A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Upcoming Events:

- Meet the Teacher Nights
  - Wednesday, September 13th
    - Central - Grades 2-5
    - West - Grades 1-4
  - 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

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- [Family Engagement Page](#)

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

Conquering Dyslexia. Powering Potential.
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 employment page of the PCS website. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please have them reach out to Liz Swartz at eswartz@providentcharterschool.org.

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 dyslexia-related news source that we created, and a live presentation of LUCA, an AI-powered 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

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

THURSDAY
September 14th

TIME
11:00 AM

LOCATION
Provident CS
1400 Troy Hill Road
Pittsburgh, PA
15212

SPEAKER
Scott Sosso
LUCA.ai CEO

REGISTER NOW
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!
If you still need access to School Cafe, please be sure to review this document to get your account set up. If you have specific questions, please reach out to our Food Services Manager, Mrs. Kala Williamson, at kwilliamson@providentcharterschool.org. 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 dress-down 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 Related Arts 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**
- **Meet the Teacher Night**
  - Wednesday, September 13th @ 6:00 PM
    - Location: PCS Central Grades 2-5 & PCS West Grades 1-4
  - Thursday, September 14th @ 6:00 PM
    - Location: PCS Central Grades 6-8
- **Dyslexia Campus Launch Party**
  - Wednesday, September 20th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: Virtual

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**October - Dyslexia Awareness Month**
- **High School Transition Fair**
  - Thursday, October 12th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: PCS Central
- **Team STORM Asian Lantern Festival Performance**
  - Friday, October 13th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: Pittsburgh Zoo
- **Dyslexia Simulation**
  - Wednesday, October 18th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: PCS Central
    - 5:15 PM-6:00 PM -- Coffee & Conversation
- **Bookshare Information Session**
  - Tuesday, October 24th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: Virtual
- **Lights On After-School**
  - Thursday, October 26th @ 3:30 PM -- Location: PCS Central
    - Only For PCS Central students & families

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**November**
- **Supporting ELA & Math at Home**
  - Tuesday, November 7th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: PCS Central & Virtual
    - 5:15 PM-6:00 PM -- Coffee & Conversation
- **Family STEAM Night**
  - Thursday, November 18th @ 5:00 PM -- Location: PCS Central
    - Only for PCS Central students & families

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**December**
- **Winter Family Event**
  - Thursday, December 14th @ 5:00 PM -- Location: PCS Central
    - Only for PCS Central students & families

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Register Here!

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familyengagement
The 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

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