

PICK ELEMENTARY

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18- OUR LAST DAY BEFORE THE WINTER BREAK

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021 STUDENTS RETURN TO LEARNING-

10 FOR THE WIN FUNDRAISER BEGINS 2.1.21

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

K. Brown 12/4

S. Parish 12/10

J. Thompson 12/17

M. Burney 12/31

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Pride Times

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Half-way there, already?

It's hard to believe, we are about to wrap up our first semester of learning at PES! Even with all of the things we are working to manage on a day to day basis, our leaders are learning and thriving academically. We thank YOU PES family for your support and encouragement. Our students have done a great job both at school and online to continue learning and growing. Our staff at PES is to be commended for their daily commitment to safety and to ensuring all students get the most out of each day. As we enter the 2nd semester, we will continue to work as a school family to provide the

very best, for the very best children in Auburn! We LOVE our leaders!

PTO Fundraiser

This year, we will hold our annual fundraiser in February:

10 For the Win

In an effort to make this easy for families and raise our funds, we are asking each PES student to secure 10 people to donate \$10.00 each. Students will earn tickets to be placed in drawings for great prizes. The more \$10.00 donations students bring, the more tickets for the drawings. Start asking friends and family now to support your child. We will begin

our fundraiser on 2.1.21 and will go for 10 days. The money we earn this year will go to support our Fine Arts departments, technology development, classroom libraries and student services (such as fieldtrips, on campus units of study, etc.) Every dollar counts so please support all of our leaders this year with this opportunity!

DAD'S LEAGUE:

Thank you so much to those who attended our Dad's League meeting in November. It was great to hear from Coach KT Harrell. Even with technical difficulties, it turned out to be a great night of fun and fellowship!

School Academic Goals: As we shared in our last newsletter, there were 3 areas in need of focus in our school-wide academic data: Reading comprehension, Math Fact fluency and Vocabulary development. Please help us at home by providing time for your child to **read to you** and discuss what was read. This is a great way to discuss new words or clarify the meanings of words and their spellings. In the car, turn off the radio and call out multiplication tables. Around the house, when your child is doing chores or carrying out a task, make up math problems for your child to solve to make it fun and engaging. The more children see the relevance of what they are learning and apply it on a daily basis, the easier it is for it to stick with them. We thank you for your support at home. Please be sure your child reads over the winter break!

HABIT OF THE MONTH:

First Things First

For the month of December, we will be helping students focus on how putting first things first leads to greater success in the classroom and in life! This habit embodies the following mindsets:

- I say no to things I shouldn't do
- I spend time on what's important
- I am disciplined and organized
- I make and follow a schedule
- I set priorities

*Parent tip: You can reinforce this habit when you are redirecting your child who is choosing to play or socialize instead of focusing and attending to a task/homework by simply asking "Are you putting first things first?"

Counseling lessons this month will focus on time management skills, ways to avoid procrastination, and how to prioritize appropriately. Thanks for your support!

