



## FEBRUARY FAMILY FLYER



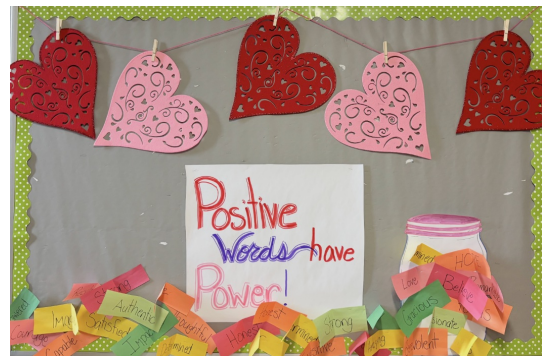
### Important Info:

- [2024-2025 School Calendar](#)
- Friday, March 7th is a Half Day
- Monday, March 10th, no school for students

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

### The Power of Positivity

Kindness, positivity, and social-emotional growth have been seen, felt, and heard throughout our learning spaces at both PCS Central and PCS West this past month. One of Provident Charter School's core values is the belief that "children flourish in a community in which the child's academic, personal, and social development share equal priority." We know that students cannot learn unless they feel physically and psychologically safe—those conditions must exist for our students to be willing to take academic risks. While we recently celebrated our guidance counselors for the tremendous support they provide, we all share the responsibility of helping our students learn and grow. Thank you for reinforcing messages and acts of kindness at home.



Building school communities across both campuses, where students come from many different districts, will always be a challenge for us. Events such as the well-attended Movie Night at PCS West, the school-wide Valentine's Day Dance at PCS Central, the first PCS West TKD

demonstration, and Central's upcoming musical this weekend all contribute to social emotional growth for our students and help us develop as a connected school community.

### **A Communication Request/Reminder**

If you, as a family member or parent of a student, have a question, concern, or complaint, please reach out directly to the individual involved or to the person who can best resolve your issue. Often, misunderstandings, miscommunications, or technical issues with our digital platforms can be resolved through direct communication. If the initial conversation does not resolve your concern, please feel free to reach out to a Principal, Chief Academic Officer, Director of Pupil Services, or myself. Our doors, emails, and phones are always open. However, as a courtesy to our teachers and professional staff, please give them the opportunity to address your concerns first.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding!

-Mrs. Maria Paluselli, CEO

## **PRINCIPAL'S POST**

### **February Highlights and Upcoming Events**

The month of February has been busy! We started off by celebrating our counselors, Mr. Greg Pacoe and Ms. Cynthia Russell, for National Counselors Week. Our counselors play a vital role in the success and well-being of our students.

Staff and students have been participating in a variety of activities to honor Black History Month. It's much more than just a month of learning; it's an opportunity to deepen students' understanding of American history, celebrate the contributions of Black individuals, and create a more inclusive and equitable learning environment for all our students.

Students and teachers in Grades 6-8 celebrated Black History Month by decorating their classroom doors with images and stories of important Black figures. Grade 5 students have been learning about Jackie Robinson and his experiences overcoming the color barrier in baseball. Students have also been studying the history of desegregation in the United States after the Jim Crow era.

### **Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Week**

International Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Day is on March 3rd, kicking off SEL Week through March 7th to celebrate the importance and impact of social and emotional learning.

Why is Social and Emotional Learning important in schools and how does it

benefit your children? At PCS Central, we use the Lion's Quest SEL Curriculum, which helps students:

- Manage their emotions
- Build healthy relationships
- Make responsible decisions
- Navigate the world with confidence and empathy

SEL can also lead to:

- Improved academic performance
- Stronger relationships
- Increased well-being
- Better decision-making
- Preparation for future transitions

We look forward to celebrating SEL Week and continuing to support our students' growth in both academic and social-emotional skills.

-Mrs. Kristy Yonushonis, Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 20th - Messiah University's 2025 Humanities Symposium will host a **virtual** keynote address featuring reading expert Dr. Maryanne Wolf

For more information visit -

[https://messiah.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cMgk440bR3grc34](https://messiah.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMgk440bR3grc34)

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS Maryanne Wolf

**"Deep Reading's Contributions  
to Humanity in a Digital Culture"**

**Thursday, February 20, 2025  
7 p.m.**

Maryanne Wolf is a scholar, teacher and advocate for children and literacy around the world. She is currently the director of the Center for Dyslexia, Diverse Learners and Social Justice at UCLA in the School of Education and Information Studies. She has written more than 170 scientific publications, including "Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital Culture" (12 translations; HarperCollins, 2018). Wolf is also the creator of the RAVE-O Intervention Program for all struggling readers and has received multiple awards for her contributions to the neuroscience of reading. Most recently, she was elected a permanent member of the Pontifical Academy of Science.

to register visit  
[messiah.edu/cphysymposium](https://messiah.edu/cphysymposium)



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No tickets will be issued.  
Register here

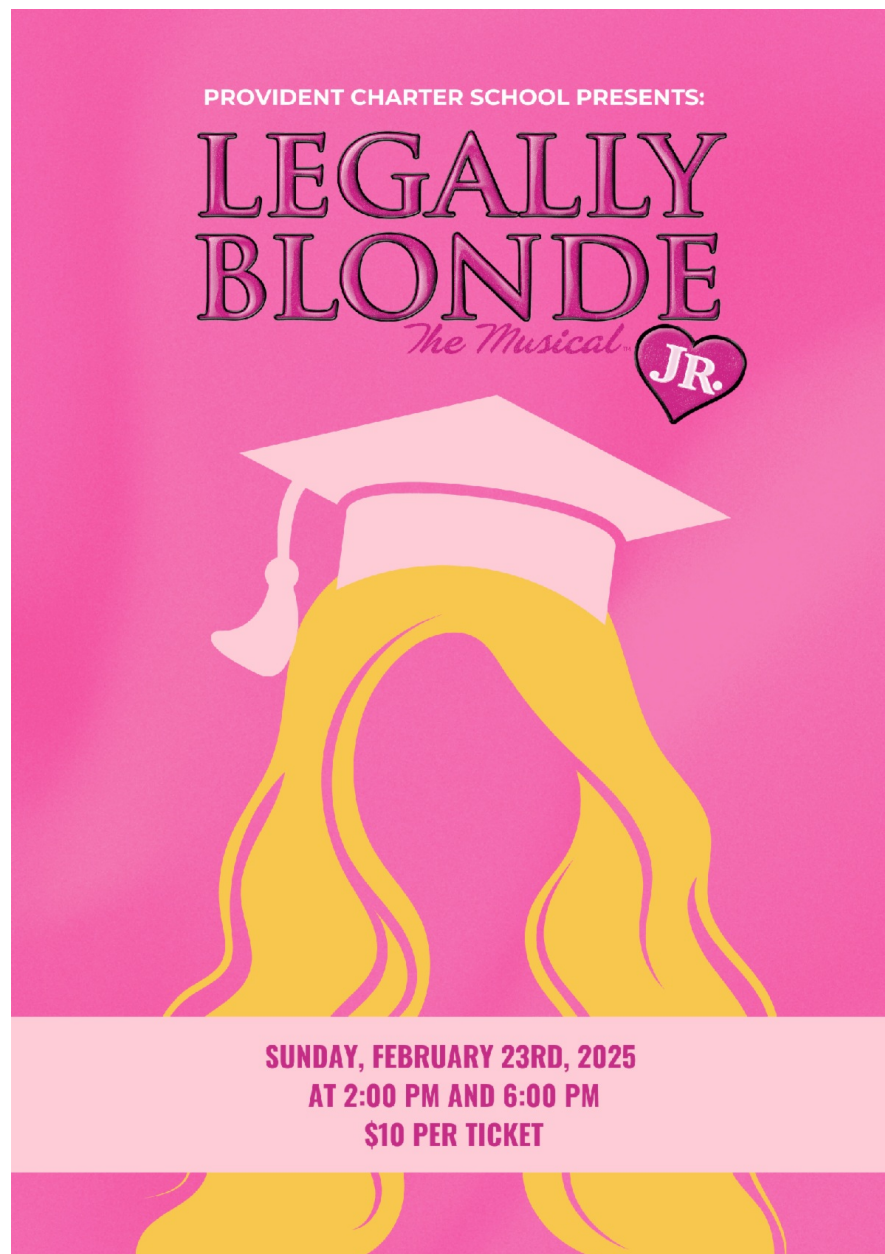


## February 23rd - Legally Blonde, Jr. *The Musical*

Times: Performances at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Location: Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

Ticket Link: <https://cur8.com/26048/project/128372>



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February 25th - Living and Thriving with Learning Differences:  
A *virtual* discussion for parents and caregivers with PCS Central's  
Guidance Counselor - Mr. Greg

Register Here -

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/qLi1J4CGTZCP6M-MOMliDw#/registration>





# Living and Thriving with Learning Differences

**A virtual discussion for parents and caregivers with PCS Central's Guidance Counselor - Mr. Greg**

Discover Mr. Greg's personal journey of growing up with dyslexia, dyscalculia, and ADHD as he shares the challenges he faced and how he overcame barriers from grade school through college. The discussion will also explore how Mr. Greg makes accommodations in his adult life to overcome challenges with executive function, providing valuable insights into thriving with learning differences at every stage of life.



**Tuesday,  
February 25th**



**6:00pm - 7:00pm**



**Held Virtually  
on Zoom**

**Register Now!**



**Mr. Greg**  
*Speaker*

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**April 2nd - PCS Central's Family Paint Night**

Register Here - <https://forms.gle/oAY1bSdZctqpX58AA>



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# Family Paint Night

Unleash Your Creativity!



Join us for an evening of creativity and fun! Hosted by the talented Kayla Woodard from Paint House, this event includes:

- Pre-drawn canvas to paint
- All painting supplies provided
- Snacks to enjoy while you create

Spots are limited, so secure your spot today!

We can't wait to see you and your family there!



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND**



**6:00PM - 7:00PM**



**PCS CENTRAL  
1400 TROY HILL RD., PGH PA 15212**

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**April 3rd - Dyslexia Simulation @ PCS West**

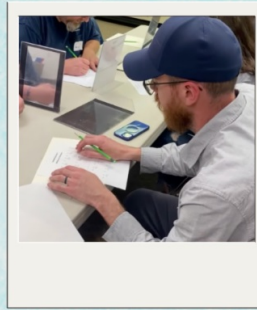
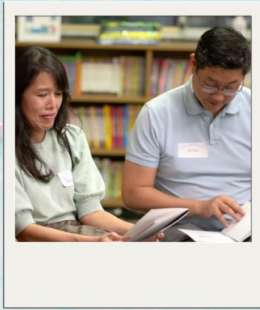
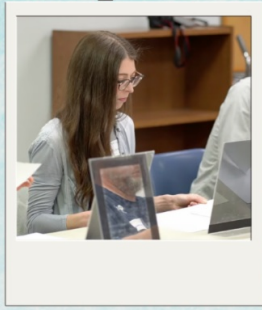
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# Dyslexia Simulation



Experience what it's like to have learning challenges  
and have to go to school **EVERY** day.

**Date: Thursday, April 3, 2025**

**Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm**

**Location: Provident Charter School West  
200 Quigley Drive  
Baden, PA 15212**

This powerful simulation will open your eyes to the daily struggles children can experience. Participants will take part in simulated activities which mimic the experiences and processing of those with dyslexia.

*Register  
Now*



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**April 10th - High School & Beyond: A Panel Discussion**

Register Here - <https://forms.gle/2sHASPyqHTARBY8D7>



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# HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND A PANEL DISCUSSION

## OVERVIEW:

Navigating high school and planning for the future can feel overwhelming — especially for students with learning differences. Join us for an insightful and inspiring panel discussion featuring parents of children with learning difficulties and young professionals who have firsthand experience overcoming learning challenges as they provide practical advice on self-advocacy, transition planning, and preparing for the future.



**Thursday, April 10th**



**6:00pm - 7:30pm**



**PCS Central  
1400 Troy Hill Rd, Pgh Pa 15212**

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**Don't miss this empowering discussion—register today!**



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