

# JOHN T. PIRIE FINE ARTS & ACADEMIC CENTER

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## PIRIE PANTHERS' NEWSLETTER

November 2017

Senalda R. Grady, Principal

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Dear Parents,

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all Pirie Staff, Students, and Parents!! Last week we received our school rating which was based off our last year's data. With hard work and dedication from everyone, our school moved to **Level 1 and we are in good standing!** We are continuing to excel this year and create new goals in the areas of academics, attendance, and behavior so that we may move in the direction of **Level 1+** for next year.

Teachers will be meeting with all students during the next two weeks to communicate their individual student goals for Reading and Math. Our attendance goal for this year is 96% or better for all students. We have completed our first 9 weeks of school. The end of Quarter 1 is on Thurs., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period begins on Mon., Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. November is a short month and we have many tasks to accomplish in a short period of time. The Pirie School calendar will be sent home this week with all the events noted for this month.

We would like to plan some additional parent workshops during our Parent Advisory Council meetings to provide support for parents and students. A survey will be sent home requesting your feedback and suggestions for future workshops. Thank you again for your continuous support and I look forward to seeing all parents during Parent/Teacher conferences on Wednesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>!

*Senalda R. Grady,*  
*Principal*

### Dates to Remember

#### Monday, October 30, 2017

- Harvest Festival Family Night Event – 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, October 31, 2017

- Box Tops are due back to the school.

#### Friday, November 3, 2017

- School Improvement Day – No Classes

#### Wednesday, November 15, 2017

- Report Card Pick Up & Parent/Teacher Conference Hours: 11:45 – 6:00 p.m.
- No School for students

#### Thursday, November 16, 2017

- P.A.C. meeting beginning at 9:20 a.m. in the Modular Building Rm. 204
- LSC Meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Library.

#### Monday, November 20, 2017

- Team Kdg, Team 1, & Team 2 Field Trip to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum 9:30-1:30.

#### Tuesday, November 21, 2017

- Team Kdg, Team 1, & Team 2 Field Trip to the Beverly Arts Center 9:30-11:30.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 22- Friday, Nov. 24th

- Thanksgiving Break
- School Resumes on Monday, Nov. 27th.

*Have a Safe & Enjoyable Holiday!*



### Parent/Teacher Conferences

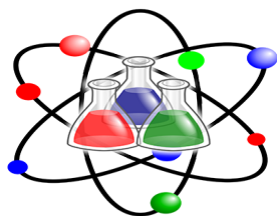
Parents may pick up Report Cards and meet with our teachers on Wednesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Our conferences will be held from 11:45 – 6:00 p.m. Conference sessions may not go beyond 10 minutes to allow enough time for teachers to meet with all parents. If you need to meet with a teacher longer than the allotted time, teachers will schedule an additional conference time for another day. *In accordance with CPS policies, only parents/legal guardians may pick up the report cards and meet with your child's teacher.* Report cards may not be given to any siblings or other relatives if they are not the legal guardians. We will have a *Raffle* for parents who have children with 95% or better attendance rates.

### Attendance Counts

Our attendance goal for this year is to have at least 96% or more students in attendance every month. For September we had 96.77% and for October we had 96.39% attendance rate as of October 27<sup>th</sup>. We are still heading in the right direction for reaching our goal at the end of the school year. We need to continue improving on decreasing the number of students coming to school late and leaving early. Parents please remind all students that they should be here by 9:00 a.m. and please be aware that early dismissals are counted as half day absences. ***Congratulations to Rooms 104, 101, 112, 120, 122, 108, and 118 for having an attendance rate of 96% or better for September and October combined!***

### Science Fair

All 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students should be following the Science Fair schedule and working on their research papers at home. Please make sure your child has everything he/she needs to complete the project. Students will receive a free Science Board and set of labels in November to complete their Science Fair project.



### Medical Compliance/CPS Health Policies

Thank you to all parents for helping our school move closer to being in medical compliance for this year. All CPS schools must have 100% of students in medical compliance. Currently we only have 85% of our students in medical compliance. We have a total of 35 students who are not in compliance. Another letter will be sent home from our school nurse regarding those students who are not in compliance. **Students who are not in compliance will not be able to participate in field trips, our recreational after school programs, reading and math after school programs, drum line, or any other extra-curricular event until they are in medical compliance.** For those parents who have upcoming appointments, please make sure you send in the medical forms from your child's doctor as soon as they have completed their exams.

Parents, please remember students may not take any type of medication at school unless it is given by the parent or legal guardian. This includes prescription medications, cough syrup, aspirins, or cough drops. If your child has a medication to take during the day, a parent or legal guardian must meet with our school nurse and complete a 504 form in the office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Student Safety

Parents we need your help in making sure our students are safe. We have had incidents in which parents have disciplined other students on the playground which is against the CPS Student Code of Conduct. Parents may not yell at other students at any time. If you have any issues with students, please notify administration and we will contact the parents and schedule a conference with all parties involved. If any parent reprimands another child at any time, it could lead to the police being notified.