



We are Pemberton Elementary School
One School-One Community

Principal & Assistant
Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that our first marking term of the 2014 - 2015 school year has come to an end. Your child's report card will arrive home this Friday, November the 7th. Please arrange for parent conferences if you have any questions or concerns in reference to your child's grades or progress. Teachers can be reached through calling the main office at 410-677-5809 and leaving a message or through email. To reach your teacher by email go to http://pes.wcboe.org/, click on the staff tab then grade level.

American Education Week is November 17th - 21st. We hope you and your family members can come out to school and see all the great things we are doing at Pemberton. Please remember, in order for a non-custodial family member or friend of the family to visit, they must be listed on the form that was recently sent home for parents to fill out and return which identifies your approved list of visitors for your child. To help accommodate for parking we recommend the following schedule for your visit: Pre K/K Tuesday, November 18th, 1st & 2nd Wednesday, November 19th, 3rd & 4th Thursday, November 20th, and grade 5 on Friday, November 21st.

Recently our school was affected by an illness that had a significant impact on primarily our younger students. Fortunately, all have recovered and have since returned to school. It was through the efforts of the school and families working together that prevented a school wide outbreak and we thank everyone for their efforts. Just to remind everyone of the precautions we all can take to promote a healthy school, a flu fact sheet is provided with this month's Panda Press.

As we enter the Holiday's this month we hope you and your family have a joyous season together.

Curtis Twilley & Carla Hicks

Title I News:

Thanks to the parents who came out for the Title I PAC meeting on Tuesday, October 7th, SU Leadership Training on October 16th and the Parent Strategy Workshop on October 23rd. Be sure to check out the school website for the PAC minutes as well as photographs from these events. Our next event will be the Primary Family Reading and Math Night at Food Lion on Thursday, December 4th. Invitations will be sent home in Tuesday folders. You won't want to miss this event.

Upcoming Dates:

December 4th- Primary Family Reading and Math Night at Food Lion

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.



IMPORTANT CHANGE THIS YEAR!

County Wide, all elementary schools are implementing a new practice to ensure student safety. Phone calls can no longer be accepted to change a student's method of transportation home during the school day. A note, fax or email is needed in the office prior to 12:00 PM to authorize any such requests.

FAX: 410-677-5848

Email Contacts: psmullen@wcboe.org, chlewis@wcboe.org or your child's teacher

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Upcoming Dates:

- November 7th—Report Cards Go home
November 17th-21st American Education Week
November 24th— 2nd Grade to Washington
November 26-28th School Closed Thanksgiving Break

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Important Information:

Peanut Butter Food Items will no longer be served in the cafeteria for the 2014-2015 school year. They will be substituted with either deli ham or deli turkey sandwiches.



Grade Level News:

PreK:

Hello Parents and Friends of Pemberton Pre-Kindergarten Children! We have a very busy month planned for November. The month will begin with Fall related activities and lessons that include studies with pumpkins and apples. You may remember our beginning of the year question: Do Watermelons float or sink? Now students will discover if pumpkins and apples float or sink. What is your guess? We will begin to explore our five senses and do an author study of Laura Numeroff, with whom you may be familiar, as she wrote the stories **If You Give a Pig a Pancake** and **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**. Letters we will be focusing on this month are **Cc, Hh, Ff** and reviewing letters: **Ee, Mm, Rr, Ss, Tt, Gg, Nn, Ii, Pp, and Aa**. Have fun looking for letters and numbers together when you go shopping at the mall or grocery store.

Second Grade:

We are looking forward to a great November in second grade! We will begin reading many animal stories and writing opinion pieces about **Amazing Animals** in our next reading unit. Our study of animals will carry over into our animal classification unit in science. Our focus in social studies will be Explorers which will lead into our **"Holidays Around the World"** unit. In language arts, we will continue our study of different types of nouns. Place value and word problems will be our focus in math this month. Please remember to check your child's agenda daily and make sure he or she is completing their homework in its entirety.

Third Grade:

Brrrrr.....it's chilly! As the weather cools, please make sure you child is dressing appropriately as we will continue to go outside for recess. In the classroom, we will work with fractions and measurement as well as learn additional strategies for multiplication and division during Math. Our focus in Science will be on life cycles and traits, environmental impacts on organisms, and fossils. During Reading and Social Studies, we will discuss and learn about the different ways various cultures and families celebrate traditions as well as how Fables are related to traditions. We will also continue to sharpen our map skills in Social Studies. We have some field trips planned for December, so please keep an eye out for more information. Please continue to replenish your child's supplies, such as paper, pencils, and glue sticks.

Fourth Grade:

As the end of the 1st term is has come and gone, please check your student's school supplies. With hay fever and flu season upon us, please feel free to send in tissues. Thank you to those parents who have already sent them in.

Fourth Grade continued:

Encourage students to update their agenda daily and place items in the correct folder, as this is key to their success! In math, we will begin Unit 3: Solving Problems Using Multiplicative Comparison. We encourage you to work with your child on multiplication facts daily to increase their fact fluency. With the classroom spelling bee fast approaching, encourage your students to practice their 4th grade level words. Classroom winners and runners-up will be determined by the end of November, details will follow soon. In reading, we will be completing the Maryland novel and moving into Unit 2: Heroes. Also, there will be an Americanism Essay contest offered to your child. Please encourage your child to practice cursive writing. In science, we will finish up our unit on Sky Patterns and move on to a unit on Weather. Students are currently working on a planet research project. They have been gathering data on an assigned planet. Students will be using their data to write a research paper. We will be learning about geographic landforms in Social Studies and begin our Maryland Unit.

Fifth Grade:

Wow! Term #1 has certainly flown by quickly! As we fall into autumn, there's lots of activity in fifth grade. During reading and language classes, students are conducting research on various natural disasters using multimedia sources. This research is directly connected to text students have been reading and studying in reading class as well as science classes this year. Students continue to study Earth's powerful constructive and destructive forces and the disasters they can cause on our planet during science instruction. During social studies classes, students have begun to examine famous explorers and identify their important contributions throughout history. Our spelling words as well as our vocabulary terms are closely linked to the academic content students are learning. In order to help parents reinforce these words at home, both vocabulary words and spelling words can be found online at <http://spellingcity.com>. Please use this resource as you help your child with their weekly homework assignments. During our fast-paced and rigorous instruction using interactive notebooks, students are zipping through their supply of glue sticks and pencils, and may need a resupply of these items as well as crayons or colored pencils so that they are prepared for class each day. Be sure to check your child's supplies and replenish any missing items. Also, as the cold and flu season begins to come upon us, it would be a big help if parents could continue to donate such items as tissues and hand sanitizer to our classrooms. Our supply is already dwindling. Finally, be sure to check the weather regularly so that your child may dress appropriately when we venture out to recess in the coming days. Layering clothing is always a good idea. Be sure students have an appropriate sweater or sweatshirt (following Consistent Attire guidelines). Classroom temperature can vary and students may find that an extra layer makes them more comfortable. Thanks for all your help and support! Please contact us at school if you have questions or concerns.