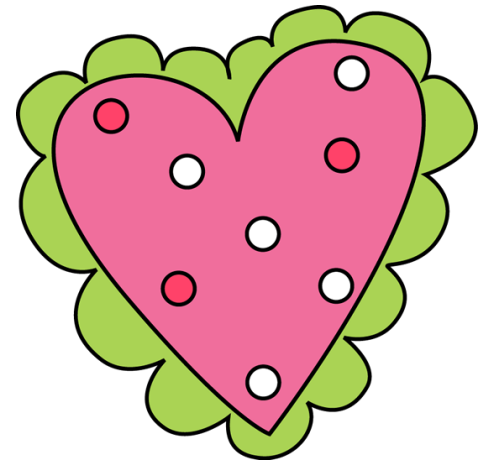


# Pearl Rhodes Elementary

## Weekly News

### February 8, 2018



#### 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter

Students have been doing various learning activities in our classroom over the last several weeks including science adventures with our terrific AmeriCorps volunteers and spelling work. Here are the main highlights in math and language arts.

In math both grades are finishing Unit 4. Grade 5 has worked through a unit adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals which includes learning about the powers of ten. This unit also provides a good review of place value concepts. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade has worked through a challenging unit on finding the surface area of complex figures including both multi-sided prisms and pyramids. This unit also provides a good review of how to identify various geometric figures.

Combining language arts and social studies, all students have completed a book in a reading group. One group read about the Taino tribe from a Bahamian island just before the arrival of Columbus in 1492. The other group read a book about a Lakota Indian tribe set in 1880 as the Lakota are being forced to move to a reservation and some Indian children are brought to a boarding school run by whites. Both groups are currently working on a book report.

In addition, the students have each researched a tribe and completed a research report in the form of an outline, and are completing a digital project about their tribe in technology. Combined with this, the students did text book readings, and completed long and short answer questions to get an overview of tribes from many regions of the United States and Canada.

I hope you all have a wonderful February break and have time to do some fun indoor and outdoor activities with your children!

Lisa Armstrong

#### Upcoming Events

##### February 15

School Committee Mtg., 7P

##### February 19 - 23

Winter Recess



##### March 1

Grades 3/4 Field Trip to Hitchcock Center

##### March 23

NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service

#### Big Y Education Express is back!

Friends, neighbors and family members can enroll in the program by linking their Big Y Silver Savings Club card to our school. The school earns points through the items you purchase and redeems them for supplies & equipment.

From February 1 through April 25, 2018, every 500 Education Express Points you earn, you will receive a Big Y Gold Coin!

You can support our school by signing up now for the Big Y Education Express program @ [www.bigy.com](http://www.bigy.com)

## Lunch & Breakfast News

Did you know that you can pay for your child(s)' meals on line in the comfort of your own home? The directions say **"3 Quick Steps"**. Here is a link to the directions: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6az\\_Rkk2vEcY1NrTXJQQI9vMDA/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6az_Rkk2vEcY1NrTXJQQI9vMDA/view)

Next go to [www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net). You will need your child's student ID number to do this. The number was sent home in the opening day packet; but should you need it, call the school and the administrative assistant has the list in preparation.

To be clear, there is a small fee. The fee does not go to PVRSD, it is a fee to use the program. Using a credit card, the fee is 4.75% and a checking/ACH fee is \$1.75 per transaction. You may pay for ALL your children in one transaction! It is also possible to check balances in your child's lunch account.

This year there are less personnel working in Food Services, so multiple reminders that you owe money, or your balance is getting low are not possible. There is one person doing this for all four elementary schools. To make sure your child has meal money, please mark your calendar so money is sent in before they run out. A reminder that the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act states that school districts should *not* be allowing families to have a debt to the meals program. Whether you pay on line, with cash, or check; **please pay ahead and make sure your child has a balance.** Thank you!

Gail Healy, Assistant Superintendent

## School Council members **STILL** needed

PRES is still looking for 2 to 3 people to join our School Council. Parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to help the principal and teachers to improve their school by joining and participating on the School Council. Please contact Bob Clancy at PRES if you have interest or would like more information.



SRO Heath Cummings speaks with grade 4, 5, and 6 students about phone, computer, and Internet safety on Tuesday.

