

# Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School



May 2021

Dear Families,

I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy some quality family time during April vacation. Now both students and teachers are energized and ready to finish the year strong! These last weeks of school are always a busy time of year. While we will not have the traditional field trips and events, teachers will be planning lots of special learning activities. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3 - 7. While we cannot accept the traditional food and baked goods gifts, please feel free to show your appreciation in other ways - for example, pictures, videos, notes or cards, etc. Thank you to our teachers for all their hard work and dedication!

We recognized our own Mrs. Houdlette for National Administrative Professional's Day on Monday, April 26. Thank you for everything she does to keep our school running smoothly!

Wednesday, May 12 is National School Nurse's Day. We will recognize our own school nurse, Mrs. Martin, on Tuesday, May 11. Thank you for everything she does to keep our school, students and district safe and healthy!

We will have spring assessments the weeks of May 10 - May 21. A letter was also sent from Angela Hardy, our Director of Curriculum, explaining more about this. The Maine DOE has changed to using the NWEA for state assessments this year, which reduces the amount of testing time and allows students to spend more time learning. Your child's teacher will let you know when your child is scheduled to take tests.

Thank you for helping testing to go smoothly by ensuring your child is well rested, has a healthy breakfast, and arrives at school on time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you again for supporting our school and students during the recent Read-A-Thon Fundraiser! We were able to raise \$1,589! This was so successful, both raising money for our school as well as encouraging kids to read, we may make this an annual event! Money raised will be used in a variety of ways to support students, such as for materials, classroom needs, end of year activities, and playground improvements. We recognized the student from each grade level who read the most. Congratulations and keep on reading!

We are launching a Playground Committee to explore ways to improve the playground for our students. We would love to involve parents in these efforts. Please stay tuned for more information.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we finish this unprecedented school year! We are already looking forward to a return to more normalcy next year.

Yours in education,

Christina O'Neal

## Upcoming Events:

### May

3rd-7th Teacher Appreciation Week  
10th-21st Spring Testing  
10th-PTG meeting @ 6:00 pm  
12th- Kindergarten Screening (incoming)  
31st-No School/Memorial Day

### June

11th Last day of school

### Late Students

Parents, please walk your late student into school when dropping them off or call the office to let us know that your student(s) is waiting in the alcove.

## Dress Code

With the warmer weather arriving, we will be seeing more students wearing shorts and tank tops. Flip flops are discouraged, as students cannot run and play safely on the outdoor equipment. Sneakers are required for Physical Education classes that will be starting up the week of May 3rd. Thank you!



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



### Guidance:

Over the last couple of weeks during guidance class we have been discussing making safe decisions and choices. At the younger grade levels (K-3) we have discussed eight “Never Never Rules”. Ask your child to name them and talk about the reasoning behind them. They are experts!

At all grade levels (K-5) we have discussed the “3 Rs”- **Recognize, Refuse, and Report.**

I remind them to listen to their inner warning system to help them **Recognize** when something is unsafe or not a good choice. They are encouraged to stop and think before they do something.

If they determine that something is not a safe choice then they have practiced through role playing being assertive and **Refusing** to participate.

After they **Refuse**, they practice walking away and making a **Report** to a trusted adult. We have talked about the difference between tattling and **Reporting**. Please discuss this important distinction with your child, as sometimes they may not report something that is important out of fear of being labeled a “tattletale”. We also have discussed the importance of **Reporting** to more than one adult if the first person you speak to doesn’t give you the help you need. In class I have taught the students that it is an adult’s job to keep them safe, however they have the important responsibility of listening to and following safety rules, and using their good decision making skills to make safe and smart choices.

Lastly, we have learned about the “Always Ask First Rule”. Students have been taught that for their safety they should always ask a parent or the adult in charge before they go somewhere, eat or drink something that has been offered to them, or accept a gift. I tell them that practicing this rule with small things can make it a matter of habit as the stakes get higher as they get older.

The students are really enjoying this unit and I love teaching them assertiveness and self-advocacy. Your children are a great bunch of humans!

As always, if you have any questions or anything you’d like clarification on, I can be reached via email at [jtourtelotte@msad11.org](mailto:jtourtelotte@msad11.org).

Here for you,

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



### Spotlight on Staff An interview with “Mrs. Woodcock”



**Role:** 1st Grade Teacher

**My Favorite Color:** Yellow

**My Favorite Food:** Lobster

**Hobbies:** Crocheting and Reading

**My Favorite Book:** The Circus Ship by Chris van Dusen

**As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up:** A teacher!!

**Something Unique About You:** I currently teach 1st grade in the same classroom I was in as a 1st grade student, myself!

### 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, May 10th 6:00 – 7:00pm

Join with Google Meet

[meet.google.com/rcc-bdjin-zat](https://meet.google.com/rcc-bdjin-zat)

Join by phone

(US) +1 414-909-5908 PIN: 134 971 913#



### Reminder from the School Nurse:

We have recently seen an increase of ticks on students now that the weather is warmer. Ticks can transmit serious and potentially fatal diseases like Lyme disease. Frequent tick checks increase the likelihood of finding a tick before it can transmit disease.

The CDC recommends conducting a full body check upon return from potentially tick-infested areas, including your own backyard. Check these parts of your body and your child’s body for ticks:

- Under the arms
- In and around the ears
- Inside belly button
- Back of the knees
- In and around the hair
- Between the legs
- Around the waist

If you are feeling ill, or have developed a fever or rash following a potential tick bite, call your doctor immediately. Thank you for your help in keeping our school healthy! - Kristin Martin, RN, BSN



**Spotlight on Staff.**  
**An interview with "Mrs. Shepherd"**



**Role:** Title One Teacher/Literacy

**My Favorite Color:** I like bright colors

**My Favorite Food:** I really like vegetables. I like muffins and popcorn, too.

**Hobbies:** I have lots of hobbies, including knitting, collecting rings, growing fruit trees, baking, weightlifting, birdwatching, traveling etc.

**My favorite book:** The book I read the most is the Bible. I like reading realistic, historical fiction and biographies, too.

**As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up:** As a little girl I pretended that I was a Native American or a school teacher. I think I wanted to be a mom, a teacher, and a pastor.

**Something Unique About You:** I continue to take voice and piano lessons.

**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

**Dismissal Changes**

If you have any dismissal changes please call the office by 1:30 pm.

**Read-A-Thon News**



We would like to recognize the following students for being the top readers in their grade levels. Thank you to all students who turned in pledge sheets and money. We raised a total of \$1589.00 for our school!!

**Kindergarten-**Aubrey LeBourdais

**1st Grade-**Paisley Stilphen

**2nd Grade-**Lillie Schultz-Nielsen

**3rd Grade-**Ben Nichols

**4th Grade -**Annalise Reithofer

**5th Grade -**Mason Adams