during these next three weeks of school. Our attendance rate has decreased to 94% and our goal was 96%. We are in jeopardy of not meeting our target due to the frequency of absences and early dismissals. We also need all parents to return the absence notices so that students can be marked excused for the absences. The unexcused absences are also affecting our attendance rating. The students who have 97% attendance rating will be entered into our end of the school year attendance raffle and they will have a chance to win a bike, Wii U game, tablet, or scooter.

Pirie Panthers Athletes

Congratulations to Coach Moore and the Pirie Panthers' Basketball team. They came in 1st Place in the Road to NWEA Network 12 Basketball Tournament!

Last Day of School

On Monday, June 19th, we will have our school picnic in Sidney Brown Park. Students may bring a bag lunch and our students must go through the lunch line following CPS policies. Students may bring their games or toys to play with in the park and they may bring a blanket to sit on in the park. Students may not bring bikes, roller skates, or scooters because there will be too many students playing and we don't want anyone to get hurt while running on the limited space on the sidewalk. We will be in the park from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. weather permitting. Parents are welcome to attend our event. All students must have a signed permission slip to go to the park. Students who have displayed inappropriate behavior all school year, will not be allowed to play in the park. They will have some time on the school playground which will be determined by the teachers and principal.



HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER!