



Peacham Elementary School

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Friday Notes

Dear Peacham School Families,

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Upcoming Events

- 11/13 Principal's Coffee Hour 7:30-8:30
- 11/13 School Board Meeting (5:30PM)
- 11/17 Picture Retakes @ 11:30
- 11/18 Public Info meeting at the Library at 9AM
- 11/27 School District Vote (7AM-7PM) at the Town Clerk's Office

News from Ms. Lyons

ART: From "Mess to Masterpiece," a unit on self portraits, is currently the focus of art classes in PK-5/6. Each class is engaged with hands on materials such as papier mache, celluclay, ink and paper, and other building materials. The biggest challenge we find is where to store the 3D artwork during it's creation process. Watch for Day of the Dead Original Calaveras to be coming out from the 3/4 class. Each student has built a papier mache calavera face and is currently designing his/her own unique character.

LIBRARY: Primary age students have been hearing stories from the books of Leo Lionni. This week we read, The Extraordinary Egg and students were then asked to create the inside of an egg IF they could choose anything for its *extraordinary* contents. Some responses were: kittens, and a family who didn't have to worry about anything like shelter, food or clothes and dinosaurs.

TECH/MEDIA: Grades 3-6 are presently learning to create their own websites using the templates and platform of wix.com. Grade 2 is doing a marvelous job learning how to type using *Dance Mat Typing* available on our school's website. Websites will be posted on our school's site upon

Celebration of Learning

I am completing my notes to go home today so I will unfortunately miss the opportunity to share photos from our celebration of learning tonight-look for those next week! I hope to see all of you tonight at 6PM for our celebration of learning. There will also be a PTF clothing swap taking place during the event with lots of great things to shop for!

In-Service Day

Teachers will be participating in a building-based in-service day **tomorrow (Friday 11/10/17)** and therefore **students will not have school**. Teachers will be working together on our writing instruction, differentiating instruction in all content areas, and our science curriculum and instruction.

Principal's Coffee Hour

Just a quick reminder that I will be hosting a coffee hour on Monday (11/13/17) morning from 7:30 to 8:30. I hope to see some of you there as this will be an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas or concerns, and talk about what is happening at PES!



Attendance

This is the time of year that we begin to notice absences and tardies build up. Please keep in mind that one of the biggest factors of student success is their attendance. Students who are frequently late for school, or miss full or partial days of school frequently miss out on direct instruction that can never be replaced. Thank you for supporting your child in attending school regularly when they are healthy, this makes a big difference in their life!

completion. The second graders are all doing a marvelous job learning how to type using *Dance Mat Typing*, a program found on www.peachamelementaryschool.com, under the *Student Resources* link. PK-1st students are gaining guided exposure to age appropriate games in math, literacy, science and feelings while developing a deeper understanding of their eye hand coordination and motor dexterity using iPads, HP touchscreen computers and Chromebooks.

~Ms. Lyons



Information on Upcoming Forums and Voting

Here is some important information about the upcoming school district vote:

- There will be a public forum at 7PM on 11/13 following our board meeting at the school
- There will be an additional public information meeting regarding the vote on Saturday 11/18 at 9AM at the public library in Peacham
- On Monday 11-27 the Australian Ballot voting will take place at the Town Clerk's Office from 7AM until 7PM.

I hope you all enjoy the cold November (long) weekend with your families.

My Best,
Ashley

Danville School Basketball Practices:

- 3/4 Girls- First practice 11/8/17 @ 4:30
- 3/4 Boys- First practice 11/15/17 @ 4:30
- 5/6 Boys- First practice 11/15/17 @ 3PM
- 5/6 Girls- First practice 11/14/17 @ 3PM

All practices until 11/26 will be at the Danville school. After that date other locations will be used. Email Randy at rrathburn@danvillek12vt.us with any questions.

Mission Statement: *The Peacham Elementary School is a community of learners and teachers dedicated to developing the ability of each individual to think and communicate clearly, to explore the world, to make responsible decisions, and to have concern for the common good.*