



Hawk Talk

November-December 2016

Phenix City
Elementary School

Take Home Notices Go Electronic

This is the last month that paper notices will be sent home with students. We will go “paperless” beginning Dec. 5th. Only time sensitive notices, urgent notices, and fundraisers will be sent home in paper form. If your family requires a paper copy of all notices and you have not yet notified us, please let us know as soon as possible.



A Letter from the Principal

This school year is off to a fantastic start. The children have adjusted to the new expectations of their teachers and grade levels, and have already begun to bond with their classmates. I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of the children by name, and am happy to be greeted with warm hellos or a brief hug each day.

Fall is an exciting time at PCES. We are

looking forward to several events that are familiar, and some new ones as well. The first event is our Fall Festival on Nov. 4th. The next one will be our Thanksgiving Lunch which takes place on Nov. 10.

Finally, there is one new event that we are hosting for the PCES community. We will be having our PCES Family STEM Night on campus Nov. 15th, 2016. This

night we will be feeding you dinner and also participating in fun activities together.

I am especially excited for the fall this year. The leaf changes have begun and our weather change is appreciated. I enjoy hiking and watching our students at their football games. I hope you get to spend some time enjoying the fall foliage with your families, as well.

Sending Notes to the Teacher

When sending notes to teachers to change your student’s transportation, please make sure that the paper you write the note on is large enough to be found by the teacher. Tiny scraps of paper are often over-looked or get lost.

Also, please make sure that all important information is written

legibly on the note. This should include the student’s full name, teacher name, the date, address (for bus passes), and how long the change is in effect.

For your convenience, we’ve put a generic form on our website. You may find it handy to use.



Calendar of Events

November

2nd: 3-5 All A/B Celebration



3rd: K-2 All A/B Celebration

10th: Thanksgiving Lunch (K, 2, 4)



11th: NO SCHOOL

VETERANS' DAY



21st - 25th: NO SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING BREAK



30th - 9th: Santa Shop



December

30th - 9th: Santa Shop



14th: Spelling Bee



15th: Holiday Book Exchange



19th - 4th: NO SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS BREAK



Be Flu Smart!

This time of year, it's important to brush up on the symptoms of Influenza, and what you can do to safeguard yourselves and your families. Influenza is a viral infection that can make you feel very sick. It is generally spread from infected droplets in coughs or sneezes. Symptoms generally come on suddenly and include: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headaches, and fatigue.

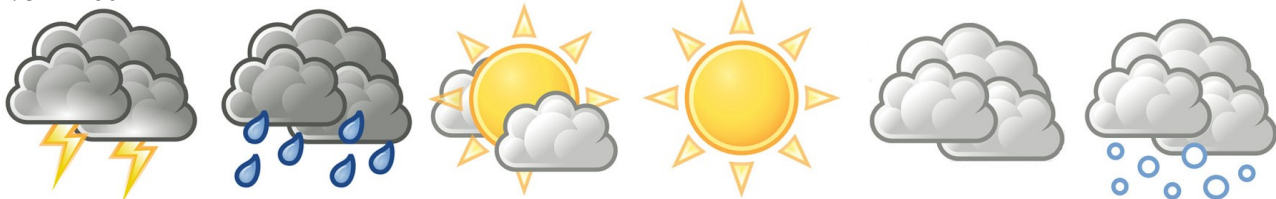
(some people may also experience vomiting and diarrhea. This is more common in children than adults). The best treatment for the flu is prevention. Unless contraindicated, individuals should receive a flu vaccination each year during the fall. Generally, flu season peaks from March to November. It's also important to wash your hands regularly, eat healthy foods, get plenty of rest, and avoid exposure to

those that may be sick. There are antiviral medications that may shorten the duration of the flu and lessen the severity of the symptoms. If you have flu like symptoms, you should contact your health care professional to discuss your options. Go to www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/index.htm to find out more information.

Dressing for the Weather

The weather is changing and temperatures are dropping. Dressing your child appropriately for the weather is important. Students will be sent outdoors for P.E., weather permitting. It is important for the students to go out in the fresh air and exercise. As fall turns to winter, please be sure your child has a winter coat, gloves or mittens and hat. For your child's comfort please include a jacket, socks, and closed toe shoes for P.E. Thank you for your extra effort.

Any questions regarding return to school after illness, call our school nurse Tammy Simmons, L.P.N. 334-732-1160



Box Tops for Education

These can be brought in throughout the school year. Last year we purchased the rug in the foyer. For more information email Mrs. Dress-Gunter at: pdress-gunter@pcboe.net We will be making our first Box Tops for Education & Labels for Education submission soon. Please get as many labels in as you can by November 30, 2016.



Tardies at PCES

Students at PCES are averaging over 50 tardies a day for the 2016-2017 school year. This is a huge problem for students, as the amount of lost instruction time adds up quickly.

If your student arrives at school at 8:20 every morning, they miss 18 hours and 20 minutes of instruction. While

20 minutes may not seem like too much time each day, the total amount of time is very costly for students.

In the next couple of weeks, letters will be going out to parents to let them know exactly how much instructional time their students have missed. Please do your best to have your child in class by 8:00 everyday!



Yearbooks on Sale!!

The 2016-2017 yearbooks are on sale now. Order your student's yearbook before December 16, the price is **ONLY \$20!!**

After Christmas, the price will increase to \$23.00.

Our 2016-2017 yearbook will be all color and hold lots of exciting photos from this school year. Students who order a yearbook will also be invited to the end of the year signing party. Make sure your child doesn't miss out on this year's memories!



Clothes Closet

Accidents happen, especially with young students. That's why PCES keeps a clothes closet in the office.

We are in need of gently used clothes, **ESPECIALY** boys' pants. In addition, new packs of underwear, for boys and girls, would be greatly appreciated.



Car Giveaway

For just \$10, you can buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win a new car!

The car, donated by Gil's Auto Sales, is a 2011 Silver Hyundai Sonata.

Drawing will be held at the 16th annual Heart of the Community Awards on January 28, 2017. You will not have to be present to win.

To purchase a ticket, please send money with your student to pay his/her teacher, or stop by the school office.

Good luck!!

