

# PCS WEEKLY



February 14, 2020

## Urgent News

**Psalter Selection:** The psalter selection for next week will be psalter #416 verse 31.

**Please see the survey from the school board at the end of the memo.**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 27. The conference schedule is attached to the memo email. We are looking forward to this opportunity to meet and share with you.

**Mid-Winter Break:** There will be no school on Friday, February 28.

### Kindergarten Readiness Dates:

**First classroom visitation:** Tuesday, February 25, 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Gesell Test:** Tuesday, March 3. (Please call Joan Blok for appt.-569-3125)

**Second classroom visitation:** Thursday, March 5, 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Gesell Results to Parents:** by Thursday, March 12.

## General News

**Hot Lunch:** There will be a chicken patty hot lunch next week Wednesday, February 19.

**Soup Supper:** The Dorcas Guild's annual soup supper will be held on February 21. Dinner will be served from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Bonisa Presentation:** "Brother Charles", a missionary with more than two decades of experience in China, hopes to visit Kalamazoo for a presentation for adults and families on Monday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. He will also do a presentation for the students and teachers on the afternoon of Monday, February 17.

On **March 17**, we hope to have a fundraising night at **Chick-Fil-A**. Dine there or use the drive thru from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and 15% of your meal will go towards our school! Similar to Panera, make sure to say you are there to support School Spirit Night in order to receive the discount. Spread the word to family and friend, and thanks in advance for participating. **Please note the date change!**

**Prayer Day:** There will be school on Prayer Day, March 11. It will be treated like a normal day of school and start at 8:00 a.m. Students will come to school in the morning for two classes and then teachers will bring all students over to the church at 9:25 a.m. for the service. Children will sit with their parents during the service. After the service, students will come back to the school for the remainder of the day

## General News Continued

**Art Prize:** Parents, grandparents, and friends will be invited into school to observe the projects during the day and will not be part of the voting process. Students and a panel of judges will do the selecting. This will eliminate another night out for parents.

All students will receive a prize for participating. Categories and other prizes will remain the same.

The afternoon of March 26 will be set aside for viewing student artwork, and teachers will open their classrooms to parents to share additional projects, activities, etc., at specific times to be announced later.

Each art exhibit will have a comment box for people to share what they liked about the entry. These will be given to the students to read so they receive valuable feedback and encouragement. Please see the Art Prize information sheet and entry form attached to the memo email.

The **Mystery Dinner** fundraiser is planned for **Friday, March 20**. This is a great way to visit with others from the church/school community and also enjoy a delicious meal! All proceeds will go to Parents United. If you are interested in hosting, attending as a guest or have a student interested in babysitting for volunteer hours, please call or text Lisa Dingemans ([269-271-3440](tel:269-271-3440)), Mandy Schipper ([616-970-4954](tel:616-970-4954)) or Angela Ekema ([269-207-9721](tel:269-207-9721)). More information to follow.

A group of young adults from the Beckwith/Covell congregations in Grand Rapids hopes to visit our mission team in Bolivia in July 2020. We are currently doing a **sub sale fundraiser** (see flyer), and all profits go to the group, not individuals. Please support our group, as we work towards our goal! There will be a pick-up location for Kalamazoo buyers, depending on how many subs are sold! This would be at the Kalamazoo church on March 14.

All this the Lord willing, and we live.

### Notice of School Survey

#### **Who can respond to the surveys?**

About every two years, the School Board has conducted a survey to solicit input from the school community. This year, there are three versions of the survey: one for parents of students currently in Providence, one for parents of students from Providence who are currently attending Plymouth, and one for community members who do not have any students in Providence right now.

#### **Why do we want everyone to respond?**

With voluntary response surveys, it sometimes happens that only people with really strong opinions participate. It is much more meaningful if we have a complete picture of perceptions and suggestions.

But just to be clear: For each survey, there is a **limit of one response per family**. We realize that may not serve as well where there is more than one child in the school, but we want this to be conducted in the same way as in the past to allow for comparison with previous results

#### **Can my family respond to more than one survey?**

If a family has students in both Providence and Plymouth this year, we are asking you to complete each of those surveys. Similarly, any family with students in Plymouth but not in Providence currently is asked to complete both the Plymouth and the Community surveys. Those with students only in Providence have only the Providence survey to do, and those with no students in either school have only the Community survey to take.

#### **When do I take the survey?**

The parent survey will be opened on Friday, February 14, and remain open through Saturday, February 29. The survey for parents of Plymouth students and for the community in general will be opened later after notification in the next newsletter.

#### **How do I take the survey?**

A free service called Survey Monkey is being used. The results for the three surveys will be collected anonymously. When the survey period is closed, the results will be reported in a summary of the number of respondents, average scores on each item, and so on. The link for the survey of Parents of current Providence students is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQY9T3B>.

If you have problems getting to the survey, please notify the school office.

#### **What will the Board do with the results?**

The Board will look at what is being done well and where we may be able to make changes to address weaknesses or concerns or other suggestions. The results will not be used to evaluate any particular person. A summary of significant findings will be reported in the newsletter after the Board has had time to consider the results.