

September 11, 2023

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



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#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Meet the Teacher Nights
  - Wednesday, September 13th
    - Central Grades 2-5
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  - Thursday, September 14th
    - Central Grades 6-8
- PBIS Kickoff & Half-Day for Students - 11:30 AM Dismissal
  - Friday, September 15th
- Dyslexia Campus Virtual Launch Party
  - Wednesday, September 20th
- Teacher In-Service Day No School for Students
  - Monday, September 25th

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

#### PCS: Where Smiles Shine, Parents Unite, and Opportunities Await!

It has been so good to get back into our routines and to see so many **smiling faces** around PCS over the past few weeks!! I want to thank our **Parent Group** for hosting such a lovely **Back-to-School Picnic**, and I want to thank so many of you who came out to enjoy the evening.

In addition to our Parent Group, we have three **amazing PCS parents** who prepare fresh and delicious food for our students and staff at PCS Central. That's right, Mrs. Kala Williamson and her team at Central are **all** parents of PCS students! We would love to add one or two PCS family members to that team to work in the cafeteria, specifically, we could use **two part-time cafe team members** - one working from 7:15-12:15 and another working from 8:30-1:30 p.m. More information can be found on the <u>employment page of the PCS</u> <u>website</u>. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please have them reach out to Liz Swartz at <u>eswartz@providentcharterschool.org</u>.

**PCS West Families**- thank you for your patience as we anxiously await the arrival of updated cafeteria equipment!

This fall we will have several opportunities for families to engage with each other and our school through our **Family Engagement Series**. In September, we are excited to share the launch of **Dyslexia Campus**, an online dyslexiarelated news source that *we* created, and a live presentation of **LUCA**, an Alpowered reading platform that was created at Carnegie Mellow University using a select group of PCS students as participants! More information can be found below.

I look forward to seeing you all at our **Meet the Teacher** evenings this week; this is a great **opportunity** for you to learn more about what your child will be learning this year, as well as specifics regarding classroom procedures.

-Mrs. Maria Paluselli, CEO

# SPECIAL EVENT

READING PLATFORM

Join us for a live demonstration of how LUCA's Al-powered personalized reading tutor is helping students learn and celebrate with PCS as they receive a partnership donation from LUCA!





Provident CS 1400 Troy Hill Road Pittsburgh, PA 15212





REGISTER NOW





# **DYSLEXIA**CAMPUS

Launch Party Details

Wednesday, September 20th

> 6:00 PM Virtual Event

Registration is required. Link will be emailed to registrants.



Join us for an exciting virtual launch party as we unveil a new project, Dyslexia Campus. DyslexiaCampus.com is the ultimate online source for up-to-date dyslexia-related news and inspiration! We're thrilled to introduce you to this unique online magazine and launch into a world of cutting-edge news and insights across various sections including; Education, Technology, Medical, Celebrity News, and Business. Discover the incredible achievements of dyslexic celebrities in the Dyslexia Hall of Fame and embark on a journey of dyslexia empowerment and awareness. Save the date and be a part of this historic virtual launch party. We can't wait to share this incredible new resource for dyslexic learners and advocates with you!



Be A Part of the Next Chapter on Dyslexia Awareness

### **PCS Central - Principal's Post**

#### Meet the Teachers & PBIS!

Meet the Teacher Night for students in Grades 2-5 will be on Wednesday, September 13th beginning at 6:00 PM. Meet the Teacher Night for students in Grades 6-8 will be on Thursday, September 14th beginning at 6:00 PM. Please note that time has been changed from what was previously communicated. Come meet your child's teachers to learn about the routines and procedures in their classroom along with our curriculum here at PCS!



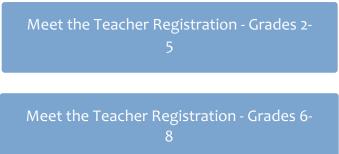
Spirit wear can be worn on days students have gym and Taekwondo. See the uniform policy <u>here</u> for questions.

> In support of the Parent Group and PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) PBIS is a school wide program that sets and teaches positive expectations and behaviors.

Orders will ship to the school and be sent home with your student.

NOTE: There are multiple options available beyond what is pictured. If you click the item you like, you will then be able to select from two logos and various clothing colors. \*\*\*Hoodies must be removed during the school day. \*\*\*Tank tops are not school day approved.

**ORDER HERE** 



If you still need access to **School Cafe**, please be sure to review this <u>document</u> to get your account set up. If you have specific questions, please reach out to our **Food Services Manager**, Mrs. Kala Williamson, at <u>kwilliamson@providentcharterschool.org</u>. Thank you!

Our **PBIS Kickoff** will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023. The students will be participating in activities that are tied in with our core values of Perseverance, Compassion, and Self-control. If your child has a **Provident House t-shirt**, they may wear that on September 15th as part of their dressdown day. If your child does not have a Provident House t-shirt yet, please have them wear their **House colors.** They will be getting one soon!

#### -Mrs. Kristy Yonushonis, PCS Central Building Principal

## **PCS West - Principal's Post**

#### **Provident Houses & Book Drive**

**Meet the Teacher Night** is Wednesday, September 13th beginning at 6:00 PM. Please note that this is a time change and differs from what previously was communicated. Families will have the opportunity to meet the teacher and learn about student schedules, curriculum, and daily routines.

**Provident Houses**: To promote school community, your child will be placed in one of the following Provident Houses which are names of Pittsburgh Bridges: Rachel Carson, Liberty, Roberto Clemente, and Hot Metal. During our Half-Days, we will be participating in team-building activities. Students will have opportunities to earn points for their houses throughout the school year.

**TKD:** Students will have their first **Tae Kwon Do** testing opportunity at the end of the first trimester (November 21st). Videos for each belt pattern can be found on the Provident website under the <u>Related Arts</u> page.

**Book Drive:** We are continuing to **collect gently used books** for our book drive. Books can be sent in with students or dropped off in the office during the school day.

**Reminder**: Please let the **Provident West Office** know when your child is going to be absent or has changes in his/her daily transportation. **Westoffice@providentcharterschool.org** 

# The Scholastic Online Book Fair will occur in October. Information will be shared soon!

Our first **PBIS reward** is a **Glow Party**. If you can, please send in a white t-shirt for your child to paint in the Art Class for the glow party.

#### -Mrs. Connie Joseph, PCS West Building Principal



# 2023-24 Summer & Fall Family Engagement Series

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	September
	<ul> <li>Meet the Teacher Night</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Wednesday, September 13th @ 6:00 PM</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Location: PCS Central Grades 2-5 &amp; PCS West Grades 1-4</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Thursday, September 14th @ 6:00 PM</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Location: PCS Central Grades 6-8</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Dyslexia Campus Launch Party</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Wednesday, September 20th @ 6:00 PM Location: Virtual</li> </ul>
	October - Dyslexia Awareness Month
	High School Transition Fair
	<ul> <li>Thursday, October 12th @ 6:00 PM Location: PCS Central</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Team STORM Asian Lantern Festival Performance</li> </ul>
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- Andrew	<ul> <li>Tuesday, October 24th @ 6:00 PM Location: Virtual</li> </ul>
Martin	Lights On After-School
	<ul> <li>Thursday, October 26th @ 3:30 PM Location: PCS Central</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Only for PCS Central students &amp; families</li> </ul>
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2 -01	<ul> <li>Supporting ELA &amp; Math at Home</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>5:15 PM-6:00 PM Coffee &amp; Conversation</li> </ul>
	Family STEAM Night
-	<ul> <li>Thursday, November 16th @ 5:00 PM Location: PCS Central</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Only for PCS Central students &amp; families</li> </ul>
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	Winter Family Event
	<ul> <li>Thursday, December 14th @ 5:00 PM Location: PCS Central</li> </ul>
***	<ul> <li>Only for PCS Central students &amp; families</li> </ul>
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	www.providentcharterschool.org/



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# The truth truth about reading.\*

\* The Invisible Crisis Hiding in Plain Sight.

Pittsburgh

Exclusive Screening + Discussion Panel September 18th 6:30pm

Phoenix Theatres Luxury 14 Bridgeville, PA

John Corcoran and Nick Nanton have partnered together to tell the story of illiteracy and sub-literacy in America in this new documentary film

more info: pbida.org





