



The Indian Update

Jason Rakers, Principal

February

CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH-Honesty

Yearbook: Yearbook order forms have been sent home. The order deadline is February 9th. It cost \$12 for a regular yearbook and you can personalize your yearbook online for additional charges. Go to YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM and enter our school yearbook code: 5641718 for more details. You can also order online at that site. If you prefer, you can send your form to the office with checks payable to Pocahontas PTO (NOT Lifetouch).

Morning Drop Off-PES school doors open at 7:30 a.m. on school days. Prior to 7:30, our building does not have staff on duty for supervision. This is just a friendly reminder since this has been occurring more often. This is a safety concern and we thank you for your understanding.

PARCC State Mandated Testing-Our school will take the **PARCC test from April 9-17th**. All students in 3rd – 8th grade will be assessed on English Language Arts and Mathematics. 5th and 8th graders will also be assessed in Science. All assessments will be taken on Chromebooks. Please do not schedule appointments during these dates if it can be avoided. Parent requests for extended travel will not be approved. Information about the test and sample questions can be obtained by visiting <https://parcc-assessment.org/>.

Lunch Balances-Thank you for paying close attention to your lunch bills. If you are uncertain of your child's balance, you may check it on Skyward or call Kim in the office.

Flu Season-This flu season has been one for the ages and we are just now getting into the actual flu and cold season. In order to avoid spreading the flu, please follow the guidelines if your child becomes ill. Students must be fever free WITHOUT medication and may not have vomited for 24 hours before returning to school. We know this is tough for working parents, but we are concerned about spreading illnesses to other students. A "fever" for school is considered 99.5 or higher. Also, if your student has a fever while at school and gets picked up, they should not return to school the next day. Thank you for helping PES stay healthy!

Volunteering-We love our volunteers at PES! However, any parent or guardian who want to go on a field trip or help out during school hours, needs to turn in the 'Volunteering-Disclosure and Authorization Form.' This form is for the safety of all the kids and can be picked up in the office or downloaded online at our school website. Look on the parents link of our www.bccu2.org website.

Help with Typing-Want to help your son or daughter become faster on the computer? Check out the following sites. This will help them with the PARCC test, but more importantly, it will help in many ways throughout life. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr#zgkpn39/> and <http://www.typingclub.com/>

AR Points Challenge- As we cruise towards the middle of the 3rd quarter, our student body has collectively compiled a grand total of just over 11,000 points by reading books. This is 50% of our goal. If the students reach 22,000 points, they voted to send Mr. Rakers to jail! We are excited that so many students are working extremely hard to reach their quarter goal. Please continue motivating your child to read the required 15 minutes (or more) a night. Give your son or daughter a compliment if they are doing their best! Readers become leaders.

Lost and Found-If your child is missing a coat, please check the lost and found by Mr. File's room.

Important School Fundraisers- Please put March 10th on your calendar for our annual Sports Boosters Breakfast and the newly scheduled Alumni Basketball Tournament. The Purple and Gold Tomahawk Color Run is Saturday, April 14th. More information will be posted soon on both events. Supporting these events is an easy way to support our students.

Important Dates In February

* Dates and times are subject to change. *

Thursday, February 1- Quarter Mid-Quarter

-VB vs. Mulberry Grove (H) 4:00

-BB Regional Championship at Springfield Little Flower

Friday, February 2-PBIS Winter Beach Blast Celebration (Hawaiian clothes)

-PES 5th-8th Grade Spelling Bee

Monday, February 5-VB vs. Wood River (H) 4:00

Thursday, February 8-VB at Sorrento 6:00

Friday, February 9-Yearbook Deadline \$12.00

Tuesday, February 13- VB at Roxana 4:00

Wednesday, February 14- Fredbird Visits PES 10:00

Thursday, February 15-VB at Mt. Olive 6:00

-6th-8th Grade Optimist Oratorical Contest Deadline

Friday, February 16-12:30 Dismissal for School Improvement

Monday, February 19-NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)

Tuesday, February 20-VB vs. Ramsey (H) 6:00

-BCCU #2 Board Meeting 7:00 at GES

Thursday, February 22-VB at Bunker Hill 6:00

Friday, February 23- 'Read Quest Read the Most Coast to Coast'

-Chief Change Store

Feb. 26-March 1-7th Grade VB Regional at Pocahontas

Wednesday, February 28-Tornado Drill

Saturday, March 10-Sports Booster's Breakfast at PES 7:00-10:00a.m.

-Alumni Basketball Event at PES 10:00-?

March 19-PES Blood Drive 2:00-6:00

April 9-17 -PARCC test for 3rd-8th Grade

April 14th-Purple and Gold Tomahawk Color Run at PES

April 16-Kindergarten Preregistration 12:30-3:30 at PES

Snow Days Reminder: Remember to look and listen for "Bond County Unit 2 Schools" on local television and radio broadcasts to announce school closings. We will also make a phone call.