



Parsons School Newsletter

October 2019

Principal's Corner Parsons Sensational Seven

These outstanding students were nominated by their teachers to receive the Principal's Student of the Week Award for exhibiting the following characteristics: Showing respect for adults and peers, Willingness to put forth effort, Eagerness to learn and the Courage to try.

Week of 9/30/2019: Gianna, Gurwaryam, Derek, Amie, Kanishkha, Willy and Anthony

Week of 9/30/2019: Victoria, Yovela, Adrian, Rayna, Tanner, Ivette and Geovanni

Week of 10/7/2019: Savanna, Sydney, Sophia, Jamie, Cheryl, Jacob and Christina

Week of 10/14/2019: Isabel, Kylie, Pranathi, Marluz, Erlin, Amber and Sreyanz

Week of 10/21/2019: Santiago, Chloe, Kylie, Manav, Arthur, Leticia and Brytany



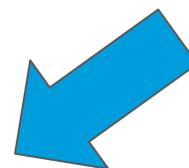
Congratulations to all! We are very proud of you!

#ParsonsPride #DrawnTogether

Lifetouch & Shutterfly

Exciting News! We have partnered with Lifetouch & Shutterfly & have our own storefront where you can purchase from Shutterfly & we receive **8% back**. Please use the following link for all your purchases.

Great opportunity for the holidays!



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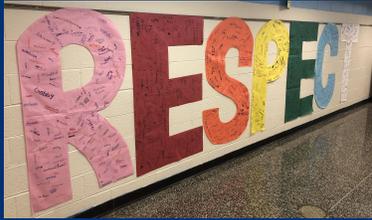
Important Dates:

- 30th - Parsons Pride
- 31st - Halloween Parade 2:00 pm
- Nov. 4th - 8th - Schools Closed
- Nov. 12th - GATE
- Nov. 13th - Parsons Pride
- Nov. 13th - Kindergarten Fall Fling 6 - 7 pm
- Nov. 15th - Crazy Hat Day - \$1
- Nov. 19th - GATE
- Nov. 20th - Parsons Pride
- Nov. 26th - GATE
- Nov. 28th & 29th - Schools Closed - Thanksgiving Break



Parsons Week of Respect

Parsons School celebrated the Week of Respect with dress-ups days and classroom lessons in K-2 classrooms. Students enjoyed “getting cozy with respect” by wearing pajamas and showing that “respect is always on their minds” by wearing hats! Each classroom also signed a Pledge of Respect which will be hung in the hallway outside of the cafeteria. Parsons School also celebrated Peace Week with classroom lessons in grades 3-5 and took a school-wide photograph of students in the form of a rainbow. Lunch Bunch groups have started and kids are having fun eating lunch and making new friends.



Peace Week

During the week of October 21st students at Parsons celebrated “Peace Week.” As part of this celebration students and staff members each dressed up in a particular color. This demonstrated that while individually we can do so little, together we can make a beautiful rainbow of diversity. A rainbow that demonstrates that though we are all different, we can come together peacefully for a cause.



Stay Involved!

At Parsons we have many opportunities for families to stay informed and involved!



Parsons Calendar Click [HERE](#). (Click the plus sign on the bottom right corner to add to your Google Calendar)

North Brunswick Township Schools District Website: <https://www.nbtschools.org/>

Parsons Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Parsons-Elementary-School-479109815532975/>

Parsons PTO Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ParsonsElementarySchoolPTO>

Who to Contact?

It is always recommended that parents/guardians begin by speaking with their child's teacher(s).



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**Discipline/Harassment,
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Kindergarten

We have blasted off into Reader's Workshop! Kindergarteners are becoming great partner readers by looking at the pictures and the words. Our students are using their imaginations to generate ideas for writing. We are celebrating autumn with fall activities. Please join us on November 13 in the evening for our Kindergarten Fall Fling!



First Grade

First grade has had an exciting month in Science. We made shadow clocks to track the length of shadows at different times of the day. We also learned about the phases of the moon. You can observe the moon's phases with your children too! We are looking forward to seeing you at our First Grade Performance during American Education Week.

Second Grade

This month, the students began learning how to manage their emotions by participating daily in Social Emotional Learning activities through "Move This World" curriculum. They have the opportunity to share their experiences with their classmates and how they can react differently in the future to events that upset them and/or make them feel frustrated. October 7-11 was

"Respect Week" and the students enjoyed dressing each day in their favorite team jersey, crazy hat, pajamas, and sweats. Miss Truncellito visited our classrooms and presented a lesson about respect to our students. Additionally, the students signed the "Pledge of Respect" which was hung up in the building. Please encourage your children at home to use their words to express themselves and the strategies they have learned in school!

Third Grade



Third graders had a busy month in October. Students were so excited to meet Officer Hanrahan, a North Brunswick police officer, for our Adopt-a-Cop Program. He will be coming in once a month to teach lessons on various safety topics and to help foster a positive community relationship between the police and the schools. This month, Officer Hanrahan spoke to students about Halloween Safety. They learned how to be safe and smart while going out trick-or-treating.

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is excited to begin our new Science Curriculum. This first unit on Energy explores distance, forces and motion. Students will experiment with

the difference between force and pull through a fun tug of war activity. They will explore a motion machine which will propel different types of balls through a giant tube and investigate where the energy came from as well as which one travels the furthest. As we begin this brand new unit to fourth grade, we look forward to the discoveries and smiles on our fourth graders faces. Be sure to ask your child how their tug of war game relates to distributed energy. Happy Experimenting!



Fifth Grade

Throughout the month of October, students have delved into units for Reading, Writing, Math, and Social Studies. They have worked hard this past month on learning the curriculum, all while creating friendships with one another! We look forward to seeing you at conferences! Please refer to our webpage for more information about the 5th grade.

ESL (K-5)

We are so excited about our upcoming Fall ESL Scavenger Hunt. This activity is a fun addition to our program. It gets the students out of the classroom and into the community park where they are required to communicate in English with their ESL teachers and peers. Students will practice these skills so they will be well prepared for the Scavenger Hunt. This activity will not only be fun for the students, but it will foster English language acquisition. Each group will



present their results and tell the story of their hunt while using student-generated language.



Resource: Frischman

Ms. Frischman’s rotations are in full swing as we continue to practice routines and add more academic rigor to our day! Homework is assigned daily to 3rd and 4th grade students. Third grade students have to complete their reading log each day and will continue to earn \$5 in Classroom Cash if they read 80 minutes a week. Fourth graders follow the same procedure with their reading log in addition to writing 2 summaries a week about their reading at home. Fourth graders also get a daily math sheet for homework. There is still no homework on Fridays. Student’s continue to earn Classroom Cash for following the Parsons mantra of Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Mindful. Thank you for your continued support at home!

Resource: Soto

In Mr. Soto’s class, academic stations are in full swing and students are settling into academic routines. Homework is assigned daily and consists of a Reading Log (15-20 min of reading every night), Writing about Reading, and Home Links from the Everyday Math Curriculum. Grade 5 students are expected to complete these assignments every night and will receive a large

amount of “Dojo Dollars” for turning it in promptly the next day. Similarly, grade 3 students who come to Mr.Soto’s classroom for math typically receive homework daily in the form of Home Links from Everyday Math and/or TouchMath fluency practice. Grade 3 students also have the opportunity to earn a large portion of “Dojo Dollars” for turning in their work promptly the next day. Please ensure that your students are bringing back their assignments so they can earn many “Dojo Dollars” to use in our Dojo store every Friday! Thank you for your continued support at home.

CG1: Siderowitz

October has been an exciting month in Miss Siderowitz’s class! Students have been working hard learning classroom routines, such as the expectations for rotating to different work stations. Students have been working hard during their social skills centers. During our social skills centers, students are working on turn taking. Our class has been enjoying our morning song, which is worked on during morning routines. Our morning song has been focusing on the days of the week. Please continue to help your child understand the days of the week and the 12 months of the year. Thank you again for your continued support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

CG2: Reynolds

Ms. Reynolds’ class has been hard at work this month! Students have

been working on reading sight words or learning new vocabulary words. New sight words or will be added to the red envelope. Please practice the words each night during the week. The students will also complete a fact sheet with touch dots each night for Math homework. All academic centers for reading, writing and math are in full swing!

When have also started Social Skills learning, the students hear a story and learn about making good choices. Each student has a notebook to respond in after the story with a picture or sentences. When have already covered taking turns , following directions and following rules. We have learned about following directions and rules in school, at home and when we are out around town. New topics to come are sharing, being a good friend and voice volume. Thank you for the continued support at home!

CG3: Clark

Mrs. Clark’s class has been very busy this month! The students have been slowly settling in to our classroom routines. Guided Reading bags have started to go home. Please provide a quiet place for your child to read at home every night. In addition to reading, students will now write about the story elements. We will only write about four pieces: setting, character, wish, and problem. Each reading group will go over the story puzzle pieces in class with me and then review for homework. This bag must be returned to school everyday with



the books inside, written story puzzle pieces, and reading log filled out. Thank you for your support at home!

Physical Education

This month in Physical Education, we worked on many different skills! We started off with playground ball and hoop skills. We then played a few variations of "ultimate bombardment," which helped us to practice throwing at a stationary target and learn how to strategize with our teammates. We had fun with our "ghost hunt" relay races, where we completed some difficult team number challenges and incorporated our math skills. To finish off October, we completed our much anticipated "Haunted Trail" activity. Students were very excited to work on a variety of sport skills at our decorated stations!

Library

We just finished up our first Scholastic Book Fair of the school year! Students had the opportunity to shop the fair during their Library class time the week of Oct 14th-18th. Additionally, our K and 1st grade students have been focusing on various Autumn books, while 2nd graders have been busy learning about using non-fiction field guides to identify types of leaves and Fall acrostic poetry. Our 3rd graders have been starting to study to areas of the library and book genres to prepare for our Using the Catalog unit next

month. Fourth and 5th grader spent the month completing activities focusing on exploring our non-fiction sections. Looking forward to a fun-filled November in the Library!

Art



This month in art we have been learning about Mexican Folk Art and diving into Hispanic Heritage! Each grade level is creating fun and interesting artwork in the style of Spanish artist Pablo Picasso. We are focusing on the element of art: shape through, collage, painting, and drawing! We recently finished up our unit on Lines and students artwork will soon be posted to Artsonia!

Computers/Technology

In the Tech Lab, students are becoming familiar with the new NBT schools website, ClassLink, and the Parsons Technology Page! First graders have been learning how to log-on to the computers independently using CTRL+ALT+DELETE and the ID numbers and passwords, as well as how to use the two-button mouse. Students are continuing to learn about what it means to be a good digital citizen by creating Public Service Announcements (PSAs) using the Chatterpix App (take a look at one below!), reminding everyone of what they need to do to stay safe online! Visit the [Digital Citizenship page](#) on the [Parsons Technology Page](#) for more resources about how to be a Super

Digital Citizen and create a fabulous digital footprint, and then test your skills by playing [Be Internet Awesome!](#)

Click here for video:



Spanish



This past month in Spanish we have continued working on the basics before we jump in to our new topics of study for the school year! For example, we have spent time reviewing colors, numbers, days of the week, months of the year, and seasons. A mix of catchy songs, fun games, hands-on projects, and exciting books allow us to review the material in engaging and meaningful ways! Kindergarten, has been working on basic Spanish greetings such as how to say hello, good morning, good afternoon, and good night, as well as colors. If you'd like more information about Parsons Spanish, feel free to check out the website!

<https://sites.google.com/nbtschools.org/parsonsspanish/home>



Music: General

Hello from the music room! Here at Parsons, choral students in fourth and fifth grade have begun rehearsals for their winter concert. Chorus meets once a week during the school day (at 2:35). Select Choir, Parsons auditioned chorus that meets once a week before school, has concluded the audition process and begun rehearsals! Select Choir students are starting on a small composition project that we hope to present at our winter concert, which will be on Thursday, December 5 at 7 p.m. at North Brunswick Township High School! In the music room, we have discovered our voices and learned how to sing musical rounds. Fourth and fifth graders have also discovered the math behind rhythms in music, creating their own pie rhythm compositions just in time for Thanksgiving!

Music: Instrumental

It's that time of year the leaves are falling and are turning color the air is cooler which means winter is not far away. The Advanced string and Band students are working on their Winter Concert Music. The beginning students are learning the basics on how to hold their instrument, holding the bow and soon we will be learning the notes on the D string. The beginning band students have been working on their first 5 notes, how to read, finger and play them. We have begun to play simple melodies on our instruments. Everyone should be practicing their instrument at home. Progress comes from practice.

If you placed an order for a rental instrument or accessories and have not received your order please call the Music Shop at 1-800-553-0633 to find out what is causing the delay.

Parsons Pride

We are so excited to have started Parsons Pride this month. The students were excited to see their friends and teachers. We look forward to a wonderful year together!

PTO: Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO is made up of parents and teachers. The primary goal is to provide funds, programs, resources and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child. Membership is \$10 for the school year. President: Kristina Pennington Email: parsonsppto@nbtschools.org Facebook @ Parsons Elementary School PTO

From the Nurse's Desk

October is almost over and our Kindergarteners and new students are confidently finding their way around the school and making new friends. October is also Breast Cancer Awareness month, so I encourage you to get educated and take care of your health. For more information go to National Breast Cancer Foundation website: <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month>



Flu season is upon us! Don't hesitate to get your flu shots and remember good hand washing is one of the best defenses against colds and flu!

Please note the following.

- I have been doing vision and hearing screening on your children and have sent home referrals for those that need further testing from a doctor. Do remember to daily check your children's folders. (We do vision screening for 2nd and 4th grades; hearing screening for 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades).
- If you haven't submitted your child's physical, please do so as soon as possible. Also ensure that your child has all his/her immunizations. This way your child will not be excluded from school for noncompliance.

If you have any questions, please call my office at 732-289-3404.

Keeping our children Healthy, Safe and Ready to Learn

Ms. Lewis, RN, NJ - CSN



HALLOWEEN AT PARSONS

Students and staff at Parsons enjoyed the Halloween festivities!



Happy
Halloween