

# Pearl Rhodes Elementary

## Weekly News

### June 21, 2018



#### From the Principal *(revised 6/28/2018)*

This year Pearl Rhodes Elementary School had a different kind of school year. It was different for our families. It was different for our staff. And at times it was different for our students. There has been an uncertainty as to what Pearl Rhodes will look like for the next school year, and then the following year. What we do know is that we will have one less classroom teacher this fall and that the classrooms and grade configurations will be different. **At this time PRES will continue to have preschool through grade 4. The PRES 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending school at Bernardston Elementary this fall.** This year's fifth grade students (next year's 6<sup>th</sup>) spoke with me on Wednesday. They were excited, and a little nervous, about the change to a new school. They also asked me for a tour of BES this summer – a great idea. They were proud to tell me that they already know many of the students that will be in their classroom this fall. After we spoke they were more excited than nervous.

PRES and BES have a history of doing things together already – seasonal sports, the Turkey Trot, and the all elementary schools band event recently held at PVRs. This year the PRES 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms read the same book “Wonder” and then they attended the movie together in Greenfield. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades also went together to Boston together for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), event – and a Red Sox game. I anticipate that we will be doing more in the coming year with other classrooms.

I believe that the physical building our students go to is not as important as the educational family we all belong to. We are the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. We are Leyden, Northfield, Warwick and Bernardston. Our children are in wonderful and very competent hands – and they are loved in each and every one of our schools.

This is a difficult time for many to see these changes happening so quickly, and, change can be difficult. But I do know that your children will continue to thrive no matter the name of the building. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your children's educational adventure.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Bob Clancy, Principal

#### Upcoming Events

##### August 29

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
Grades 1 – 6

##### August 31

Full Day of School

##### September 3

Labor Day

##### September 6

Kindergarten First Day

##### September 7

Full Day of School

##### October 8

Columbus Day

##### October 11

School Picture Day

##### October 12

Full Day of School

##### October 19

Teacher In-Service,  
NO SCHOOL

## Art Classes with Ms. W.

Mrs. W. will be teaching pottery at Molly Cantor Pottery as part of a summer camp experience, the following weeks:

June 25 - 29, July 30 - Aug. 3, and Aug. 13 - 17.

Register at (413) 625-2870, or email: [molly@mollycantor.com](mailto:molly@mollycantor.com).

Also, she will teach an arts and crafts morning class at the Arts Council in Greenfield from August 6 - 10.

Call 772-6811 to register.



**Have a Safe &  
Happy Summer!**

