

PES Panthers Newsletter

Week of September 11-15

News from Mrs. Kelly

Hello PES Families,

Wow!!! Summer has finally arrived. We are very lucky here at PES to have a new ventilation system which has kept the school cool all week. Thank you to Mrs. White for bringing the shade cover for the playground and to Mr. Kelley for cleaning the coolers and providing cold water during recess. Thursday the kids were treated to popsicles at indoor recess and the teachers got a cool treat too!!!

Celebrating Early Successes -

Staff and students are participating in Morning Meetings every day where solid classroom relationships are being built. There are some amazing games and activities happening for the staff and students to get to know one another.

Morning drop off and afternoon pick up is going well. We have worked the kinks out of our system and are getting quicker during the afternoon. Please help our office staff by updating Pickup Patrol if there is a different way your child is going home.

Building Connections -

Everyone here at PES is getting to know each other. Some of the staff here know everyone and others are learning faces and names and building relationships and connections. We encourage open communication between home and school. If you have questions please reach out to your child's teacher via Dojo, email or a phone call. We, as a school community, look forward to building on strong connections that already exist and building new ones as the year goes on to achieve the greatest success possible for our students here at PES.

Exploring Curiosity -

Welcome to our preschoolers!! When you talk about curiosity there is no greater place than preschool. For some students this is their first time away from home which is exciting and new for them. But whether they have been home, in daycare or preschool before they all are making new

friends, learning the classroom expectations, exploring their new environment and smiling from ear to ear.

There have been so many great classroom learning opportunities this week throughout the entire school. There has been water table exploration, fun white board phonics activities, sunflower dissection, math games, building in coding, name that tune in music, great read alouds, and so much more. Kids are engaged, exploring and learning everywhere you look.

Staying Connected -

Thank you for your continued support. We have heard from many families, staff and students that they have had a great start to the school year which is wonderful to hear. Please reach out for any questions or needs you may have as we are here to help our school and community.

Kindly,
Barbara Kelly
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Breezeline and the Affordable Connectivity Program

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Please click the red embedded link above.

Households need access to high-speed Internet at rates they can afford. That's why Breezeline continues to participate in the Federal Government's Affordable Connectivity Program, operated by the FCC.

The ACP helps communities stay connected by reducing Internet charges for qualifying low-income households with a one per household benefit up to \$30/month or up to \$75/month for residents of Tribal Lands.

Households are eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if one member of the household:

- Receives SNAP/food stamps, Medicaid, or is eligible to participate in another one of the FCC's Lifeline qualifying programs
- Receives Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefit
- Receives free or reduced-price school lunch or breakfast through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Enrolled in a school that offers free school breakfast and lunch to all students through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
- Received a Federal Pell Grant recipient in the current award year, or if the gross annual household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

**PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2023-2024 CALENDAR**

August 2023 (8 days)	September 2023 (19 days)	October 2023 (21 days)	November 2023 (21 days)	December 2023 (17 days)	January 2024 (17 days)	February 2024 (17 days)	March 2024 (17 days)	April 2024 (17 days)	May 2024 (17 days)	June 2024 (17 days)	July 2024 (17 days)
8/23 & 8/24 New Teacher Orientation 8/24 & 8/25 Teacher Workshop 8/25 District Open House 8/26 End of Day of School 8/29 Days 8/29	9/1-9/10 Labor Day Holiday Break 9/1 Days 9/1, 9/10, 9/11 9/11-9/15 School Days 9/16-9/20 School Days 9/21-9/25 School Days 9/26-9/30 School Days	10/1-10/5 School Days 10/6-10/10 School Days 10/11-10/15 School Days 10/16-10/20 School Days 10/21-10/25 School Days 10/26-10/30 School Days	11/1-11/5 School Days 11/6-11/10 School Days 11/11-11/15 School Days 11/16-11/20 School Days 11/21-11/25 School Days 11/26-11/30 School Days	12/1-12/5 School Days 12/6-12/10 School Days 12/11-12/15 School Days 12/16-12/20 School Days 12/21-12/25 School Days 12/26-12/30 School Days	1/1-1/5 School Days 1/6-1/10 School Days 1/11-1/15 School Days 1/16-1/20 School Days 1/21-1/25 School Days 1/26-1/30 School Days	2/1-2/5 School Days 2/6-2/10 School Days 2/11-2/15 School Days 2/16-2/20 School Days 2/21-2/25 School Days 2/26-2/28 School Days	3/1-3/5 School Days 3/6-3/10 School Days 3/11-3/15 School Days 3/16-3/20 School Days 3/21-3/25 School Days 3/26-3/28 School Days	4/1-4/5 School Days 4/6-4/10 School Days 4/11-4/15 School Days 4/16-4/20 School Days 4/21-4/25 School Days 4/26-4/28 School Days	5/1-5/5 School Days 5/6-5/10 School Days 5/11-5/15 School Days 5/16-5/20 School Days 5/21-5/25 School Days 5/26-5/28 School Days	6/1-6/5 School Days 6/6-6/10 School Days 6/11-6/15 School Days 6/16-6/20 School Days 6/21-6/25 School Days 6/26-6/28 School Days	7/1-7/5 School Days 7/6-7/10 School Days 7/11-7/15 School Days 7/16-7/20 School Days 7/21-7/25 School Days 7/26-7/28 School Days

2023-2024 Calendar
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September Breakfast Menu

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HAPPY LABOR DAY	Sausage, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin Assorted Cereal & String Cheese	Muffin Mini Assorted Cereal & String Cheese	Cinnamon Oatmeal English Muffin Assorted Cereal & String Cheese	Yogurt & Granola Assorted Cereal & String Cheese
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Free and Reduced Lunch Form

www.sau51.org/sau/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Food-Service-Letter-from-PSD-to-Families-for-2023-24-SY.pdf



Bus Routes

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hBnDutfhjG1UhRK_TyDZLPxTv9gKEXpiHL80IZIGIK_Y/edit#gid=1953822664



2023- 2024 Student and Family Handbook

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1id7hkKZflBqcpIBZB6QIKQDjYA1t5ISsGdeMPnp18qY/edit>



Pittsfield Elementary Library

<https://sites.google.com/sau51.org/pes-library/home>

Important Dates

- Early Release - Wednesday, September 13th at 12:15
- PTO Meeting - Thursday, September 14th at 5:30 PM - PES Learning Commons
- Team Leader Meeting - Tuesday, September 19th- 3:00 PM- PES Art Room
- Early Release - Wednesday, September 20th at 12:15
- School Board Meeting - Thursday, September 21st at 5:30 PM- PMHS Library
- School Picture Day - Tuesday, October 3rd



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