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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER





Food Services Program

On August 31, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it has extended free meals for all children 18 and under (or up to 21 with an IEP) to December 31, 2020 (or until the funds run out). Fresh Picks Café began serving hybrid learners on Thursday, September 10. Full remote students can also opt into the food services program by returning the Fresh Picks Cafe letter enclosed in your back-to-school packet or by calling the PES or PMHS main office. Full remote students can pick up meals on Tuesday and Friday between 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Pittsfield Elementary School. Also, please fill out and return free and reduced lunch application forms to be used when this program ends.



End of Segment #1

It has been a great start to segment one learning at school! Hybrid and remote students have been doing well learning new routines and schedules. The first commitment to the this new method of learning (hybrid or full remote) runs through Thursday, October 8. On Thursday, October 1, we will send out a survey through School Messenger for segment two. No response to the survey means you are staying with the same format. You only need to respond to the survey if you are requesting a change for segment two.

IMPORTANT DATES

PMHS School Picture Day (A) Lecture Hall September 14

PMHS School Picture Day (B) Lecture Hall September 15

School Board Meeting PMHS Media Center September 17, 5:30 PM

School Board Meeting PMHS Media Center October 1, 5:30 PM

End of Segment #1 PES/PMHS October 8

No School: Teacher Workshop Day PES/PMHS October 9

No School: Columbus Day PES/PMHS October 12

School Day SAT PMHS October 14

School Board Meeting PMHS Media Center October 15, 5:30 PM

The district calendar is available at: www.pittsfieldnhschools.org

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Meet Mrs. Philbrick

Amy Philbrick grew up in Gray, Maine, where she graduated from Gray-New Gloucester High School. She attended Long Island University where she earned a BA in Psychology. She went on to earn an MA in Psychology from UNH and a CAGS in School Psychology from Rivier University. Mrs. Philbrick completed her internship in the Merrimack School District and served as the School Psychologist for Prospect Mountain High School in Alton, New Hampshire. In her free time she enjoys spending time with family and exploring bike trails on her e-bike. She is looking forward to working with students of all ages as the new School Psychologist for the Pittsfield School District.

Student Devices

The Pittsfield School District would like to thank students and families for their patience as we organized student devices over the past two weeks. At this point, all students (PK-12) should have a device issued to them. We also have devices for fully remote students that can be picked up by contacting the main office at PES or PMHS. Also, we were short on iPad charging cords in early September but we have additional charging cords available now. If you need an iPad charging cord, please see your home room teacher or contact the main office. We are expecting a shipment of new Chromebooks in late October or early November to replace some of the older Chromebooks issued earlier this month.

Outdoor Classrooms



Miss Calautti's music class working outdoors.

HEALTH SERVICES CORNER

Health Screenings

A friendly reminder to families to continue assessing their child(ren) prior to sending them to school. Any student who is sick or not feeling well is advised to stay home. Symptoms to look for include fever, respiratory symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, or cough) and muscle aches or chills.

Health & Hygiene Practice

Families are encouraged to practice proper hand washing procedures and wearing a mask before returning to school.

Masks & Lanyards

All students (PK-12) attending hybrid learning days will be offered two reusable masks and a lanyard to help care for their masks during mask breaks and meals.