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## From the Principal

Greetings PMES Families,

It's been almost two months since we started school and we're really excited to have our students in classrooms and learning together after the long shut down. We have had some staff changes since June, some new people and some that switched positions. Our new staff members for the 2020-21 are the following:

Danny Cohoon-Instructional Coach

Megan Snell- Kindergarten Classroom Teacher

Kerri Nelson- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classroom Teacher

Mariah Lopez- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Teacher

Maddie Moore- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Teacher

Janet Kelley- SSN Teacher

Shavaun Strzesak- Special Education Resource

Sarah Lobb- Classroom Assistant

Heather Karrol -Classroom Assistant Special Education

Caiti Mondragon-Librarian

Jenea Harmon-Health Office

## **2020**    **Life As We Know It**

As we attend school in person we are trying to remain as "normal" as possible. Here are some of those traditional activities that we've always done and will stay in place as long as we're here in the building.

- School wide movement activities throughout the day
- Daily physical activity, yoga, walking, and calisthenics
- We continue to do daily classroom circle time. It's a few minutes per day where the teacher and students sit and discuss a variety of topics. It can be used to discuss instructional ideas, learn about each other, and problem solve.
- We recently kicked off our Fall Fundraiser; at the end of the event the kids have the opportunity to earn a limo ride and smaller prizes along the way.
- We continue to have our school store, but with everything going on we have made it an online store. It's our version of Amazon. The kids shop and order online and it's delivered to their classroom.
- We are announcing those kids that are growing on their Lexia reading scores. They have their names called on the intercom and receive a certificate in front of their classmates.
- We continue to announce birthdays and give them a small gift that's in a plastic baggie.

# Coming Events

## October

- 1-Picture Day
- 2-Coffee Talk with the Principal 8:10 am
- 5- First NO SCHOOL Monday
- 6- Fundraiser Due
- 7-End of Quarter
- 15- Report Cards go home
- 16- Vision and Hearing Screening
- 20-30th-Remote Parent Teacher Conferences
- 20-PTO Meeting 6pm
- 30- Classroom Halloween Party

## November

- 6-Coffee Talk with the Principal 8:10 am
- 13- Picture Retakes

## How Important is Attendance?

\*Research shows that **attendance** is an important factor in **student achievement**. Poor **attendance** has serious implications for later **outcomes** as well. ... The **effects** of lost school days build up one absence at a time on individual **students**.

\*Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.

\*By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

\*When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

\*Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent.

## The Playground

Our new playground has been a hit with all of the students. The new equipment is a full inclusion playground that is accessible to ALL of our students, and wheelchair accessible. All of this is very exciting! Along with the new equipment, we have new swings, a chalk area, a designated soccer field, 4 square areas, and an area for kids to just walk if they choose! We are also getting two new basketball hoops that will be lower for the little kids. These new additions to our playground are proving to provide a very enjoyable recess time for the kids!



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