The Principal’s Desk

Board of Education School Wellness Policy

Policy 6142.101 Student Nutrition & Physical Activity (School Wellness Policy) will not be presented as a second read at the Monday, September 18th BOE meeting. I will update you again when the policy is back on the agenda for Board consideration. Attached is the link to the policy (provided on August’s BOE Agenda) for those of you who want to review the proposed policy Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (School Wellness Policy). Anyone with a concern is allowed to attend a Board Meeting and address the Board of Education Members during Public Participation. The next Board of Education Meeting is set for Monday, September 18th – 7:30 p.m.

Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test (NNAT3)

As a part of the District’s standardized testing program, all 3rd and 5th grade students will participate in the administration of the Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test (NNAT3). Testing will take place for students in grades 3 and 5, starting on September 18th thru September 29th. The NNAT3 is a 30 minute, group administered test and will be administered by Monica Harned, District LEAP teacher. Peck Place School grade 3 will be administered on September 25th at 10:00 a.m. and grade 5 on September 26th at 9:45 a.m.

No School Rosh Hashanah

There is no school on Thursday, September 21st.

Attendance Policy

Last year the Board of Education adopted an Attendance Policy that outlines the differences between excused and unexcused absences. In short, students can have up to 9 absences excused with a phone call, email, or parent note for reasons such as an illness. After the ninth absence, a doctor’s note is required to excuse the absence. In addition, there is a provision to excuse up to 5 days for reasons including a family trip or vacation with prior approval from the principal. For all of the specifics, please see the letter from last year in the Virtual Backpack under School News.
Purchasing Snack at Lunch

Once again, this year students at Peck Place School who want to buy lunch can have money added to their account through Revtrek on PowerSchool or by sending cash/check labeled with your child’s name to the office. When students get in line for lunch they will purchase their lunch by typing in their 4 digit student number which will debit the cost of their lunch from their account.

Parents need to discuss this purchasing “freedom” with their child. Students have greater access to adding options to their lunch which may increase their lunch cost. For example, if a child buys hot lunch and decides they want a yogurt as well, that is an additional cost and their total will increase. This also holds true for snack, a student can purchase a snack by entering their 4 digit pin.

I have discussed with all students that they need parent permission before purchasing snack and the cafeteria staff will also remind them when they come through the line. However, I encourage you to have a frank and honest conversation with your child regarding what they are allowed to purchase at lunch in an effort to avoid extra charges on their account. Parents may also set spending limits through the program as well.
Shout Out To...

✦ The many families and teachers that attended our PTO meeting on Wednesday evening.
✦ Our students and families for their generous donations to the Penny Drive for Hurricane Harvey.
✦ Our students and families who have participated in Raise Craze! We have surpassed our goal of $3,000 and performed many acts of kindness with many more to come!
✦ Our Panther Picks of the Week in order by grade level: Mark A., Aidan M., Katie P., Maya C., Abby B., and Samantha R.

Calendar Look Ahead

September 21st - NO SCHOOL
September 25th - Grade 3 - Nalghieri Non-Verbal Ability Test - 10:00 a.m.
September 26th - Grade 5 - Nalghieri Non-Verbal Ability Test - 9:45 a.m.
September 29th - Peck Place Golf Tournament - 11:00 a.m. Registration
October 4th - PICTURE DAY
October 6th - Peck Place Spirit Day
October 9th - NO SCHOOL
October 11th - PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
October 13th - Adopt-A-Reader - 9:00 a.m. Coffee and
We had a fantastic first meeting on Wednesday! It was great to see so many of you and get the ball rolling! At Wednesday’s meeting we passed our budget for the school year, we voted in a new Parliamentarian, Nicole Papadopoulos and we heard from many committees on upcoming events. Congratulations to our monthly raffle winners, Jen Stavridis and Aneta Duz! We also enjoyed the updates from the 1st grade teachers, math and reading consultants and resource room teacher. It is wonderful to have a staff at Peck Place that is so active in our organization!

PTO Board Vacancy

The PTO is still looking to fill the roll of Board of Education Representative. If you are interested please contact Ronnette at ronnettejames@sbcglobal.net. We are hoping to fill the position at next month’s meeting. Thank you!

Buddy Bench

At our next PTO meeting on October 11th, we will be voting to amend our budget for the purchase a Buddy Bench for the school playground.

Golf Tournament

Please consider joining us on September 29th for Peck Place’s largest fundraiser: The Fore the Kids golf tournament!! It’s a casual event open to golfers of all abilities. It’s a great way to meet other Peck families and support the school while having a great time. If you’re not a golfer but would still like to support the event you can join us after golf at the Orange Ale House for dinner, raffle, live music and a 2-hour open bar. See the flyer in the virtual backpack for all the details.

*Note the early sign up discount*
Raise Craze Update

We have less than 2 weeks left of our Raize Craze fundraiser! We are so pleased to see so many of our children completing Acts of Kindness! 60 AOK have been completed and that number is growing daily! Don’t forget to log your progress! You can still join the fun too at www.my.raisecraze.com/ANK2BW.

Reminder

Sign up for text message reminders on key events throughout the year from the PTO.  Text @peckpla to 81010

Shop for Education Reminder!

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and to a new year of Shop For Education. We have the opportunity to participate in and earn CASH for the school. It's a great fundraising program by our local Shop Rite & Stop and Shop.

Stop and Shop:

Please register online using the below link for Stop and Shop. Please enter the school ID 08899 when signing up. www.stopandshop.com/school-rewards

Shop Rite:

Please register online using the below link for Shop Rite. Please enter the school ID 17915. www.shopriteforeducation.com

Amazon:

Use our Amazon Smiles link while shopping and we get a percentage back to our PTO! https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_ext_fbp_dshb_smi. Happy shopping!

If you have any questions please email the Coordinator for Shop for Education Rabia Deura, Rabiadeura@gmail.com.
New Classroom T-Shirts

The PTO is pleased to announce that Peck Place Panther T-Shirts will be ordered for each student in the school. These bright colored T-Shirts are worn by the students throughout the year on Field Trips, Field Day and other spirit days. Your room parents have reached out to for your child's size. You must return your child's size to your Room Parent by the deadline. Shirt orders can not be accepted after 9/20/17, so please be sure to get this information back to your room parent as soon as possible. Shirts run on the smaller side/some slight shrinkage.

T-Shirt Recycling Program

If you have a classroom shirt from years past that you no longer need (you do not have a younger sibling who may use as a spare), please consider sending that shirt to the school office. The PTO keeps extra shirts from this program in the PTO closet and if we get new students during the year or a student who forgot their shirt on an important day we have extras at the school. Thank you for considering to donate your old shirts back to Peck!

Questions on shirts? Contact mishelleappleby@gmail.com
Virtual Backpack

District Letter Re: Absences (Virtual Backpack under School News)

Naglieri Non-Verbal Ability Test (NNAT3) Letter (Virtual Backpack under School News)
https://www.oess.org/uploaded/Peck_Place/Mallory_Gorry/SPPSCOLOR117091513230.pdf

Peck Place Golf Tournament (PTO under PTO Virtual Backpack)
https://www.oess.org/uploaded/Peck_Place/PeckGolfFlyer17-01.pdf

Boy Scouts of America - Pack 922 - Orange Country Fair - Sept. 16th & 17th (Virtual Backpack under Parks, Recreation and Community News)

Orange Park & Recreation Youth Basketball League Flyer & Registration form (Virtual Backpack under Parks, Recreation and Community News)

Frequently Asked Questions
https://www.oess.org/uploaded/Park_Recreation/youth_basketball_faq_(1).pdf

Amity Girls Youth Lacrosse - Girls K - 2 - Lacrosse Clinic (Virtual Backpack under Parks, Recreation and Community News)
https://www.oess.org/uploaded/Community/2017FallClinicFlyer.pdf

Whitney - Audubon Retail & Arts District - Fall Free For All - September 23rd (Virtual Backpack under Parks, Recreation and Community News)
Virtual Backpack

Ninja Warrior Training - Youth Fitness @ The Edge (Virtual Backpack under Parks, Recreation and Community News)
Registration Form
https://www.oess.org/uploaded/Community/Youth_X_Registration-2.pdf

Case Memorial Library - Learn to Draw Like Paul Klee - Wed., September 27th (Virtual Backpack under Parks, Recreation and Community News)
https://www.oess.org/uploaded/Community/Paul_Klee_Flyer.pdf