

Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School



June 2022

Dear PRCS families,

I can't believe I am already writing the last newsletter of the year! It seems this school year has just flown by. We have many wonderful year-end activities during these last few weeks and are so excited we are able to welcome families back into the building to participate and celebrate our accomplishments! A big thank you to all the volunteers who are able to help with our activities! Your help makes these events possible.

As the weather warms up, please be sure students are dressed appropriately (no body parts such as backs, buttocks or bellies showing please), and have appropriate closed toe shoes for the playground (no flip flops please). Having students bring a water bottle is a great idea also.

Students will have an opportunity to have a brief visit to the grade level they will attend in the fall during Step Up Day on Tuesday, June 14th. Teacher assignments will be mailed home in August, together with any school supply information. This allows us to make any necessary adjustments over the summer as families move in or out of our communities. Report cards will be sent home on the last day of school, June 16th.

As we approach the end of the year, we will be completing our required safety/fire drills. These are important to help students and staff be prepared in the case of any true emergency. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

This year the public validation meeting for the school budget is June 7th at 6:00 at Gardiner Area High School. Budget referendum day is June 14th, with voting to be held at Pittston and Randolph Town Offices from 8am to 8pm. Please be sure to cast your vote!

I would like to take a moment to say **THANK YOU** to our wonderful teachers and staff here at PRCS. They have continued to give it their all this year to make the return to full time, in person school so successful, even in the midst of ongoing pandemic concerns. As we close out our year, we will say farewell to some staff members as they move on to new opportunities. Please join me in offering our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Mrs. Houdlette, Miss Tourtelotte, Mrs. Hersom, Mrs. Prout and Mrs. Knight.

It has been my honor and my pleasure to work with you and your children here at PRCS these past few years. Thank you again for welcoming me into your community, for your support, and for allowing me to play a role in educating your children. I wish you a wonderful summer break!

Yours in education,

Christina O'Neal, Ph.D.
Principal

Upcoming Events:

June:

2nd Art-a-Palooza! PRCS from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
3rd 5th Grade Wax Museum
7th Budget Meeting @ GAHS for 6:00 pm
9th Opening Day of Olympics, wear your team colors!
10th Carnival
10th Hat Day-wear a hat/headband.
11th GAHS Graduation
13th Sports Day-support your local or professional sports team or just look sports!

13th PTG Meeting @ 5:30 pm

14th Red, White and Blue Day-wear something with red, white and blue!

14th Budget Referendum. Vote at Pittston and Randolph town office from 8:00am -8:00 pm.

15th Pride shirts-celebrate our PRCS PRIDE by wearing your PRCS Pride shirt!

16th Report cards sent home

16th Last Day of School-Early Release, students dismissed at 12:00 pm



Pledge of Allegiance Hosts

Thank you to Ms. Adams' class and Mrs. King's class for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance during morning announcements! When students lead us in

saying the Pledge each morning they receive a small American flag.

Important Phone Numbers:

Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School - 582-6268
Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School Fax - 582-6334
Transportation - 582-6663
Superintendent's Office - 582-5346



Guidance

We have been busy in Guidance class this last month!

In grades K-4, 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, do something with someone, 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.

We have also spent some time talking about "strangers". I try to emphasize to the students that most strangers won't pay them any attention and many will be good and helpful people if they need assistance. I also stress that the students need to "trust their instincts". If a person is making them feel "icky" or uncomfortable they should get away and tell an adult they know. We have been repeating the Recognize, Refuse, and Report lessons, the Never Never rules, and the Always Ask First rule. We did some role plays where I tried to be a "tricky" stranger and trick them into coming with me. I told the students that their most effective weapon is their voice, "Help! This is not my Mom or Dad! This is a stranger!"

Although these are not the discussions we enjoy having with our children, unfortunately they are necessary ones. Please reinforce the above topics in whatever manner you wish. There are many good resources online to support you and your child. I am honored to support you in your efforts to keep your children safe.

In fifth grade, we have spent most of our time discussing the transition to middle school. Many are nervous and excited, which is totally normal!

Finally, I have some news to share. Due to a shift in the way the district is providing social emotional support to students at the elementary level, I will no longer be working as the school counselor and Guidance teacher at the Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School next year. I have been honored to be a part of the team blessed to support the wonderful students and families of the Pittston and Randolph communities for the last sixteen years. Thank you for all you have done to support me over this time.

It has been another wonderful year working with your children. I wish for you all a happy, safe, and restful summer. Good bye and best wishes to my "graduating" fifth graders! You will be missed!

Here for you,

Joan Tourtelotte
("Miss T.")
(she, her)
School Counselor

Virtual PRCS PTG Meeting

Next PTG meeting via Google meet is Monday, June 13th @ 5:30 pm

PRCS PTG - Monthly Meeting

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zci-mqai-wij>

Or dial: +1 209-831-3532 PIN: 539 732 369#

<https://sites.google.com/a/msad11.org/pittston-ptg>

On Facebook: Pittston- Randolph Consolidated School PTG

Thank You!!

The PRCS PTG would like to send out a sincere thank you to all the families that donated money to our PTG this school year via our fundraiser, yearbook sales or just made a donation of cash. With all of your support we were able to provide great opportunities for the students at PRCS

Please mark your calendar!

Budget Meeting at Gardiner Area High School on Tuesday, June 7th at 6:00 pm.

The proposed school budget items will be reviewed, and active participation from Pittston and Randolph residents will be important!

Thank you for supporting our school!!

With the warmer weather here, we are asking that you send your student to school with a water bottle that they can refill at one of the water stations throughout the building. Thank you.



Dress Code

With the warmer weather arriving, we are seeing more students wearing shorts and tank tops. Please note that per the MSAD 11 dress code, clothing should not expose underwear or body parts, including chest, belly, back, or buttocks. Flip flops are discouraged, as students cannot run and play safely on the outdoor equipment. Thank you!



IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Please pick up any of your child's medications that have been stored at school by the last day- June 16th. Medications may be disposed of unless arrangements are made for pick up. -

Kristin Martin, RN, BSN

Thank you,

Kristin Martin, RN, BSN
MSAD 11 Lead Nurse
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Thank you to MIKA Randolph, Glen Fitzmaurice for donating 2 cases of paper to help get us through till the end of the school year!!



Last Day of School

Thursday, June 16th
This will be an Early Release with students dismissed at 12:00 pm. First round of parent pickups start at 11:50 am. Best Wishes for a safe and fun summer!

The Staff of Pittston -Randolph Consolidated School

Budget Referendum Tuesday, June 14, 2022 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Pittston residents vote at
Pittston Town Office and
Randolph residents vote at
Randolph Town Office.



We have set up an account at the Randolph Redemption Center for our PRCS Playground ongoing fundraiser. When dropping off your bottles please consider making a donation for the playground and kids at PRCS!!



Field Day 2022

Thank you to all of our volunteers that came to our Field Day and volunteered their time. It was a huge success!!

Positive
Respectful
In control
Doing our best
Empathetic



We have Pittston-Randolph...
PRIDE !