

Parents 5/1/2020

Good afternoon PRS Families! I hope this email finds you well. Please reach out if you need assistance with anything at all, we are all here to help in any way!

Staffing/Hiring I am very excited to share that this week we hired a Library Media Specialist for our brand new school. Ally LaRock, one of our current grade 3 teachers will be our new Library Media Specialist!! We also hired two grade 3 teachers this week. We welcome Evelyn Murray and Sara Ilnicki to our dynamic grade 3 team and PRS Family! In addition, Kayla Pardue has joined PRS as a .5 music teacher. Mrs. Tracy Lopez will continue to teach at PRS as a .5 music teacher. We welcome Laura Rutkowski to our Kindergarten team. She has taught at Eli Terry for many years and Kim Hall will be joining our special education team as a .5 resource teacher. More to come on staffing additions in the next couple of weeks as we will be interviewing for an art teacher, math interventionist and school psychologist.

PTO Update You should have seen an email regarding Square One Art that went out earlier this week. In addition, I'm waiting to hear if it is possible to have an online Scholastic Book Fair. I also know there are parents who are trying to pull something together for teacher appreciation week. And finally, the family directory is still under development. Thank you for your patience. I will share more as I receive additional information about any of the efforts mentioned above.

Third Trimester Grading With the implementation of Distance Learning during our school closure, we have adjusted the grading for our third trimester progress reports. After much reflection on the past three weeks of distance learning, along with the feedback we have received from parents and teachers, we have come up with a plan that will meet the needs of our families and students.

Teachers will not be assigning grades for each individual standard, rather all standards will be marked with "DL" to indicate students were engaged in Distance Learning. This will allow all students to work to the best of their ability as they engage in the activities, online websites, and projects assigned by their teachers. In lieu of grades, teachers will be making specific comments on the progress report regarding student strengths and areas of focus.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions regarding activities or projects.

Mrs. Dixon Read Aloud/Birthday Announcements Here are the links to my read alouds and birthday announcements. They are also available on the PRS website.

4-3-2020 <https://youtu.be/YfJZOPwtKh8>

4-9-2020 <https://youtu.be/tpbYvrRJcsc>

4-24-2020 <https://youtu.be/cgxeSzUmh08>

5-1-2020 <https://youtu.be/JhT8gvNqDTI>

Distance Learning Support If you haven't checked out this distance learning link on the SWPS website, there is a lot of information to help support you at home.

http://www.southwindsorschools.org/departments/curriculum/distance_learning_2020

Chromebook/iPad Help Desk If you need help with your district issued chromebook or iPad, please go to the help desk for support.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIEXsvQWw_U9OIIyIHFME8XR3FTsFKEFN7t_vBqbGkHwmdJQ/viewform

Have a wonderful weekend! Michelle