

PCS Family Flyer

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2022 - 2023 | March 24, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **School Musical Performance**
 - Sunday, March 26th
- **Half-Day for Students - 11:30 AM Dismissal**
 - Friday, March 31st
- **TKD Tournament**
 - Saturday, April 1st
- **Spring Break**
 - Thursday, April 6th - Monday, April 10th
- **Preparing for School After PCS - Spaghetti Dinner Event**
 - Saturday, April 15th

A Culture of Continuous Growth

We enter Trimester Three with anticipation and **excitement** about all that is to come in the final months of the 2022-23 school year. To help fulfill our **mission**, we began this year with a **Comprehensive Plan** that committed to a culture of **high expectations**, excellence, and community for all staff, students, and families. To that end, we have been focused on **continuous improvement** in order to achieve the following: a culturally responsive, rigorous curriculum, student supports that address social, emotional, and academic needs, equitable and inclusive practices, processes for goal setting, and consistent feedback, as well as a **support structure** for students transitioning out of PCS.

To achieve a culture of high expectations, we began this school year with the rollout of a uniform and cell phone policy, utilizing the YONDR pouches, to help create an attitude of seriousness and **respect for the learning** that goes on each day. Please help us **maintain adherence** to both of these policies as we enter the final months of school.

As a relatively new, “start-up” school, continuous improvement has been somewhat natural as we develop our programs and our staff. I cannot say enough about our teachers, the **curriculum** and **professional**

development departments, as well as the **administrative team**; they are focused on learning, for staff and students, each and every day.

April is the month of PSSAs. As we approach state-wide assessments, please work with us to **help your children** overcome test anxiety and stress related to PSSAs. Please encourage your child to take these assessments seriously, but emphasize that these tests do not define them. Unfortunately, the only way to **get more comfortable taking assessments** is to have experience taking assessments. An important measure for us to examine is that of **growth**; no one expects perfection, but we cannot evaluate growth, in some ways, if students do not participate in these assessments.

While we strive to grow academically, social and emotional growth is also a priority. In a sincere effort to improve our **school climate**, we have re-established a School Climate/Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. We are in the process of completing a needs assessment, while evaluating outside professionals to help us learn and grow in this area. Later in April, we are **fortunate to host Tunji Adebajo**, from the Revolution of One and Foundation for Economic Education, to present “**Unleash you Inner Entrepreneur**” to our 5th-8th grade students.

Additionally, I am thrilled to share that this is the second year our students will have an **opportunity to perform in a musical**. Many thanks to our families and staff, especially **Ms. Alyssa Stadelman** and **Ms. Dana Campbell**, who have contributed time and talent to make this possible! Also, Grand Master Zang will host a **TKD tournament** on April 1st. We are the only school in the country that has TKD as a daily part of school programming! Special thanks to **Julie Ewing**, **Grand Master Zang**, and all of the students and families who participate in **Team Storm**. It is the combined efforts of us all that contribute to the social and emotional growth and well-being of our students.

There is so much more, but I will close with one more special event that is new for us. **Part of our mission** is to ensure that students transition out of PCS, confident and prepared, after completion of 8th grade. We begin this process early by working with families to explore options and identify student needs. On April 15th, we will be hosting a number of our previous families to join our families of students in grades 6-8 for a **Spaghetti Dinner**. They all will have an opportunity to talk about lived experiences related to this transition. Thanks to **Dr. Rachel Owens** and the **Transition Committee** for their work in organizing this event.

And to our **PCS families and community**, thank you for partnering with us to help your children learn and grow!

-Mrs. Maria Paluselli, CEO

Conquering **Dyslexia.**

Powering **Potential.**

PRINCIPALS' POST

So much to celebrate!

Spring is in the air and we are already more than halfway through March! February came to a creative close with even more ways to celebrate **Black History Month** including another Literary Luncheon - this time shouting out the influential arts, music, and culture of the **Harlem Renaissance**. Students were so proud to see their **artwork** - replications of the works of Jacob Lawrence and Aaron Douglas - hung in the cafeteria for all of our PCS community to see! There was also **poetry** read aloud and an authentic **phonograph** which completely mesmerized our students. Thank you to our volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to make this possible!

PCS kicked off March with our **Spring Book Fair**! Thank you to our **Parent Group** for organizing this event and thank you to those who volunteered. What a great opportunity for our students to find more books to read!

March is also **Music in Our Schools Month** and PCS did not fall short in celebrating! Led by our marvelous music teacher, **Ms. Cunningham**, PCS students spent three days shouting out their love for music! Day 1 was '**Dress Like a Rockstar Day**' which brought some giggles out in all! On Day 2, students performed during lunch using a variety of instruments including **bucket drumming** and **ukuleles**. The whole cafeteria sounded lovely as they sang along to John Denver's "Country Roads." Finally, Day 3 ended with the **Pitt Marching Band** visiting our school and performing for our students and staff! Students were even able to view the band members' instruments after the songs, and I hope that our families enjoyed the impromptu performance outside in the parking lot during student dismissal. What a **great memory for all**!

To celebrate Music in Our Schools Month even further, we are so excited for our **School Musical - "Honk! Jr."** this Sunday, March 26th! Tickets can be purchased online or paid with cash at the door. Good luck to the cast and crew on their performances!

-Mrs. Connie Joseph, Building Principal

-Mrs. Kristy Yonushonis, Assistant Building Principal



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PROUDLY PRESENTS



SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

3:00 PM & 6:00 PM

ADULTS - \$5

CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER - \$2

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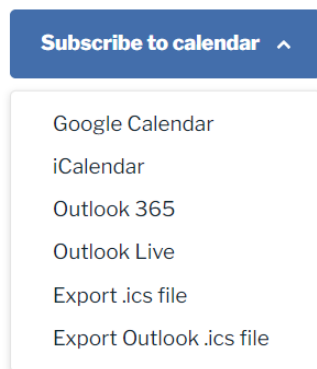
Tickets for Honk! Jr.

Report Cards are Available!



Although a digital copy was sent home to families, a copy of your **child's report card** is in your Alma account. If you need assistance accessing your Alma account, please email it@providentcharterschool.org. Thank you!

Subscribe to Our School Calendar!



Our **23-24 school calendar** is now available. [Subscribe here](#) to our school calendar so that all PCS events sync directly over to your digital calendar!

-Ms. Amanda Bilitski, Director of Technology

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SERIES

Preparing for School After PCS – Spaghetti Dinner Event for Grades 5-8



PREPARING FOR SCHOOL *after* PCS



SPAGHETTI DINNER

A **social event** for our current students (in grades 5-8) and their families to chat with former students and families who have transitioned from PCS to other schools.

Saturday, April 15th

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Free Event!

Gift Basket Raffle!

Student-made Items for Sale!

PCS Spirit Wear for Sale!

All purchases and donations will go to the 7th/8th-grade field trip to Washington D.C.!

Provident Charter School

1400 Troy Hill Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

REGISTER HERE!



Saturday, April 15th @ 5:00-7:00
Location: Provident Charter School

Preparing for School After PCS - Spaghetti Dinner
Registration

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