PTA Meeting
November 15!

Bookaneer Book Fair: Where Books are the Treasure!

The Scholastic “Bookaneer” Book Fair will be held the week of November 14-18th. The students will preview the books and make a wish list on Monday and Tuesday Nov. 14-15. You can buy books starting Tuesday, November 15th from 6:30-8:30. Also, you can send money with your child and wish list or bring your child’s wish list from 8:15-noon Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 16-18th. More information will be coming home the week before the book fair. (The PCES library receives 25% of the sales. This money goes back into buying more books for students to check out from the library.)

Principal’s Post

November is the month for giving thanks for the many blessings in our lives. As I reflect on our Pearson’s Corner Community, I am forever thankful for the many ways we work together to make our school amazing.

Congratulations to the students and staff for a successful first quarter! As we roll out the first report cards, I anticipate that our families will celebrate the successes, reflect on the challenges and focus on our students’ continuous improvement! Please be sure that the good grades get as much attention as the ones which need work. Remember that our “business” focuses on improvement; please know that we will continue to work hard to facilitate your child’s success!

Holding true to tradition, during the month of November and leading up to the holiday season, our community historically responds to the needs throughout the RVA! I wanted to thank you in advance for some of the notable school-wide events including:

- PCES Skate Night: Ashland Skateland on Monday, November 7, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. (Monday and Tuesday are School Holidays).
- The PCES Blood Drive: November 17, 2016 at the Ashcreek Clubhouse from 1-7 p.m in honor and support of one of our Panther Cubs!
- The Puritan Coats for Kids Drive: Now through November 21, 2016. Can we beat last year’s donation of 216 coats?
- The Hanover Christmas Mother Canned Food Drive: Mid-November through early December.

Finally, I can’t say THANK YOU loudly or frequently enough to all who attended and helped for the PTA’s annual Fall Festival! Thank you for your gift of time, efforts, resources, donations, late nights, early mornings, long SATURDAYS and time taken from your own family for the benefit of our school. Your outstanding fundraising efforts will provide continuous support to our instructional initiatives! However, as many of you noticed, the Fall Festival attendees come from far and wide. We have grandparents who attended PCES, returning with their grandchildren. Many college and high school alumni come back every year for the Fall Festival. Many of our vendors are former PCES parents and supporters! Even families from surrounding schools come to our Fall Festival for some good ole’ fashioned fun. I truly realize how much work you put into this effort. I thank you on behalf of the community, as well.

Many like to think that people move to our school because we are successful academically. While that may be true, the real reason we attract so many families goes back to the “heart” of our school. Thank you for keeping the heart beating strong! I am so blessed to serve this community!

Sincerely, Dawn Armstrong

2nd Annual PCES Coat Drive
PCES is collecting gently used coats in all sizes in our second annual coat drive. Please consider donating this holiday season. Please drop off coats by November 21, 2016. The student who collects the most coats will have the opportunity to meet a Channel 8 News Anchor!
Upcoming Events

November 7 - Student Holiday
November 7 - Skate Night
November 8 - Student Holiday
November 11 - Report Cards Issued
November 15 - PTA Meeting/Book Fair Night
November 19 - PCES Fall Clean Up
November 21 - Puritan Cleaners - Coat Drive

PCES FALL CLEAN UP DAY!
November 19th
10am-noon
The PCES PTA landscaping team is seeking volunteers of all ages.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for basic yard tasks such as raking, pulling weeds, hauling, and planting. We have rakes and other supplies for use. Please feel free to bring your own rake, gloves, wheelbarrow, etc! This fall clean up will be a learn as we go sort of morning, please do not hesitate to share your “yardening” wisdom or suggestions.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Katie Alexander at katiealexander144@gmail.com or Joe Alexander at joekbw@yahoo.com. We will forward you a link to sign-up!

Thank you for considering to volunteer your time to help keep our campus grounds beautiful!

Fall Festival

Thank you to all who made the 2016 Fall Festival a huge success. We raised over $14,000 for the PTA to give back to Pearson’s Corner. To all of you who baked goodies for the bake sale, donated cakes for the cake walk, provided drinks, donated money or items to the silent auction baskets, volunteered to work a shift at the festival for your child’s class, or wrapped gift baskets for the auction—thank you! The Fall Festival could not have happened without your help.

To our sponsors: Ferber’s Tire and Auto, Giovannis, Seal This, H.H. Hunt, and 804-Signs: Thank you for being our community partners in this fundraiser. We truly appreciate your sponsorship.

To the teachers at PCES for giving up their rooms for the day, attending the festival, and volunteering to work a class shift, thank you so much for making this event so much fun for the kids you teach.

To Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Pitts, and Mr. Tyler, thank you for arriving early and staying late so that we could set up and clean up the festival.

Finally, thank you to the Fall Festival Committee. Your work since the end of August truly has paid off and is so appreciated.

Bake Sale Chairs: Lisa Aloise and Courtney Creasey
Book Sale Chairs: Maureen Ambrose and Meredith Dash
Silent Auction Chair: Jessica Buchanan
Pumpkin Patch Chair: Angie Carter
T-Shirt Chair: Erin Decker
Games Chairs: Kim Ericson and Megan Hall
Food Chair: Krystal Fisher
Sponsorship Chairs: Alicia Neuman and Kachelle Preau
PTA President: Ashley Owen
Theme Basket Chair: Denise Silveria
Tickets Chair: Heather Snead
Vendors Chair: Melissa Miller
Room Parent Liaison: Lynn Vaughan
Volunteer Coordinator: Jenn Whitlock
Fall Festival Controller: Rachel Parrish
PTA Treasurer: Debby Johnson

Thanks again for making this fundraiser such a success for our school!

We urgently need a Mini Clubs Chair (or Co-Chairs) to manage the PCES After School Enrichment programs. Our enrichment programs are already in place and scheduled to start February 14. We are looking for someone to be responsible for student registration, coordinating and communicating with parent volunteers, communicating with the enrichment program providers as needed, and managing needs that may arise each week.

Please contact me if you are interested or know someone who might be perfect for this position. Thanks! Ashley Owen ashowen19@gmail.com

Blood Drive in Honor of Sawyer Perkins!!

Please come out and support the American Red Cross and our very own, Sawyer Perkins. The Blood Drive will take at the Ashcreek Clubhouse on November 17th, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thank you in advance for making a difference not only in our community but also the surrounding area. RSVP to Mary Helen Crowder, R.N. (Registered Nurse) at 804-723-3665.

If you would like more information on the Critical Need in the Richmond area for Blood, please view the American Red Cross Website.

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PEARSON’S CORNER PTA NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016

Christmas Mother Food Drive

PCES SCA, all Hanover County Public Schools, and the Doswell Ruritan Club are asking Hanover families to help out their Hanover neighbors this holiday season. Please send in one (or more, if you can) canned items in to your classroom teacher. The food collected will be distributed to Hanover County families in need.

Just think how much we’d donate if every student brought in just one can of food! There would be over 400 cans of food!

How can you show your PAW POWER?

If you want to participate, all you have to do is bring in ONE canned good (or more, if you can). No glass please. Here is a small list of canned goods that would be wonderful to donate:
- cream of mushroom soup
- minestrone soup
- corn tomatoes (canned)
- peas green beans
- fruit spaghetti sauce
- carrots beets

Neighbors helping neighbors … what a great message to teach our children during this holiday season!

The SCA thanks you for your support with our service project!

PTA President’s Post

As Thanksgiving approaches I would like take time to reflect on the amazing school community that PCES has. On behalf of the PTA I would like to give thanks to our extraordinary teaching staff, administrators and all other personnel that give their all to make Pearson’s Corner the outstanding school that it is. I would like to also thank everyone who serves on the PTA board, helps within PTA committees as well as volunteers throughout the year for the school and our students. It is because of your service and support that our PTA is able to provide the programs, activities and help that we do.

Our Fall Festival was a HUGE success and a TON of fun last month! Thank you Kelly Pace and your hardworking team of volunteers for making this year’s Fall Festival so AWESOME. Thank you Teachers and Room Parents for your coordination efforts and Families for your donations toward class theme baskets, of baked goods and drinks as well as of your time working festival shifts. It took an enormous amount of volunteers to make this event possible and the PTA thanks you!

Our next PTA meeting will be TUESDAY Nov 15th. We will be meeting in coordination with the Book Fair and announcing the winners of the Reflections contest so we hope to see you there!

Ashley Owen, PTA President - ashowen19@gmail.com

Imagine a program that wraps Fitness, Leadership, and Character together in an unforgettable experience tailored for our school’s campus. Our students learn that fitness is fun as they prepare for the Boosterthon Fun Run Fundraiser. Character lessons come to life as Boosterthon Fun Run team members creatively illustrate integrity, honesty, and caring. Our students also learn about what it means to be a leader during the experience, as we raise funds for our school. Please save the date and join us on Thursday, April 6, 2017 for the celebration of Fitness, Field Day and PCES!

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Looking for the lunch menu? Interested in volunteering? Updating your family calendar? Want to submit information for the newsletter? Or looking for the volunteer form?

Check out pcespta.org!
Got Box Tops?! Turn Them in This Month!

Alright parents, it is November which means it is time to send in the Box Tops you have been saving! At the end of the November competition, the classroom collecting the most Box Tops in each grade will be rewarded with a special prize.

Send your box tops in with your child in a baggie any day this month to turn into their teacher. We will actually collect Box Tops through 12/2 because of Thanksgiving week.

Thank you to our awesome PCES parent volunteers who count every box top and bag them for each grade each week!

Watch D.O.G.S.
Volunteers Needed

If you have not had a chance to sign up yet for the school year please contact us to fill one of the open slots. November and December are currently full but we have some slots starting in January. For those dads who did signup and are interested in signing up for an additional day, we will have open the sign ups for a second day after the Christmas break. Please watch the newsletter for that notice.

If you're not familiar with the Watch DOGS program check out our Watch DOGS page on the PCES PTA website: http://pcespta.org/volunteer/watch-d-o-g-s/

Please contact us at watchdog@owenl.com to learn how to sign-up!

Tyler Owen & Matt Parker
Watch D.O.G.S. Program Coordinator
watchdog@owenl.com

School Bus Safety

The first two months of school have gone quite smoothly! Student behavior has been commendable both on the bus and on campus. Thank you for continuously reinforcing school and bus expectations with your children. I continue to enjoy riding the buses and seeing the communities where our students live! By Thanksgiving, I will have ridden every bus.

Information Hotlines

Hotlines are available to you with important county and bus information! For the latest information on school closings and delays, please call (804)277-4960 to hear information that may affect the regular school schedule due to inclement weather. Call (804)441-8274 to access information regarding daily bus notifications as they relate to changes in bus numbers, bus substitutes, school bus delays, etc. Access elementary information by pressing 1 and secondary information by pressing 2. Any last minute variations will be announced by pressing 3.

Thankfulness

As we near our Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to share some things, for which I am thankful since having come to Pearson’s Corner one year ago:

• I am thankful for students who come to school eager to learn each and every day.
• I am thankful for all of our teachers and staff who give countless hours to provide students with the instruction and guidance that they need to be successful.
• I am thankful for you, our parents, who support the vision and efforts of our school.
• I am thankful for new and continued relationships that I am creating and sustaining along the way.

Thank you for all that you do to help our school be the best it can be. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Veronica Pitts, Assistant Principal

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