



Announcements



Please note you can also view our newsletter online at www.pppcs.org. or via ParentSquare. **October 2019**

ParentSquare:

Make sure to stay connected to the school by utilizing ParentSquare. You can get started in 3 easy steps!



1. Download the app. 2. Login with the phone number or email that is registered at school. 3. Start receiving posts relevant to your child, being able to message your student's teacher directly as well as signing up for volunteer events, chaperone needs, and Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Upcoming Events & Activities

Parent Education Workshop: This workshop is for Kindergarten and 1st grade parents, and will discuss how to help your child learn to read. Oct. 3 at 8am in the Family Resource Room



Colgate Dental Van: The Dental Van will be here on Oct. 10. This is a free screening by dental professionals that doesn't require insurance or payment. Students will receive a quick screening, an oral health lesson, and a free toothbrush. Results will be sent home to parents. Forms

were sent home, but they are also in the office and on Parent Square.

High School Information Night: Mrs. Brooks will lead a High School Information Night on Oct. 10 at 5:30pm in the science lab for interested 7th and 8th graders and families. Please enter on Lakewood Ave.

HOPPP Meeting: Oct.12, 10 am

Please join us for our monthly HOPPP meeting! This is our parent organization at PPPCS Meetings occur in the cafeteria every 2nd Saturday of the month at 10am. HOPPP fosters fellowship among parents and facilitates communication between members of the school community. Interpretation and childcare provided. We will be discussing how to interpret your child's assessment reports/data. Come to the HOPPP Coffee Hour 10/16 if you miss the Saturday meeting!

Lantern-Making Workshop with Creative Alliance: Kids and adults are invited to the PPPCS cafeteria on Oct. 12 between 12 and 2 to make a lantern for the Great Halloween Lantern Parade in Patterson Park! Creative Alliance will help you create your one-of-a-kind lantern with the theme *Flores de Fuego (Fire Flowers)*. Then, bring your lantern to the Great Halloween Lantern Parade on Oct. 26 and walk as a school together with PPPCS! Meet us in the parade line by 6:30—look for the PPPCS banner! More details to come, or look [online](#)!

Dates to Remember:

10/3 Parent Education Workshop, 8am

10/10 Colgate Dental Van visit

10/10 High School Information Night, 5:30pm

10/12 HOPPP Meeting, 10 am

10/12 Lantern-making workshop, 12-2pm

10/14 Family Science Night, 6pm

10/16 HOPPP Coffee Hour, 8:15 am

10/16 PPPCS Board of Directors' Meeting

10/17 and 10/18 School Closed for students

10/25 School wide service day

10/25 Ghoul at the School, 6:30pm

10/26 Great Halloween Lantern Parade, 7pm (festival starts at 3:30pm)

10/28-11-1 Fall Book Fair

11/4 No school for students; parent-teacher conferences

11/7 A Night Out for Ed, 5pm

Upcoming Events & Activities (cont.)**Family Science Night with the Maryland Science Center:**

Join us Oct. 14, 6pm in the cafeteria for awesome experiments, activities and fun for all!

PPPCS Board of Directors' Meeting: Oct. 16

Meetings are open to the community. They occur on 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm in the science lab.

No School for students Oct 17 and 18—please make arrangements for your children for those days.



MAKE A
DIFFERENCE DAY
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD

School-Wide Service Day:

PPPCS will be celebrating National Make a Difference Day on Oct. 25. All classes will be participating in service learning that day and learning how to make a difference! Parent

volunteers are welcome!

Ghoul at the School: Join HOPPP and PPPCS as we celebrate Halloween at this fun event on Friday Oct. 25 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Wear your costumes and get ready for games, trick or treating and snacks! The event is free, but there is a small charge for snacks and games. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Fall Book Fair: PPPCS will host the Scholastic Book Fair from Oct. 28-Nov. 1. This is an opportunity to buy books, inspire a love of reading and support our school! You can send money with your child to school for the book fair any day that week.

Parent-Teacher Conferences/No School for Students: On Nov. 4, there will be no school for students, and parents are asked to come in and have a conference with the teacher. Conference sign-ups will be on Parent Square. We ask all families to have at least 2 formal conferences per year with their child's teacher; this is one of the best ways to support your child's success!

The Ed Rutkowski Building at PPPCS: Please join us as we celebrate the naming of our building in honor of Ed Rutkowski. This summer, our community mourned the passing of Ed Rutkowski, our former Executive Director and a visionary leader who was instrumental in making PPPCS a home for all our students. Please join us to honor his legacy on Nov. 7 at 5:00pm at the school.

Additional News and Information

Fair Funding Forms: Every child received a very

important Fair Funding Form (Household Income Form). Many of you have returned them already--thank you! We are asking you to complete a form for each child and return it to school as soon as possible. Our goal is to have 100% of students turn in a form and we know we can do it! If you need another form, there are copies in the main office.

Strive for Under 5 Attendance Incentive: This month, we begin SFU5 with the goal of all students having less than 5 absences per year! You will receive a monthly calendar to track attendance, that shows you that month's incentives. If your student has perfect attendance (no absences, no lateness), they will receive a certificate with coupons to be redeemed at neighborhood businesses!

Get involved at PPPCS!:

Each PPPCS family is expected to have a minimum of 20 engagement hours each year. There are many ways to earn these hours, which include:

- Volunteering, academic events including and Parent-Teacher conferences, Participating in one of the parent groups.

Upcoming Volunteer Needs:

- **Oct. 10: Colgate Dental Van** We need 3 volunteers to help escort students to the van, and also to supervise students while on the van.
- **Oct. 25: Ghoul at the School** We need many volunteers to put on this fun night for kids. HOPPP will reach out for volunteers.
- **Oct. 28-Nov. 1: Book Fair** We need 2-3 volunteers per day to escort students to the Book Fair and to help at the Fair, helping students select books and pay for their selections.
- **ABC and Math Crew:** Approximately 30 minutes per day, any day of the week. You will work with 5-6 kindergarten students practicing letter naming fluency and letter sound fluency, or number recognition and math facts. No experience is required, and you will be trained.

If you are interested in any of the above, or have ideas to get involved in a different way, reach out to Dr. Liz Obara, Community School Coordinator at 410.558.1230 ext. 374, lobara@pppcs.org, or via ParentSquare .