

PEARL RHODES ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017



**IT IS NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK – HAVE A GREAT LUNCH!
AND PLEASE EXCUSE THIS WEEKS FORMAT AS MRS. CURTIS IS OUT**

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MUSIC NEWS

Nancy Nesheim, PRES Music Teacher

PreK-K students have been having fun with singing and moving in their music classes this fall. They have been adding claps to the song “Willowbee”, marching in a circle to “Sally Go Round the Sun”, and, “Bingo”. They have been learning about the concepts of fast and slow with two puppets: a cat named “Adagio”, which is a musical term meaning slow, and a mouse named “Allegro”, which means fast.

Grades 1 and 2 have been working on their singing and rhythmic skills with two songs for fall: “ I Go Up the Apple Tree” and “Five Little Leaves.” They also learned about musical form through some fun movement activities with recorded music: marching and moving with scarves to the Overture to “Carmen” by Georges Bizet, and dancing with a parachute to “Five Little Leaves.”

Grades 3 through 6 have a combined music class this year. This is working out well because all of our students are good participants and strong singers. We learned a song for autumn called “Autumnal Equinox” which highlighted some science concepts at the same time as being fun to sing! Students learned rhythmic notation and created some of their own rhythmic compositions with the song “Super Heroes”.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 6th, at 6:30pm in the Leyden Town Hall.

SCHOOL LUNCH NEWS

As some of you know, the district applied for a waiver to the state of MA Office for Food and Nutrition Program to serve *white* spaghetti this year instead of *whole grain rich*. This involved completing forms, including parent and student signatures; which were collected at Pioneer. A taste test was conducted during lunches one day at Pioneer with pictures taken to submit. The head custodian at Pioneer also provided information and data on the weight of trash and the compost data.

The Pioneer District's waiver was approved, so we will continue to serve white spaghetti this year. Thank you to those students and adults who participated in this process.

Gail Healy
Assistant Superintendent

OST HELP WANTED

The Out of School Program may still be looking for help. This might be perfect for someone looking for just a few hours of work. The After School Program staff is in need of people 18 years or older for the Northfield and Bernardston Elementary Schools. The position is for Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 5:30pm and on Friday from 1:30 to 5:30pm. Please contact Deb Wood at woodd@pvrsdk12.org.

MORE HELP WANTED

A cashier/dishwasher may also still be needed at PVRs, Monday through Friday, 11:15am to 1:15pm. The rate is set at \$11.13 an hour. Please contact Gail Healy at the Central Office for more information at 498-2911 x602.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 21-22** Saturday and Sunday, Scarecrows in the Park
- Oct 23** Monday, Picture Day
- Oct 26** Thursday, PVRs School Committee, 7:00pm, at the Warwick Community School
- Oct 27** Friday, full day teacher inservice, no school for students
- Nov 6 - 9** Monday to Thursday, The Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov 10** Friday, No School – Veterans Day Observed
- Nov 20** Monday, Picture Retakes
- Nov 22** Wednesday, Turkey Trot Field Trip to BES 9:00am to 1:00pm and early release
- Nov 23 – 24** Thanksgiving Recess

SCARECROW IN THE PARK IS COMING – OCT 21-22 CUSHMAN PARK, BERNARDSTON

