



# Panda Press

## We are Pemberton Elementary School One School-One Community

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### Message from the Principal

Welcome families to the 2014 - 2015 school year, Ms. Hicks and I hope all families had an enjoyable summer break! During the summer months, we have prepared for a year of rigorous instruction for all students and we are looking forward to working with the Pemberton community during this school year. This year we welcome Michelle Drummond (ESA), Lori Linzey (Reading & Math Intervention), Carrie Lewis (Reading & Math Intervention), Michelle Ferre (Grade 2), Kim Vega (Grade 1), Katie Ayd (PE), Alice Moore (Pre K), & April Shawyer (Music). We are very pleased to have them on our teaching staff. A very special welcome goes to Ms. Ferre as she begins her teaching career with us!

As the new year begins, it is a time to renew our commitment to Pemberton by joining PTA. We have a strong, dedicated group of parents leading us this year as we continue to strive to be one of the strongest PTAs in the County with the highest membership. Our PTA is essential to the instructional program at Pemberton and provides the extra funding to support our students. Please consider joining the staff in membership as we strive for 100% parent and staff participation.

Today you received the Panda Press among other papers in our Tuesday Folder system. Families can expect this folder to arrive each week with corrected papers, teacher correspondences, and information from the main office. The cover page for the weekly folder will be in the form of a sign off sheet confirming your receipt of the folder each week. Please sign and place the cover page back into the folder each time it arrives home. To save paper, four months of parent signatures will be on the cover page so it is very important to return the cover page consistently.

Supplemental funding for programs in the form of fundraising has become more of a necessity in recent years and today your family received the Principal's fundraising information. This year the fundraising campaign will be broken into two parts, first will be Yankee Candle running from August 27th until September 15th with delivery scheduled for the week of October 17th and second, back by popular demand, will be Ottis Cookie Dough which will begin October 28th through November 10th. The two products have been given separate dates due to parent requests wanting fresh product for Holiday baking. This year funds raised will go directly to our students

classroom teachers, funding our school wide reading program and reconditioning our playground.

I look forward to being your learning partner this year as we continue to promote high levels of student achievement. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year Ms. Hicks and myself can be reached by calling our main office at 410-677-5809 or through email at [ctwilley@wcboe.org](mailto:ctwilley@wcboe.org) or [chicks@wcboe.org](mailto:chicks@wcboe.org).

**Mr. Curtis Twilley & Ms. Carla Hicks**

### PTA NEWS

#### Pemberton PTA Board

**President**— Aarti Sangwan

**Vice President**— Sakina

**Corporate VP and Reflections-** Jenn Hooper

**Vice-President of Membership**—Pawan Kaler

**Vice-President of Volunteers** — Michelle Bergman

**Treasurer** —Karen Carrier

**Secretary Elect**— Candy

**Principal** — Curt Twilley

**Vice Principal** — Carla Hicks

#### PTA Reflections Art Program

The theme is "The world would be a better place if...". Submissions are due Oct 25. Look for more details in your child's Tuesday folder. More info-email: [PembertonPTARflections@gmail.com](mailto:PembertonPTARflections@gmail.com)

#### Corporate Programs

Please save Box Tops, Labels for Education, and Tyson Project A+ labels. Send them in a Ziploc bag to your child's teacher. Each month the class with the most Box Tops/Labels wins an ice cream party. Look for more info on these programs in an upcoming Tuesday folder.

#### PTA Membership

Membership is \$8 per person. Membership is available for parents, grandparents, legal guardians, teachers, and staff. Forms will be coming home in your child's Tuesday folder. Please return the forms to your child's homeroom teacher with the money attached.

#### Volunteer with the PTA

There are many opportunities to help out. Please fill out the Volunteer interest form and return it to the school.

## Respect Responsible Ready-to-Learn Rethink

#### Upcoming Dates:

- August 27th—Fundraiser Begins
- September 1st—School Closed Labor Day
- September 16th—6:30 pm Back to School PTA Meeting/Classroom Visits/ Title I Orientation
- September 26th—School Closed Professional Day
- October 3rd—6:30 pm PTA Skate Night (Free for all children whose parents are PTA members)
- October 3rd-10th—PTA Book Fair
- October 25th—PTA Reflections Art entries due

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Pemberton receives funds through the Title I program and is considered a school wide program based on the number of students served free or reduced meals. Funding supports our school through additional staffing, materials for instruction and additional professional development. Parents are encouraged to review the home/school compact found on the Tuesday folder on a regular basis.