

PCS Family Flyer

from our school to your home



2021-2022 | January/February

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Upcoming Events:

- [2021-2022 School Calendar](#)
- Half-Days for Students - 11:30 AM Dismissal
 - Friday, February 11th
 - Friday, February 25th
- Open Enrollment
 - Open Enrollment for the 22-23 school year for grades 2, 3 & 4 is from February 1st to February 28th
- No School for Students
 - Friday, March 11th
 - Friday, March 25th



Conquering **Dyslexia**.
Powering **Potential**.

Dear PCS Families,

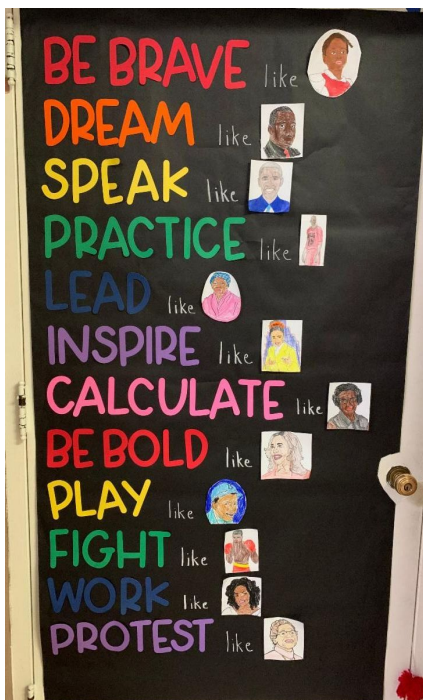
There is so much to celebrate in February! Most of us can find something to enjoy from Groundhog Day - to the Olympics - maybe the 100th day of School - and certainly Valentine's Day.....While these are all enjoyable, we also celebrate **Black History**, as well as our School Counselors during **National School Counselors Week**. One month is simply not enough to recognize the contributions of the aforementioned.

In honor of Black History Month and our School Counselors, Ms. Pinto and Ms. Wible, I would like to share with you my favorite quote by poet, author, and civil rights activist, Maya Angelou. She wrote, "**I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.**"

Ms. Pinto and Ms. Wible spend their days quite literally helping young people in our building manage difficult situations and emotions. No one even knows how much they deal with because of the confidential nature of their interactions with our students. Just imagine the impact that these women have. I will try to sum it up with another Maya Angelou reference; **they help children not just survive, but thrive; and they do so with compassion, humor, and style.**

Help me thank these women, Amanda Pinto and Krista Wible, this week and this month. Your children are in such good hands with these ladies around!

-Maria Paluselli, CEO



Elementary School (2nd-5th)

Thank you to both families and staff for a successful round of **Family/Teacher Conferences!** Overall, the feedback was very positive and I am excited to see the students' growth as we head into the spring season!

February is a time where we celebrate **Black History Month** and all over the school, students are learning all about the powerful stories of many men, women, and children and their contribution to shaping and building American Culture. Please take some time to discuss with your child what it is that they are learning in school and the significance of Black History Month.

-Mrs. Connie Joseph



Middle School (6th-8th)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for such a warm welcome as I transitioned into this role! I have been with Provident since its opening in 2016 and have a **strong bond** with many of our Middle School students as I taught quite a few of them during my first 4 years at PCS! I am excited to continue to support their **educational journey** but with a new perspective as their Interim Principal! It has been such a joy to hear what they are learning in class to honor and celebrate Black History Month. And the spring energy is already buzzing in grades 6, 7 & 8 as there are plans of organizing a Middle School dance! As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I appreciate everyone's patience, kindness, and flexibility!

-Mrs. Jessica Frosztega

IT'S NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S WEEK!

This week is **National School Counselor's Week** and we are celebrating our two wonderful counselors in many ways! Your child can participate in the festivities by participating in our Spirit Week (info below).



Ms. Amanda Pinto



Ms. Krista Wible

Meet **Ms. Amanda Pinto**, our Elementary School Counselor, and **Ms. Krista Wible**, our Middle School Counselor. Both have been at PCS for 3 years and they work tirelessly to create a fun and welcoming atmosphere for our students. These women have a lot of responsibilities including supporting newly enrolled students so they feel comfortable at PCS to helping students and their families transition to their next school, and everything in between.

Thank you, Ms. Pinto and Ms. Wible, for all of your hard work. The pandemic has brought an unprecedented level of need for mental health services and your support of our students helps make PCS a better place! Their door is always open so please don't hesitate to reach out at apinto@providentcharterschool.org and kwible@providentcharterschool.org

PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL

SPIRIT WEEK

DECADES DAY
DRESS IN A STYLE
FROM A DECADE IN LAST 100 YEARS!

TEAM USA DAY
DRESS IN SUPPORT
OF THE WINTER OLYMPICS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

I HAVE DREAM DAY
DRESS LIKE YOUR DREAM CAREER

WEDNESDAY

SHOW YOUR HEART
DRESS IN REDS,
PINKS, AND HEART THEME

SUPERBOWL SPIRIT
WEAR GEAR FROM
YOUR FAVORITE NFL TEAM

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SPECIALS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Mr. Mike!

Michael Korinek (AKA Mr. Mike) has been **spreading the joy of art-making** at Provident since January of 2017. Mr. Mike's love of art began in high school where he learned the foundations of drawing, painting, and sculpting the human form. He pursued a degree in graphic design and studio art at the State University of New York in Oswego. In 2013 he earned his Bachelors of Fine Arts in Ceramics and later earned his Master in Art Education in 2015. Upon graduating, Mr. Mike began teaching art in various capacities to both kids and adults interested in honing their creative craft. Mr. Mike currently teaches 3D Design at Provident Charter School, a course that challenges students to apply visual art



concepts to 3D art-making. Mr. Mike's classes utilize both traditional sculpture mediums and modern digital fabrication tools to facilitate student learning and production.

During the 2nd-Trimester, both Elementary and Middle School students will have the opportunity to hone their skills by **modeling objects using 3D pens**. The pens offer unique technical and spatial challenges to student designers. Students will learn basic construction techniques, including additives layering and flat-pack construction methods. Students will use the 3D pens to generate (1) organic freeform sculpture and (2) more structured models this trimester. Build Quality, Infill Density, Structural Integrity, and General

Participation are the criteria used in assessing student success for this Unit.



6th Graders Organic Form
3D Pen Sculpture with foil armature



4th Grade Student Projects
3D Pen Castle Build with wood armature

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Wilson, Improv & More!

As a reminder, registration for the After-School Program is still open! Math & Reading support are offered daily, and **Wilson & Sunday** are offered weekly! There are also very many other exciting programs including Taekwondo, Art, Attack Theater, **Improv & Kids of Steel!**

Families who are interested in their child attending the After-School Program may register [here](#). Once the registration is complete, La'Shawna McHenry will be in contact to discuss your child's start date!





DYSLEXIA AWARENESS



Families as Partners with Barbara Wilson

Join us for an evening with Barbara Wilson, author of the **Wilson Reading System®** on Thursday, March 24, 2022, from 6:00-7:00.

Barbara's presentation will help families better understand how their child is learning to read with this **multisensory language program**. Barbara will be presenting virtually, but PCS will be hosting this event. You can join us at the school and watch the presentation live or you can watch it virtually from home.

Click the button below to register for this event!

[Register Here](#)



Family Engagement Series

In addition to the event above, Provident will also be hosting several other events this spring! Session topics range in variety with an emphasis on **math and technology** this season. [Click here](#) for more detail regarding the sessions and for registration information.

ON THE HORIZON

PCS Expansion

Thank you to everyone who wrote a letter in support of PCS West. Our application for the new school was submitted to the Ambridge Area School District. A public hearing was held on January 12th in Ambridge and a second public hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 9th at 5:00 PM**. We hope to have as many people in attendance as possible and would be very appreciative if you could join us!

More information regarding how you can support the opening of PCS West can be found [here](#)!



We Need Your Support!

PCS FOUNDATION



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All About the Foundation

Did you know that Provident Charter School 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

How to
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