

PAW POWER



Upcoming Events

- Early School Closing:
Friday, November 6
- PTA Dinner: Tuesday,
November 10 at 6PM
- Fall Book Fair: November 9-
November 13
- Early School Closing:
Wednesday, November 11
- Chick Fil A Spirit Night:
Thursday, November 12
from 5-8PM
- PCES Parent Workshop:
Thursday, November 12
from 6:30-7:30PM
- Report Card Distribution:
Friday, November 13
- School Closed, Thanksgiving
Holiday: Wednesday,
November 25-Friday,
November 27

**The extensive PTA
calendar is
available online at
www.pcespta.org**

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future newsletters,
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PCES

Pearson's Corner Elementary School PTA Newsletter

November 2015



What's Happening "Around the Corner"

As we wrap up the first quarter of instruction at Pearson's Corner, I am incredibly pleased by the effort shown in our hard-working students and teachers! I am amazed daily by small victories, light bulbs going off, and difficult tasks accomplished. Our dedicated staff has been using data to drive instruction tailored to meet the individual needs of all students. As we move into the second quarter, we will continue our differentiation in class instruction, practice and homework to best prepare our students for success. In addition, I am so proud of the many nominations we've received for students and staff demonstrating the Panther C.O.R.E. Traits of Cooperation, Organization, Respect and Eagerness. To

date, we have recognized over 400 students and staff who represent the best of these traits in the first quarter of the school year! Way to go Panthers! Be on the lookout for our new C.O.R.E. traits for the next quarter.

As I reflect on the 2015 Fall Festival, I am so moved by the generous donation of our volunteers' time to pull off such a successful event! While I am certain that all felt exhaustion the next day, please know that the tireless dedication to this hallmark event has not gone unnoticed. I recognize the countless hours everyone has devoted to their role in making it all come together. I truly feel like this year's execution of the plan culminated in one of the best Fall Festivals in my 11 years

experiencing it. In the midst of the day, I may not have personally thanked each of you. However, I wanted you to know that there are not enough adjectives to fully describe my gratitude. On behalf of the recipients of your efforts, the students and staff of Pearson's Corner Elementary, I thank you.

Special thank you to all of the students and staff members who attended our annual Skate Night to benefit the Hanover Education Foundation! We look forward to this excitement each year, as our students display their crazy-good skating skills! It was a bunch of fun!

If at any time you have questions of concerns regarding your students' experience at our school, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,
Dawn Armstrong
Principal



The PCES Book Fair is coming!

WHERE: PCES Library

WHEN: November 9th-November 13th

PARENT NIGHT: Tuesday,
November 10th, 6:30-8:30PM



Our PTA Mission

Research has shown that student success is directly linked to parental involvement both at school and at home. When parents are active in their children's school, grades rise, self-esteem grows and schools improve. As parents and teachers work together, we become a powerful voice and a strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child at Pearson's Corner Elementary.



From The PTA President

Ann Ross, annross123@comcast.net

Thanks to all who came out for the Fall Festival last Saturday. The weather was beautiful and we had a great time! Bigger thanks to Randy Sherrod and his team and the room parents for all of their hard work putting it together.

It takes a lot of volunteers to run the Fall Festival and we are losing quite a few of these committee members next year. In order to keep it going, we need new people to step up. If you are worried about the time commitment, please know that there are many jobs to choose from and it's only a two month commitment each year. If you are interested in helping with next years Fall Festival, please contact me at annross123@comcast.net.

-Ann

November Meeting
Tuesday,
November 10th at
6pm

PCES PTA NEWS

JOIN THE PCES PTA!

- We are close to our 100% participation goal.

November Meeting

- The November PTA dinner will be Tuesday, November 10th at 6pm in the PCES Cafeteria. Subway will be provided for dinner. There will be no program, just a few brief announcements.
- Afterwards, head to the library for the Fall Book Fair from 6:30-8:30pm and do a little shopping.

PCES We've got SPIRIT,
how about YOU?

Here are the SCA **SPIRIT DAYS**
for November 2015.

Date	Show Your Spirit
November 6	Pirate Day-dress like a pirate
November 20	Crazy Hair Day



No Mini Clubs Chair, No 2016 Mini Clubs

PCES PTA will NOT be able to offer Mini Clubs without a Mini Clubs Chair. Please email Sally May at mrm4sally@yahoo.com if you would like to help keep Mini Clubs at PCES.



Internet Safety Workshop

Join Dr. Christy Hammond, PCES School Counselor, on November 5th at Cool Spring Elementary to discuss how to keep our students safe while they are navigating the digital world. To get more information and to RSVP, visit <https://www.smores.com/x781j-parent-internet-workshop>

Accelerated Reader Update

Accelerated Reader has gotten off to a great start! During the first marking period, students in 2nd-5th grades participated in Accelerated Reader. First graders will begin participating in the month of November. During the first three marking periods, students will also have an opportunity to win a \$5 gift card to Barnes & Noble in the following categories per class: 1st place in points, 2nd place

in points, and Persistent Reader. In the fourth marking period, one overall points winner, per grade level, will be recognized with a \$15 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

Look for the names of the Highest Point Earners from each class in next month's newsletter!



Corey Baedke, macbaedke@gmail.com

From the Assistant Principal:



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 am enjoying riding the buses and learning the communities of Pearson's Corner! By Thanksgiving, I will have ridden each bus.

Thankfulness

As we near our Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to share some things that I am thankful for since coming to Pearson's Corner Elementary:

- 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 on an ongoing basis.
- I am thankful for new relationships that I am building along the way.



Thank you for all that you do to help Pearson's Corner be the best school it can be. Have a *wonderful* Thanksgiving!

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.



MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!

The November BOX TOPS Challenge is here!!!



MAKE OUR SCHOOL A CUT ABOVE!

Keep clipping those Box Tops! The Pearson's Corner Box Top Challenge starts next month. Last year, Pearson's Corner collected over 39,000 Box Tops and earned almost \$4,000 to support PCES school programs. This year our goal is to collect 40,000 Box Tops (\$4000). This money will allow us to make purchases for capital improvements for our school.

Students are asked to collect and bring Box Tops in to their classrooms during the month of November and through the first Friday of December. Each week, one class will be recognized for turning in the most Box Tops. Results, including classroom totals, will be posted in the cafeteria each week. At the end of the challenge, the class with the most Box Tops will win a special prize.



Box Tops will be collected from each classroom and counted by volunteers on Fridays-November 6th, 13th and 20th and December 4th. No Box Tops will be collected the week of Thanksgiving. The winning class will be announced the week of December 7th.

Thank you in advance for your help with the Challenge. With your support we can reach our goal of 40,000 Box Tops. Keep saving your Box Tops throughout the year because our second Challenge will start in January and we will have a mini collection in May.

If you haven't already, start saving those BOX TOPS. Show your school spirit; PAWS for Box Tops! Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Ashley Owen at ashowen@comcast.net.



Remember to Reward PCES

Ways you can earn \$ for PCES:

BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN

Childhood obesity is a serious issue among America's children today. Many call it an epidemic. An increase in television and video games has led our kids to be more sedentary and less



active. In partnership with the Boosterthon Fun Run, Pearson's Corner Elementary wants to reverse this trend! We want a fitness event-the Boosterthon Fun Run-to be the most anticipated school event of the year. Students

start the day with our fun BoostFit 2-minute Drill to get kids' hearts pumping early. If we want our kids to be active, we've got to let them know that FITNESS IS FUN! And with our global sports theme, Big World Recess, fitness and how students "play with character" puts fitness and healthy living on a world stage. The Boosterthon Fun Run is fundraising and so much more! Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Friday, April 15, 2016!

Register your "Kroger Plus" card

Again this year, PCES is partnering with Kroger to receive benefits from their "Community Rewards" program. If you register your shopping card and designate your purchases to benefit our school, a portion of your purchase will be donated back to Pearson's Corner Elementary. Help us by registering your card and swipe it every time you make a Kroger purchase!



TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

- Click on Sign In/Register. If you do not have an account, create one! If you have an account, click "My Account" and sign in.
- Click "Edit Kroger Community Rewards" information.
- Enter Pearson's Corner Elementary in the search bar and select us!
- Once added, you will see Pearson's Comer's name on the right side of your page.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for the purchase to count.

MORE WAYS:

- Collect and donate your Campbell's Labels for Education. Campbell's Labels Bins are located in the office and library.

- Purchase your favorite *Coca-Cola* products and donate your points to PCES.

- Use our Amazon Smile link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1117625>

SCA NEWS

Canned Food Drive, November 6-20



The PCES SCA is working with the Doswell Ruritan and will be collecting canned foods for the Hanover Christmas Mother November 6th through November 20th at Pearson's Corner Elementary.

Please consider donating one canned food item (or more if you can). This year the Christmas mother is only accepting canned foods, no plastic, boxed items, or glass containers. The food collected goes directly to

Hanover County families who need assistance.

Please support Hanover County families in need this holiday season and bring in one can, if you can! Thank you!

We are grateful to our Fall Festival sponsors: CF Sauer's, Ferber's Tire and Auto, and Giovanni's for supporting the PCES Fall Festival this year!

Join Us!

Thursday,
November
12th
5:00-8:00 pm



November 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	2 <i>Skate Night</i>	3 No School <i>Parent-Teacher Conferences</i>	4	5 <i>Picture Make-Up Day</i>	6 Early Release <i>Original Works Art Orders Due</i>	7
8	9	10 <i>PTA Dinner 6PM</i>	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> Early Release	12 	13 <i>Report Card Distribution</i>	14
← Fall Book Fair November 9-13 →						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
No School-Thanksgiving Holiday						
29	30	<u>Coming in December...</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 10– Stevi B's Spirit Night December 11– Interim Reports Sent Home 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 21 to January 1– School Closed for Winter Break 		

Don't Forget to Order Your Yearbook

Yearbooks are just \$25 through December, so get yours now at the lowest price! Personalization, including your child's name and icons that represent his or her favorite things in life, are also available, either when you order or if you've already ordered and would like to add that to your child's book. Go to Jostens.com under Pearsons Corner or PCESPTA.org to order yours today! If you have any questions or would like to help with this years yearbook, please contact Leeann Sherrod at Sherrod94@hotmail.com.

Nurse Notes

Healthy Students, Healthy Schools

It is our pleasure to announce that Pearson's Corner is supporting the Salvation Army via Puritan Cleaners **Coats for Kids** drive!! Mrs. Crowder, R.N. will be collecting all types and sizes of coats on November 6th, 9th, and 10th. You can drop off your "Coats" in the Clinic. Please have each coat in ready to wear fashion and make sure the pockets are empty.

Puritan Cleaners and Channel 8 News will be at school on November 11th, 2015 at 9AM to interview selected students/staff, as well as pick up all of the donated coats!! This is a win-win for all involved, most importantly we are instilling in our students "It's better to give than receive."



Thank you in advance for supporting this wonderful program!

Mary Helen Crowder, RN

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