

PEARL RHODES ELEMENTARY WEEKLY NEWS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017



PRES VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS!

The Pioneer Valley Regional School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, housing status, or disability in admission to, access to, employment in, or treatment in its programs and activities.

Digital Learning @ PRES

Student use of the amazing selection of digital learning tools at PRES is off to a great start. In addition to using iPads and Chromebooks in their classrooms, PreK - 6 students have participated weekly sessions in the computer lab with Mrs. Leyden. The following is a sampling of what each classroom has worked on so far this year.

Mrs. Bealer's PreK and K - Students have learned how to navigate from the PRES homepage to the Student Learning Links page for their grade level. They have used websites such as Starfall.com and the Math Learning Center's Shapes website. They have also enjoyed a number of online video stories from Storyline.com and Fables by Shapes.

Ms. Haskin's Grade 1 and 2 - The primary focus of Ms. Haskin's students has been to learn how to use a new digital illustration tool named Wixie. Thanks to a mini grant from the Foundation for Educational Excellence, PRES students in grades K-4 each have their own subscription. After several week of

guided exploration, these students are close to completion of their first illustrated video project of the year named "In Ms. Haskin's Class We..." When this project is wrapped up, a link to this video will be added to the Grade 1 and 2 Student Learning Links page on the PRES website.

Mrs. Solomon's Grade 3 and 4 - Grade 3 and 4 students began the year with several lessons in Digital Citizenship, an introduction to the use of Chromebooks in the classroom, and a review of helpful word processing skills such as cut, copy, and paste, the use of spell check, spacebar, and shift keys.

Ms. Armstrong's Grade 5 and 6 - The PRES Grade 5 and 6 students have also explored several topics in the Digital Citizenship curriculum. In addition, they've completed a review of helpful word processing skills and have also learned how to insert and modify tables, and bulleted lists and to use the Explore and Define tools embedded in Google Docs.

Mary Leyden,
Digital Literacy Specialist



LEYDEN FIRE DEPT VISITS PRES

Thank-you to Matthew Muka and the Leyden Volunteer Firefighters that visited PRES on Wednesday. The information presented was informative and helpful. Students were asked to check in with their family to be sure a fire escape plan was in place – and to check all smoke detectors to be sure they are all in working order.



Fireman Tyler Williams extinguishes a fire during a demonstration by Leyden FD personnel



PRES Students inspect Leyden FD trucks on Wednesday

A MESSAGE FROM ART

Mrs. Wainshilbaum is requesting that students in grades 3 to 6 bring in a plain white cotton t-shirt to print on in art class with leaves. Please try to send in a t-shirt by November 3rd. Please be sure to attach your child's name to the shirt. The shirt does not need to be new.

Thanks!
Mrs. Wainshilbaum

BLOOD AND GUTS

The Franklin Medical Center's great presentation, Blood and Guts, will be coming to BES on Friday, November 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Meant primarily for grades 4 to 6 the presentation will be in the BES library and is open to all. PRES families are welcome to attend!

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



PREK-K ENTERTAINS AT THE ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK HOSTED BY Grades 3 and 4

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@pvrsk12.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



PARKING REQUEST

In response to a request from a PRES neighbor we are asking visitors to the school with larger vehicles to park in the lower lot. This is to help ensure that vehicles do not extend into the travel lane of Brattleboro Road. Thank-you in advance for your cooperation.



AT PICTURE DAY LAST WEEK!

Leyden Costume Parade AND Trick-Or-Treat

A costume parade and Trick-or-Treat event is being hosted by the Leyden Recreation Committee. Come celebrate Halloween with a costume parade and a safe Trick-or-Treating event at the Leyden Pavilion/Avery Ball Field. Located behind the Pearl Rhodes Elementary School at 7 Brattleboro Road, right here in Leyden. The event is scheduled for this Sunday, October 29th, starting at 2:00pm. Children are encouraged to come dressed in costumes and accompanied by an adult. Each family is asked to donate a bag of individually wrapped treats for a Trick-or-Treating event after our parade around the pavilion grounds

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 27** Friday, full day teacher inservice, no school for students
- Oct 29** Sunday, Leyden Rec Dept Costume Parade and Trick- or-Treat event, 2:00pm behind PRES
- 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