PICK ELEMENTARY

ON THE CALENDAR FOR-JANUARY:

- I/I6- No School Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- I/20- Dad's
 League 7:00-7:30
 Breakfast served
 @ 6:50am.
 CASH please for
 dads \$2.00
- 1/27- Grade level Leadership Lunches

CONGRATULATIONS
to Anna Claire
Winslett who won
the PES Spelling Bee

JANUARY STAFF

I/7 Hames

I/I0 Oswald and Phillips

I/II Tice

I/I2 Weeden

I/I4 Maggard

1/15 Benson

1/23 Bryant and Coach Harrison

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We're off to a great start in 2017!

Happy New Year to our PES families! We hope you enjoyed the winter break and had some time to spend together. Our little ones grow so quickly! These precious moments are important and life-changing.

Our focus continues to be on **Reading and Writing** at PES. This semester, we welcome author **Carmen Agra Deedy** to PES in February for 2-full days of workshops for children and teachers. Books by Mrs. Agra Deedy will be available for purchase and to be autographed. Information went home with your child. We are encouraging online ordering/payment for this.

Please encourage your child to participate in the 3rd- 9-week Reading challenge which will be due in March.

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Parent Corner: Reading aloud with your child is the best way to spend time with them. Being intentional about turning off electronics, eating meals together without distractions and spending quality time with your child free of technology are ways to "deposit" memories into their life-banks. The dividends will yield high results. Consider setting aside even one night per week where you and your child eat together and talk. It is important for our children to see us as readers and writers. Talk to your children about what you are reading. When you pick your child up from school, turn the radio off and talk about the day and what they are learning in school. As adults, we are encouraged to walk at least 10,000 steps per day. Wouldn't it be interesting if we tracked how many words we actually speak with our children daily? Would you reach your daily goal of 10,000 words with your child?

Handbook 101 reminders:

It is important to stay on top of your child's assignments and deadlines. Students' 9-week averages are calculated using test scores, classwork and homework practice. Assessment scores weigh more in the total average. After material is taught, practiced and reviewed, an assessment provides information regarding what your child can do independently. Daily math practice and daily reading are essential to maintaining progress in school. Please work to read with your child, or listen to your child read to you, and practice basic math facts for fluency at home

regularly. This extra practice will help strengthen your child's academic foundation, bring confidence to the classroom and support your child as new skills are learned.



Please continue to support PES through **BOX TOPS** and Restaurant Nights!

<u>DAD's LEAGUE</u>—Friday, January 20 Breakfast will be served starting at 6:50am. Breakfast for Dad is \$2.00 (CASH please!) If you or your business could donate prizes for our Dad's League give-away, please send them to PES with your child!