

Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School



October 2020

School Calendar Update

Early Release days are being removed from our 2020-2021 school calendar while we are operating in the yellow hybrid model or the red remote model. We will continue to hold Workshop Days as scheduled on the district calendar.

Upcoming Events:

19th PTG Meeting @ 6:00pm
28th Parent-Teacher Conferences
November:
11th No School/Holiday - Veterans Day
20th Trimester one ends
25th-29th Thanksgiving Break

We would like to thank Hannaford and their Hannaford Helps Schools Program for their generous donation of \$645.00. These funds were raised by the community for our school during the 2019 Hannaford Helps Schools Program.



We still have copies of last year's yearbooks for sale in the office. If you would like one for your child please send in \$12.00 and we will make sure your child gets one. Thank you!!

Important Phone Numbers:

Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School
582-6268
Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School Fax
582-7366
Transportation 582-6663
Superintendent's Office 582-5346

Dear Families,

We have had a successful start to our school year, despite the unusual circumstances. The students are learning and using our new routines both here at school on in-person days, and in their virtual classrooms on remote days. Thank you for your ongoing support, patience and flexibility as we work to ensure the safety and success of all our students!

The students have worked hard and done well with our fall NWEA reading and iReady math testing. This will give us valuable information about student skills and needs that we will use to design the most effective instruction. You will have a chance to hear more about your child's progress and share any questions or concerns during our virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 28th. More information will come from your child's teacher about signing up.

In our hybrid model, your children are considered as participating in school on all days of the week. Teachers are monitoring attendance on both in person and virtual days. Students are expected to respond to the attendance prompt on remote days in order to be considered "present". If your child does not respond to the daily prompt, your child is marked absent. We monitor attendance closely as part of our district Drop Out Prevention Plan. If attendance is a concern, myself, your child's teacher, or Miss T will be in touch. Please remember your child should be actively completing the work that is assigned on remote days. This is a critical part of their learning experience, and grades.

While we continue to operate in a hybrid model, we are also prepared for the possibility of learning fully remotely if our community is designated a "red" zone. If we must shift to a remote model, we will continue to provide meals to students. More information will be coming from the Superintendent, along with a survey about meals. We are hopeful that we will remain in school, and look forward to having all students return. At the same time, we are working hard to be prepared to adapt our teaching and learning to any situation. Enjoy the beautiful autumn weather! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Yours in education,
Christina O'Neal

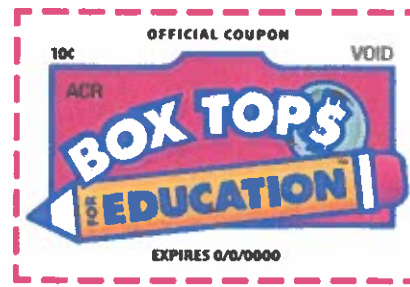


Did you know that October is National Anti-Bullying month? During Guidance class this month we will be focusing on the terms "rude", "mean", and "bullying", learning the differences, how to identify each behavior, and what to do about it all. Your children will learn that: "rude" behavior is behavior we may do that is not socially acceptable,

however it is usually due to a lack of thought. I may chew with my mouth open because I am not aware that it bothers you. "Mean" behavior is done intentionally- when I know my chewing with my mouth open bothers you and I do it anyway. "Bullying" is when I purposefully target you- sit by you at lunch so you have to watch and listen to me as I chew with my mouth open, and I do it day after day. Your children will be learning more about these words and how to handle different situations. We will be talking about personal assertiveness skills as well as being an "up-stander". We will also talk about being kind, accepting, and inclusive.

At Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School, on Monday, October 5, staff and students were encouraged to wear blue shirts to show our willingness to stand together to end bullying. On Friday, October 30, we will participate in the Million Mismatched Sock March. The wearing of mismatched socks shows respect to those who are different and feel like they don't fit in. It shows that it is OK to be different and that Pittston-Randolph Consolidated School is a safe place to be yourself. Instead of our usual giant paper socks for people to sign to show that they will not participate in bullying and they will speak up if they notice this behavior, we will have classroom socks for students to sign. I hope you will take the time to discuss with your children the importance of accepting and respecting diversity. What a boring world it would be if there was only one kind of flower, or bird, or ice cream, or person!

Joan Tourtelotte ("Miss T.")
School Counselor



Each Box top for Education is worth 10 cents, which goes directly towards purchasing items for our school. We are getting ready to send in a

submission, if you have any boxtops please send them to school by Thursday, October 29th. All you need to do if you haven't register for the app for PRCS school, download the app and simply scan your receipts. Last year we collected \$379.30 for the school! Keep up the great work!!



Thank you for your help in keeping our school healthy!

As a reminder, prior to boarding the bus or drop-off, Parents/Guardians will need to complete a self-screening assessment daily for their child to

check for symptoms of Covid-19. Certain responses will require that a child remain home. In this event, Parents/Guardians are asked to contact the school. The school nurse will ask about your child's symptoms, and will give parents guidance on when they may return to school.

Daily self assessment questions:

- *Have I been out of the State of Maine in the last 14 days?*
- *Do I or have I been living with anyone who is sick or quarantined?*
- *Do I or have I been around anyone exhibiting these symptoms within the last 14 days:*
- *Do I or have I had a loss of taste or smell?*
- *Do I or have I had shortness of breath?*
- *Do I have a fever or feel feverish?*
- *Do I have a cough or sore throat?*
- *Do I feel unwell today?*

Kristin Martin, RN, BSN
MSAD 11 Lead Nurse

Parent Teacher Group

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

If you are interested in becoming an officer for the PTG, please contact the office or contact one of the following individuals.

Elissa Tracey, President
Patsy Adams, Treasurer
Heather Doray, Secretary
Heather Wieczorek, Vice President

Our next meeting will be:

October 19th, 2020 @ 6 pm
Any questions or can't attend: please email atPittstonPTG@gmail.com or call the school office 582-6268.

Meeting ID
meet.google.com/rcc-bdjin-zat
Phone Numbers
(US) +1 414-909-5908
PIN: 134 971 913#

If your child will not be attending school, please call us at 582-6268 or email shoudlette@msad11.org
Please note that all students absences are considered to be unexcused until parent/guardian contact has been made with the office. Thank you for your help!

Physical Education:



Hello families!

As you know the Physical Education educational space is currently outdoors. We have had great success learning in this open environment. Please remember to keep the weather in mind when you are sending your child to school.

PE classes will be held outside regardless of weather conditions,

with the exception of thunderstorms. This statement also implies that students **will** be outside in rainy, cold and windy weather. In the event of rain we have a tent space outside where we will hold classes for the day. As we get into the colder months it will be even more important to send your child to school with **weather appropriate clothing** including but not limited to pants, hats, gloves, and jackets. Shorts, sandals, and dresses leave students feeling very uncomfortable at the beginning of our classes. Thank you for your cooperation!

Stay healthy,
Ms. Nadeau

