



PROVIDENT
CHARTER SCHOOL

PCS FAMILY FLYER

from our school to your home

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Welcome & Thank you!

It feels great to have settled into this 2021-2022 school year! Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and support as we worked through transportation, arrival, and dismissal challenges. We are entering our 6th year of existence, but really only our 1st year at full capacity, with over 330 students enrolled!!! We have all felt our "growing pains," but the success of our students makes it all worthwhile. I sincerely want to **welcome all new families**; Covid has made your transition to our school different from other families who came before you. I look forward to a time soon when we can all gather as a school community.

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month!

Since helping students with dyslexia is our mission, here are some of the ways we will work to raise awareness this month:

- morning announcement facts about dyslexia,
- a [t-shirt sale](#) with a design created by one of our talented students,
- opportunities for our students to write or record how dyslexia is their "superpower,"
- a [Family Engagement Series](#) of informational sessions for parents and family members, and more!

October is also the month of **Parent-Teacher Conferences (Thursday, 10/7 & Friday, 10/8)**. Our teachers work hard in so many special ways to get to know your child and their unique learning strengths and needs. Look for sign-up information from your child's teacher.

PRINCIPALS' POST

Parent Reminders



- Thank you to all of the parents who donated to their teachers' wish lists!
- Thank you to all parents who joined their child's **Meet the Teacher Night**!
- If your child rides a bus, please make sure they are wearing a mask during the ride.
- We ask that all early dismissals be reported to the office by the morning of the early dismissal.
- [2021-2022 School Calendar](#)



Elementary School (2-5)

The elementary school has had a great start to the school year, and we have welcomed all of our new students! We look forward to getting to know each and every student! Your children have undergone some important testing the past couple of weeks and we continue to assess students to determine their current academic abilities. This testing is important because it will help teachers determine where they currently are, so we can use our **WIN** (What I Need) time to differentiate instruction for each student's specific needs.

Students have chosen recess clubs that they will keep for two weeks at a time. These recess choices help us to keep



Middle School (6-8)

Middle School is off to a smooth start this school year! I am so proud that all students in grades 6th-8th are able to navigate their schedule seeing 6 different periods in a day. We have implemented organizational systems for students, an accordion folder in 6th grade, and binders with tabs for our 7th and 8th graders to help them stay organized. We are excited to be offering **additional elective options** this year

groups small even during recess. During this recess time block, Master Zang will begin seeing a selected group of students and these students will be chosen by Master Zang for **Team Storm**. Team Storm is made up of group of students that show a passion for Tae Kwon Do and who also exhibit leadership qualities throughout the school day. These students show Perseverance, Compassion, and Self-Control.

- Ms. Connie Joseph

including Coding in 6th grade, Spanish in 7th, & Health in 8th grade, among other choices! Specials run on a 6-day rotation for elementary and on a 2-week rotation for middle school. We have all of the same exciting opportunities as last year such as TKD, Gym, Art, and 3D Design but this school year we have also added **Music** with Ms. Cunningham and **Digital Media Literacy** with Ms. Cory.

- Ms. Leah Haile

CURRICULUM CORNER



Makerspace

Our Experiential Learning Specialist, Ms. Amrit Moore, is helping students explore and develop fluency with a variety of essential tools and design processes in our Makerspace on **Tool Fluency Fridays!** This is a great way for students to express their creativity, build confidence within the space, and develop the necessary skills that will prepare them to become Maker Experts!



Middle School Science

Our students in Grades 6-8 are diving into our new science curriculum, Amplify Science. Students in sixth grade are learning about **cutting-edge science** surrounding the microbiology associated with the human body. Seventh graders are studying the unique geology of Mars to analyze evidence that life once existed on the red planet. Eighth graders are stepping into the role of student energy scientists while helping a team of rescue workers with an energy problem.



ELA

Students successfully completed the



Math

Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) Assessment in Reading and Writing. This adaptive assessment helps teachers to pinpoint exactly where students are in their learning progression of skills and concepts related to informational text, literature, vocabulary, conventions, and writing structure and style. Teachers will begin reviewing this new assessment platform over the next few months to develop a deeper understanding of students' strengths and areas of improvement. This month our ELA teachers began Module 1 of our new curriculum, **Expeditionary Learning Education**. Students are reading books and learning about diverse topics ranging from schools and communities in second grade to stories of human rights in fifth grade and folklore of Latin America in eighth grade.

Students completed their i-Ready Math Diagnostic and teachers are digging into the data in order to best meet our students' needs. Over the next few weeks, math teachers will be sharing data with their students, setting goals, and establishing action plans. The curriculum department collaborated with teachers over the summer to build **extensive manipulative kits** for every math classroom at PCS! These kits contain a variety of high-quality, hands-on learning materials designed to deliver multisensory mathematics instruction to all our students. We are excited to see our teachers incorporate these materials throughout their instruction.

- Ms. Shannon Iachini

TECH TALKS



Google Classroom

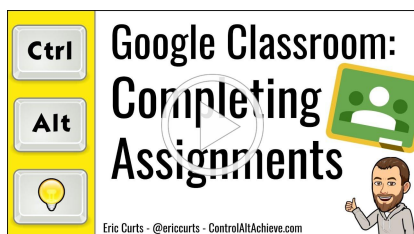
Google Classroom

Google Classroom is our **Learning Management System (LMS)** that we utilize to streamline assignments, boost collaboration, and foster communication between our students and their teachers. It supports accessibility features to ensure every student has the tools necessary to promote their learning potential. Both iPads and Chromebooks support accessibility features that enable our students to achieve their best work!

Below are **accessibility guides** providing an overview of the accessibility features on iPads and Chromebooks - *(please note, not all extensions/apps/features are available such as FaceTime or Google Hangouts).*

As always, please reach out to it@providentcharterschool.org with any technology needs!

- Ms. Amanda Bilitski

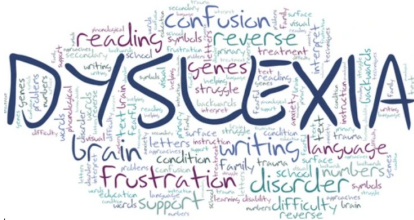


[Chromebook Accessibility Features](#)

[iPad Accessibility Features](#)

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS

Family Engagement Series



Provident Charter School will be offering two [Family Engagement Series](#) during the 2021-2022 school year. The first Fall/Winter Family Engagement Series focuses on literacy and the Spring/Summer Series will focus on behavior, math, and technology.

A highlight of the Fall/ Winter Series is the ***Families as Partners*** session with Mrs. Barbara Wilson, author of the Wilson Reading System.

T-Shirt Sale

PCS is selling [T-Shirts](#) to celebrate Dyslexia Awareness Month! The t-shirt logo was designed by our very own 7th-grade student, **Sophia Collier!**

ON THE HORIZON

Annual Appeal

Be on the lookout for our first **Annual Fund Campaign** coming this October 2021!

PCS Expansion

We are excited to share that an application for our second location is underway! More information to come regarding **PCS West**, located in Beaver County!



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All About the Foundation

Did you know that Provident has a [Foundation](#) and that **you can help**? Making a donation can help our school in the following ways:

- To cover the cost of Wilson Reading Level 1 Certification which costs roughly \$2,000 per teacher
- To purchase materials for our teachers to develop hands-on lessons
- To expand our arts programming which is often the highlight of our students' day

- To purchase taekwondo uniforms, belts, and patches for our students who demonstrate Perseverance, Compassion, and Self-control (PCS)
- To foster a love for reading by putting engaging and relevant books in our students' hands

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