



# The Viking Press



December, 2021 Newsletter

Hello PMES Families,

We hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving Break, and now the winter holiday season is upon us! As we get ready to begin the break we will be completing our middle of year assessments in ELA and Math. Teachers will be using the data from these assessments to measure growth and to align instruction for the second semester.

During the break is a great time to help your children go through their backpacks, clear out the clutter, and get organized. This is also a great time of year to make sure all school supplies are restocked and fresh. Over break, please encourage creativity through cooking, board games, card writing, wrapping presents, reading for enjoyment, outside fun and socializing with friends and family. Make it a December to Remember! We look forward to seeing the kids again when we return to school on Tuesday, January 4th. Have an amazing break!

Warm regards,  
Mike Andrews

## **PMES Food Drive**

I wanted to say thank you to parents, students, and staff for an amazing food drive. This is one of those projects that truly takes the participation and hard work of everyone. I kept expecting it to slow down but the donations just kept coming. Thank you to Mrs. Rauch and the student council for their planning and organizing and the families that kept the donations coming. It was really cool to hear the conversations among the kids when helping out. I



I heard numerous conversations about how nice it was to help others, and how great it will be for families that can't afford a lot of food. I know that we have some great kids at PMES, but it's times like this where you get to see just how kind and caring they really are.

## **Being Prepared for Outdoor Recess**

It is officially winter and we need your help to ensure that children get outdoors for fresh air, exercise and play as long as it is safe to do so. Please help us by ensuring that your kids have the proper outdoor gear. If they do not have the proper gear to play outside, students may need to remain inside to enjoy a book or engage in a brain break. If you need help with cold weather clothing please reach out to Mr. Andrews or Miss. Melissa and they will be happy to help you with what you may need.



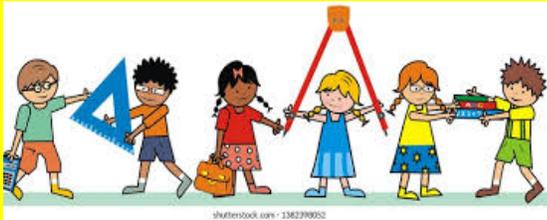
# UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 17 Last day of school, end of 1st semester  
Jan. 4 Kids return from winter break  
Jan. 7 Coffee with the Principal  
Jan. 13 Report Cards go home  
Jan. 18 PTO Meeting

## The Viking Pledge:

This is the foundation of everything we do at school. We say it every morning after the pledge of allegiance.

Today my best is what I will do  
By being respectful and responsible too  
I will be safe and I will be kind  
I will work hard to grow my mind  
I will be a learner and find success  
I am a hard-working student at PMES



## Communicating with the School

Communication is very important for our School Community. There are several ways to communicate with the staff at PMES:

School website for school information and announcements. You will also find the school calendar that lists monthly events so you are able to stay involved and participate. We also have our monthly newsletter on the website.

Class Dojo is the best way to communicate to your teacher and see what's going on in their classroom. I also post whole school updates and information on a regular basis on Class Dojo.

On Fridays Mr. Andrews will provide a week at a glance on Dojo to provide any important information or updates for families. This will be sent out on Friday.

PTO Facebook the PTO also has a page to keep the community updated on their meetings and events that they are involved in for the school.

Lastly, you can always contact your teacher, our counselor, and the principal through Dojo, e-mail, phone, or set up an in person meeting.

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## Report Cards



Reports cards will be sent home

On January 13th, 2022

## Vikings of the Month September-November

### VIKINGS OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER

Teacher	Student
Caballero	Xaneli Ruiz
Logan	Vicente Arellano
Moore	Ailynn Arreola
Snell	Mia Natividad
French	Emily Orozco Gonzalez
Joseph	Sayra Morales
Peterson	Nate Ramos
Park	Ashlynn Mesch
Shaffer	Reed Litfin
Tripp	Leslie Pineda
Lobb	Dani Scheuerman
Maurer	Xzhyla Ruiz
Ralston	Zaira Vicente Matul
Burkholder	Rylie Litfin
Holguin	Skye Bruce
Nelson	Aliyah Alamillo Mendez
Lopez	Agustin Gonzalez Pizano
Rauch	Ivan Bonilla Casas

### VIKINGS OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER

Teacher	Student
Caballero	Natalie Rocha Loya
Logan	Ari Meisner
Moore	Akayden Myers
Snell	America Berk
French	Violet Vogl

Joseph	Roxanna Munoz
Peterson	Holly Nicholson
Park	Aimee Mejia
Shaffer	Hailey Truesdale
Tripp	Dylan Dalgliesh
Lobb	Bo McConnell
Maurer	Talan Brownwood
Ralston	Rayden Ramirez Cerrillo
Burkholder	James Morales
Holguin	Lila McGuire
Nelson	Wynston Rollins
Lopez	Jaiden VanHoesen
Rauch	Gabi and Dani Ramos

#### VIKINGS OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER

Teacher	Student
Caballero	Mila Jacome
Logan	Everett Paswaters
Moore	Mia Griego
Snell	Chevelle Rinkel
French	Marvin Torres Sanic
Joseph	Eli Shaffer
Peterson	Elizabeth Brownwood
Park	Gabriel Pacheco
Shaffer	Brody Cabrera
Tripp	Osiel Almanza
Lobb	Leah Ramirez Cerrillo
Maurer	Asher Dhooge
Ralston	Laura Guerrero
Burkholder	Riley Dalgliesh
Holguin	Antonio Pacheco

Nelson	Olivia Kraich
Lopez	Aaliyah Alvidrez
Rauch	Colson Brownwood

Riddles for over the break: Here's a fun activity to do with your children at home over the break. Some of them will be a good challenge for you. The answers are at the end of the newsletter.

1. Riddle: What has to be broken before you can use it?
2. Riddle: I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
3. Riddle: What month of the year has 28 days?
4. Riddle: What is full of holes but still holds water?
5. Riddle: What question can you never answer yes to?
6. Riddle: What is always in front of you but can't be seen?
7. Riddle: There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?
8. Riddle. What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?
9. Riddle: What goes up but never comes down?
10. Riddle: A man who was outside in the rain without an umbrella or hat didn't get a single hair on his head wet. Why?
11. If you don't keep me, I'll break. What am I?
12. There's only one word in the dictionary that's spelled wrong. What is it?
13. You're running a race and at the very end, you pass the person in 2nd place. What place did you finish the race in?

14. I have a tail and a head, but no body. What am I?

15. What 2 things can you never eat for breakfast?

### Student Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures

Our main student drop-off and pick-up is located in the West parking lot. When you enter the parking lot there are two lanes:

Right Lane - This lane is for those dropping off students.

- To make the process more efficient we ask that you please pull forward to the ***dumpster***. This will allow more cars to enter the drop off lane and keep 4th Street from being so congested with traffic.
- If the lead car pulls all the way forward multiple cars can unload students at the same time.
- Before entering the drop off lane it will help speed up the process if your children have their coats on and their backpack ready to exit the vehicle.
- Please do not park in this lane to walk your child to their classroom or playground. This stops the entire process.

Left Lane - This lane is for the following:

- Special education buses
- Parents dropping off students in the special education classrooms
- Staff parking in the designated staff parking spots
- People utilizing our handicap parking
- Those parking in non staff parking spots to enter the school



-If your student is eating breakfast at school please drop them off at the playground. The breakfast doors open at 7:30am. They will enter through the doors on the playground closest to the cafeteria. There will be a staff member there to provide access to the building.

\*If your child is not eating breakfast please don't drop off before 7:45 a.m.

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### Riddle Answers

1. Answer: An egg
2. Answer: A candle
3. Answer: All of them
4. Answer: A sponge
5. Answer: Are you asleep yet?
6. Answer: The future
7. Answer: There aren't any—it's a one-story house.
8. Answer: A promise
9. Answer: Your age
10. Answer: He was bald.
11. Answer: A promise
12. Answer: The word wrong
13. Answer: You finished in 2nd place.
14. Answer: A coin.
15. Answer: Lunch and dinner.