

Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School



April 2021

Dear Families,

Welcome to spring! It is nice to have the return of longer days and sunshine. I look forward to the budding green leaves on the trees and the flowers that will soon emerge. Here at PRCS we continue to enjoy having our students back in green four days a week. It is so wonderful to hear the happy voices and learning happening all around school!

April is Autism Awareness Month and here at PRCS we celebrate the uniqueness of every child. The week before April vacation will be Spirit Week. On Monday 4/12 we invite students to wear PRIDE shirts; Tuesday 4/13 is hat or headpiece day; and Thursday 4/15, we will celebrate our differences by inviting children to wear brightly colored, unique, and/or mismatched clothes and socks.

I hope you were able to meet with your child's teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences. As we return from April vacation, thoughts will turn to finishing this year strong, and planning and placements for next school year. Our goal is to build equitable, balanced classes for optimal learning. While we do not accept requests for specific classroom teachers, if you have information you would like to share regarding the

educational needs of your child, please send a letter or email to me no later than Friday, May 7th. Our staff know our students well and take great care to consider their needs during placement to ensure each child will have a successful year, both socially and academically.

Thank you for supporting our school and our students' reading through our Read-A-Thon Fundraiser! Please return forms and money collected by April 12th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school office at 582-6268.

I hope you enjoy the time with your families over April break! Please remember to notify the school if you are traveling over April vacation, and to discuss plans to return with our school nurse, Mrs. Martin. Upon return from any non-exempt locations, your child will be required to either provide a negative COVID Test or quarantine for 10 days before coming back to school.

Yours in education,

Christina O'Neal

Upcoming Events:

April

2nd-Autism Awareness Day
12th-PTG meeting @ 6:00pm
12th-Wear our PRIDE Shirts!
13th-Hat or headwear Day ! Students may wear a hat, or a headband, etc.
14th-Yearbook Deadline for ordering
15th-Celebrate Uniqueness Day! To celebrate our differences, wear brightly colored, unique, and/or mismatched clothes and socks.
16th-No School
19th-23rd-Spring Break

May

10th-PTG meeting @ 6:00 pm
12th- Kindergarten Screening (incoming)
31st-No School/Memorial Day

Just a reminder that all early release days have been removed from our 2020-2021 school calendar, but Friday, April 16th is a Teacher Comp Day and there will be no school for students.

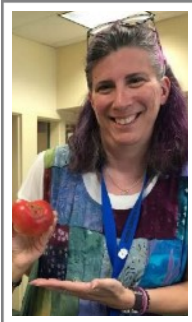


Thank you to Mrs. Webb's class for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance for the month of April!

Transportation Department

If your child is not going to ride the bus for the day, please contact the Transportation Office 582-6663. We need to alert your child's driver not to stop and get your child.

Thank you,
Gabe Dottie, Director of Transportation/Operations



Guidance:

I recently read an article on the website understood.org and written by Kate Kelly. The article was titled "4 strengths kids build when they take on challenges". It got me thinking.

What do I want for my students? Probably, many of the same things you as their parents want. I want my students to be caring, independent, solution-oriented

world changers. I want my students to be kind to others and themselves. I want my students to make healthy choices for themselves and the environment. I want my students to make plans for their future while experiencing joy and peace in their present. Not too tall of an order, huh?

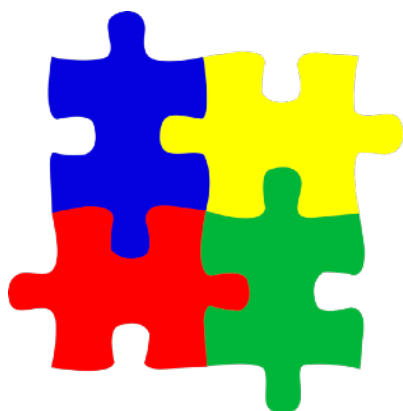
I was talking with a young student the other day and they were sharing a challenge they were going through- having a tough time using their scissors. They said, "I'm not good at cutting!", and I asked them, "How do we get better at things?". They replied with a sigh, "By doing them." Yes, my young friend, persistence and a positive attitude are the keys to successfully overcoming challenges in all areas of life.

So back to this article I read. The author states that by supportively allowing your child to go through age-appropriate challenges, you are helping them build life skills that can help as they cope with whatever life throws their way. They will develop qualities like determination, empathy, courage, and self-confidence. The world needs a lot more people with strengths like these.

I want you to know that I am here not just for my students but also for you, to assist with any concerns you have related to your child(ren). Feel free to contact me via email jtourtelotte@msad11.org or at your child(ren)'s school.

Here for you,

Joan Tourtelotte
("Miss T.") (She, Her, Hers)
School Guidance Councilor



The fourteenth annual World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2021. This day recognizes and spreads awareness for the rights of people with Autism.



Spotlight on Staff
An interview with "Ms. Keyser"



Role: Librarian

My Favorite Color: Teal

My Favorite Food: Fettuccini Alfredo

Hobbies: Reading, arts and crafts, and watching sports

My Favorite Book: Harry Potter Series

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up: a teacher or a police officer

Something Unique About You: Jello seriously creeps me out.

Parent Teacher Group News

Reminder to keep clipping and scanning receipts for Box Tops.

Virtual PRCS PTG -Meeting(s) for 2020/2021 School Year
Monday, April 12th 6:00 – 7:00pm

Join with Google Meet
meet.google.com/rcc-bdjin-zat
Join by phone
(US) +1 414-909-5908 PIN: 134 971 913#

This is the last call to order your PRCS yearbook online if you haven't already ordered one.

You will need the Yearbook ID Code 14001221 ybpay.lifetouch.com or you may call the school and request an order form to be sent home with your student. Yearbooks are \$12.00



Reminder from the School Nurse:

Students who plan to travel out of state (except CT, MA, RI, VT and NH) must have a negative COVID test prior to returning to school, or must isolate at home and monitor for symptoms for 10 days.

Please call or email Nurse Martin (kmartin@msad11.org) if you are planning on traveling during spring break to figure out a return plan or answer any questions you may have! Thank you for your help in keeping our school healthy! Kristin Martin



Spotlight on Staff.
An interview with "Ms. Adams"



Role: 5th Grade Teacher

My Favorite Color: Dark Forest Colors

My Favorite Food: Who am I kidding - I love it all!!

Hobbies: Reading, Sewing, Knitting, Home projects, Seeing all the National Parks

My favorite book: Adult - Ethan Frome Kids - HOOT (right now)

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up: Rock Star

Something Unique About You: I am a Uber driver and drove someone from Maine to New Jersey.

MSAD 11

Gardiner, Maine
Immediate Openings for

Bus Drivers and Substitute Bus Drivers

State of Maine fingerprinting
Class B – S&P Endorsement
Required for Bus Driver position.

Applications are available at the Superintendent's Office or can be submitted electronically through the MSAD 11 website.
Call (207)582-5346 with questions.

Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School is holding a Read-A-Thon beginning Monday, March 29th and running until Monday, April 12th. Prizes will awarded to the top reader in each grade level!!

What is it? A fun read-a-thon! You and your child ask for pledges for hours/minutes read. Your child will read and keep track of their time.

Who? You and your child! They can ask friends and family to pledge a flat donation rate or \$ per hour read? This could be \$1 \$2 \$5 ??? whatever... per hour, or maybe someone would like to pledge a flat donation of \$5 \$10 \$15??? Whatever they wish.

How? Complete the pledge sheet that was sent home, READ READ READ and collect donations, pledges, and return to school by Monday, April 12th.

Thank you for helping raise money for our school!

