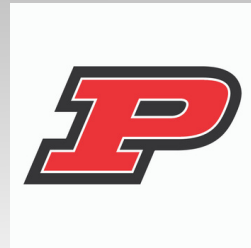


# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



## CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

This year Perry Elementary has begun to implement a new social emotional learning (SEL) resource titled *Caring School Community*. Research shows that students that experience SEL in school demonstrate higher academic achievement, improved social and emotional skills, positive classroom behavior, fewer delinquent behaviors in the future, and reduced emotional problems such as depression or anxiety.

The goal of this program is to help students become caring, responsible members of their school communities by building caring relationships, explicitly teaching social and emotional skills, creating calm learning environments, and developing self-discipline.

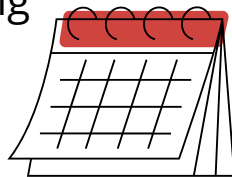
Our first step has been to implement morning circles. Daily morning circle activities in the Caring School Community program help students get to know each other, work together, and practice social skills. Ask your child some of the things they are doing during their morning circles.

[Check out the program!](#)

Educationally,  
Jackie Staib  
staibj@perry.k12.mi.us

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/10 - Fire Prevention Week
- 10/11 - Fire Drill, PTO Meeting
- 10/12 - No School
- 10/14 - Bullying & Autism presentation for 3rd & 4th grade
- 10/17 - Board Meeting



## CARS KIDS!

Perry Elementary participates in a Positive Behavior Intervention and Services (PBIS) program to help promote positive behaviors at school. It is called CARS Kids and S stands for Safe. Perry Elementary students will feel safe and secure while at school. Ask your child daily about ways that they were safe at school for the next two weeks



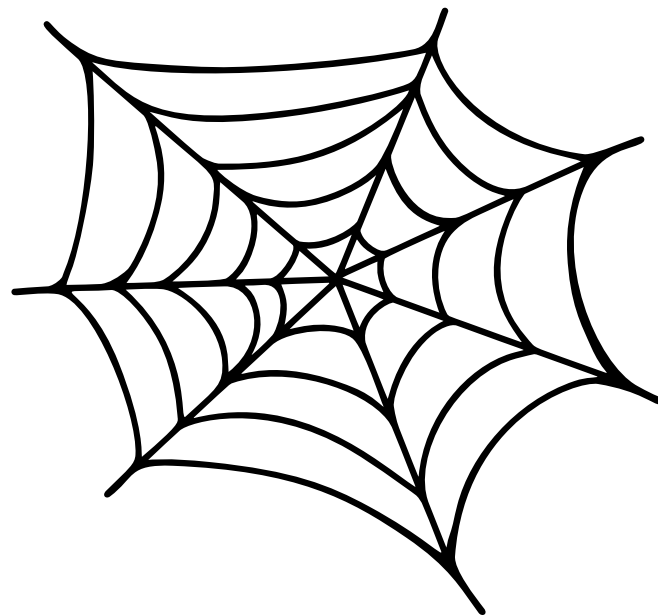
# Operating Millage Proposal on the Ballot for November 8, 2022

The State of Michigan expects all school districts to levy 18 mills from non-homestead properties for operating costs. If a district levies under 18 mills, there is no adjustment in State aid to allow for the reduction in funding. The PPS Board of Education approved a resolution at August's regular meeting to place an operating millage proposal on the ballot for the November 2022 election. If passed, this proposal would renew the current 17.6090 mills levied for operating costs for the next 10 years, In addition, it would provide an additional 0.5 mill to be used to bring the operating millage back to the maximum 18 operating mills that school districts are permitted to levy. Public Schools periodically ask voters to vote on an 18-mill levy on non-homestead properties in order to receive their full foundation allowance from the state. The tax only applies to properties such as second homes, commercial and rental properties, not primary residences. The funds from the operating millage go towards the district's operating budget and day-to-day classroom operations.

## Reminders

- **If you have a change in email or phone number, please contact the office so we can update the system. (517) 625-3101**
- **Virtual PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 11th. Email [perryelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:perryelementarypto@gmail.com) for the link.**

**DON'T  
FORGET**



We will be celebrating Halloween at school on Monday, October 31st. More information to come in my next Principal's message.