

November 2024

## PCS FAMILY FLYER



### **Important Information:**

- 2024-2025 School Calendar
- Friday, November 22nd is a Half Day for Students.
- No School 11/27-12/2 -Thanksgiving Break.
  Students return to school on Tuesday, December 3rd.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Dear Families,

I have been thankful for PCS West from the day we opened because I truly know how many lives have been transformed since PCS Central opened in 2016, and I am aware of the continued need for our instructional model in Western PA—I am humbled and proud to be part of a committed team of professionals who work many hours each and every day to serve your children and your family. Our holistic approach that prioritizes small group, multisensory instruction, relationship building, restorative practices and overall support for our students and their families continues to develop.

I am thrilled to hear that a Parent/Family Group has been established at PCS West! We commit to a daily partnership with parents and families and we can accomplish so much more working together. It is not easy to create a school community with families coming from over 20 different districts, but it can be done! Please join us for all upcoming events to celebrate your children, our school and the season.

-Mrs. Maria Paluselli, CEO

## PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Families,

October brought us many exciting events for both students and families! We are so thankful to the Economy Police and Fire Departments for providing safety lessons to PCS West students.

We are also in the process of establishing a PCS West Parent Group and deeply appreciate the family members who are helping with these efforts. Our next parent group meeting will be on November 20th at 6:00 PM (virtual). The meeting link will be sent prior to the meeting. Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month, and meeting minutes are sent to all families afterward, so even if you cannot attend, you can stay informed on what was discussed.

PCS West will be hosting a **Winter Family Fest** on December 5th from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Students will have the opportunity to create holiday presents, and families are welcome to volunteer for the event. More information can be found below.

Additionally, we are excited to share details about our Holiday Gift Giving Program! This program is designed to support students and families in need during the holiday season. If you would like to participate, <u>please complete this form</u>. There are three ways to contribute:

- Shopping Option: Sponsor a child and shop for their three requested gifts (spending limit of \$50 per child).
- Gift Card Option: Donate \$50 gift cards from popular stores like Walmart, Amazon, or Target.
- School Lunch Option: Help pay off overdue lunch balances, with extra funds supporting the PCS Food Pantry.

If you're interested in sponsoring a child but prefer not to shop, we can shop for you based on your donation. Together, we can make this holiday season brighter for our PCS West community!

#### Looking ahead:

11/20 Parent Group Meeting11/21 Children's Grief Awareness Day11/22 Half Day for Students11/27-12/2 Thanksgiving Break

Thank you for your ongoing support!

-Mrs. Connie Joseph, Principal





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 5th - Winter Family Fest - Register here!



#### Sponsor A Child for our annual Gift Giving Program

This holiday season, we invite you to support some of our students and their families who are in need. If you would like to "sponsor" one or more children, please complete this form.

To accommodate different preferences, we've updated our process to offer three ways to contribute:

<u>Shopping Option:</u> Our traditional option. You'll be matched with a child and provided with three gift ideas. Spending per child is capped at \$50 to ensure everyone receives gifts of equal value. Note that based on the cost of items, you may not be able to purchase all three suggested gifts.

\*We're also happy to shop on your behalf based on your donation. Please let us know your preference, and we'll take care of the rest.

<u>Gift Card Option:</u> If shopping isn't your preference, you may contribute \$50 gift card(s) from popular stores like Walmart, Amazon, or Target.

<u>School Lunch Option:</u> We're thrilled to share that we've received enough donations to cover our overdue lunch balances! Any additional funds will go directly to support our PCS Central School Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

Please drop off the UNWRAPPED gifts at the school between November 25th- December 9th. Attach a tag to the gifts with the number that we assigned to you for your student or family.







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