

PEARL RHODES ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWS ***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017***



MS. HASKINS & MS. GONDELA'S STUDENTS

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1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWS

The fall is flying by in first and second grade! We are working hard to become readers and writers. We have learned so many new letters and sounds with the help of Echo the Owl in our Foundations language program. In our reading groups, we are loving our new Bella and Rosie series, and even when we don't read about Bella and Rosie, we read to the stuffed dog versions of Bella, Rosie, Jack and Daisy, to show off our best reading skills. Students are writing whole books this year as they tell small moment stories about their own lives. These stories range from the time they fell out of bed and started sleepwalking, to finding a spider in the bathtub, to making it all the way across the monkey bars!

In math, first grade is wrapping up their first unit, learning numbers 1-10 and adding with partners up to a total of ten. Second grade is adding and subtracting with teen totals, learning about even and odd numbers, and noticing math patterns relating to counting and equations. Our most exciting practice activities are math games like Make a Ten and Addition War.

Science is a favorite subject in our classroom. We are beginning the year learning about the sun and how it moves in the sky, making shadows as it changes its position, and sometimes even helping lost people find their way. Our students would like to remind YOU that it is not really the sun moving at all, but the earth moving around the sun to make it seem as if the sun is moving-- neat! We will move into more space exploration soon, starting with the stars and moon.

Throughout the year, we will be learning about seasons and changes. We have learned about how we have less and less daylight as we move from fall to winter, we have observed changing leaves and a Monarch butterfly chrysalis, and most recently we learned about fall harvests, including apples. We took our first field trip of the year last week to Pine Hill Orchards with the Pre-K/K class, where we picked apples, learned about the cider-making process, tasted apple cider and cider doughnuts, and fed farm animals. Tomorrow we will make some apple treats and crafts in our two classrooms with the apples we brought back from the orchard.

Thank you for your support and a super start to the year!

Ms. Haskins

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE AT PVRS

The Academic Excellence Parent Working Group at the Pioneer Valley Regional School invites you to attend a **COMMUNITY FORUM** on Thursday, November 9th, from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Pearl Rhodes Elementary School cafeteria to discuss proposed changes to the graduation requirements at Pioneer.

We will share information about our goals for college and career readiness and data on Pioneer's current strengths and opportunities for growth.

Middle and high school are just around the corner for your students and we are excited to share our vision for the future of Pioneer.

Jean Bacon, Principal PVRS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEWS FLASH CALENDAR RAFFLE

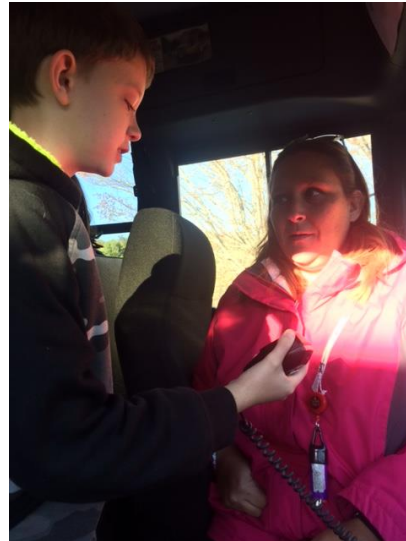
The PVRSD is selling calendar raffle tickets to support our district's Special Olympics program. This raffle is a wonderful opportunity for our district to earn the money needed to support our district wide Special Olympics program. ALL proceeds that we make from the ticket sales will go directly towards purchasing adapted equipment, team t-shirts, costs associated with after school bowling, unified partner shirts, Young Athlete event supplies, certificates, etc.

You still have time to buy one, two or more raffle tickets! Please email me at scotts@pvrsdk12.org if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. Tickets are \$10 (checks can be made out to Special Olympics of MA) and you have a chance to win 31 times during the month of December! Thank you for supporting our students!

Sue Scott

BUS EVACUATION DRILLS

Kuzmeskus Bus held bus evacuation drills on Wednesday morning at drop off time. All students on board participated. The drill was well executed by Kuz Bus and students did a great job!



**AADEN HELPING BOBBIE ON THE
RADIO DURING THE BUS
EVACUATION PRACTITION**



FOOD AND NUTRITION INFORMATION BROUGHT INTO YOUR SCHOOLS

A reminder to all families that in 2010 the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act changed the meals served in school, and what foods are allowed into the schools for celebrations. This pertains to all schools in the country. The "A List" is compiled by the USDA as acceptable foods to be served, sold, and brought into our schools. Many of you have seen a shortened list that has been sent home with a list of foods. Here is the link to the entire "A List" for those of you who would like the options of the total list.
<http://johnstalkerinstitute.org/alist/>

The snacks in the vending machines at Pioneer have been "A List" items for years now.

Gail Healy, Assistant Superintendent
Food Service Director

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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 with a 12:00pm early release
- Nov 23 – 24** Thanksgiving Recess



SCARECROW IN THE PARK IS THIS WEEKEND IN CUSHMAN PARK, BERNARDSTON!

