

PRS-Family News

November 17, 2023

On Friday, November 17th PRS was recognized in Washington DC as a Blue Ribbon School. We received a Blue Ribbon plaque and flag!! I'm so proud of our students and staff. Being a Blue Ribbon School is an awesome accomplishment for our school!!



Lost and Found

Once again we are trying to come up with creative ways to get lost items back into the hands of our students. For starters we would like to display the clothes in a new way so if you have one of those rolling (or not rolling-it doesn't really matter) clothes rack and some clothes hangers that you no longer need...we will take them!! Of course with parent/teacher conferences coming up we are hoping that all parents stop by to take a look at our growing collection of lost and found items!

Student Leadership Message

The Student Leadership Team would like to thank you for your kind support of our recent Spirit Days. As a school community we raised \$180 with our Wear Red, White, and Blue Spirit Day to benefit Mission22. We also raised \$179 dollars for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to help find a cure for diabetes. We thank you for your donations. In December, we are sponsoring a Toy Drive and a Pajama Day. Stay tuned for details.

Reporting an Absence in Parent Portal

Check out this video on how to report an absence in parent portal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wiBT2yfSj4>

PRS PTO Holiday Workshop

Hello PRS families: It is time to start planning for the PRS PTO Holiday Craft Workshop to be held at PRS on 12/9/23 9a-12p! Order forms will be sent home with your students soon, so stay tuned. Please note the attached order form for printing, in case it gets lost in their travels. Details about the workshop are also contained in the attachment. Please view the sign up genius below for volunteer opportunities. Your help is greatly appreciated:

Volunteering: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0849ADAF23AAF94-45648666-prspto>

Flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17H0y79ei3TXw_nAUGWUynDSVIR9UU0u_/view?usp=sharing

MLK Jr Essay Contest

Senator Murphy invites your students to participate in his Office's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest. We ask students from elementary, middle, and high schools from across Connecticut to participate in honoring the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by submitting essays that reflect on Dr. King's dream, their own aspirations, and the importance of what Dr. King means to them. Five essay winners will be selected from each education level. Winners will be invited to celebrate their success with Senator Chris Murphy at a breakfast ceremony in January!

Submissions are now open and must be received by **Friday, January 5th at 11:59pm**. Essays can be submitted [online](#) via the Senator's website or mailed to our Hartford Office.

Essay instructions can be found on the attached flyers. We encourage you to share our flyers with your school community!

We look forward to reading and reviewing your student's work! If you have any further questions, please contact us via email at MLK_Essay@murphy.senate.gov!

Poster Contest

We are happy to announce that the CT chapter of the American Statistical Association will be continuing our annual K-12 Data Visualization Poster Competition this year.

The contest this year will be in a hybrid format. Both physical and digital submissions will be accepted. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 29, 2024. Please see the attached PDF information document for dates and submission instructions.

All winning and honorable mention posters will be forwarded to the competition at the national level. We will hold an in-person awards ceremony for contest winners at the CT ASA mini-conference in mid-to-late April, exact location and date TBD.

We publicize our contest each year largely via word-of-mouth. Please help us in promoting the contest by participating / encouraging your students to participate, and sharing this information with other classes in your school and school district.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact us at zhou.fan@yale.edu.

Best regards,

Zhou Fan and Leying Guan

CT ASA K-12 outreach

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BSnSadLSUhwISRR2ZdORbsOyKSgTly1w/view?usp=sharing>

Dates to Keep In Mind

11/23-11/24 Thanksgiving Break

11/27 Progress Reports 3:00 p.m.

11/28 PTO Meeting

11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Suggestion Boxes

We installed 3 suggestion boxes throughout the building for our staff, students and parents to provide feedback to us. Parents, there is one located in the vestibule area (main entrance), we have one in the cafe for our students and one in the staff lunch room for our faculty. Of course you are always welcome to call or email, but this is another way for parents to communicate with us about thoughts, ideas, comments or concerns.

Links

Family Directory https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VoK-tQHxlajAilfHB_uNoFhpmGID82N/view?usp=sharing

Open House Information/Links

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18-Ilz6JRKqHNfH86MVPXkACt8nVB92nT/view?usp=sharing>

Nurse's Blog

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QoYcCkcavl8PIOhe7qdj66idT1cmvLoV9IW4z_DQjI8/edit?usp=sharing

Nov. PTO News <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XcRunUv002797VK2Ry88c3Ymr6lsnRCL/view?usp=sharing>

Volunteer Registration: This is the newly revised Volunteer Registration form-In order to volunteer you must complete this form. If you have already completed it in the past and have been approved to volunteer, you do not need to complete it again. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-YY-42ZxOAK16oe0_MME6uberDFv5P_ubEefFX2knqcUmQQ/viewform



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