



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Flexible Grouping

Over the past year PES teachers have been researching and piloting different methods of classroom instruction so that we can better personalize instruction at the elementary level. Historically, we have one teacher with a group of 20-25 students all in the same grade that does a mix of individual, small group, and whole group instruction. This year we have been trying some different models that includes teachers combining classrooms of up to 40 students and co-teaching lessons together. We also have teachers with two grade levels working in the same space. Parent feedback has indicated this practice allows students to work at their own pace and builds student confidence. We will continue to share more information on class set up this month and look for parent input on class placement in May.



Kindergarten Registration

On April 12 from 1:00-6:30 p.m., the Pittsfield Elementary School staff and administration will welcome students turning five prior to September 30. Please call the PES main office at 435-8432 to schedule an appointment for April 12. Appointment blocks are fifteen minutes long. During the appointment, families and students will have an opportunity to meet school staff, turn in registration paperwork, take a tour of the school, and learn more about Kindergarten Summer Camp.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wellness Coalition Meeting
PMHS Library
April 3, 2017, 6:00 PM

PES PTO Meeting
PES Library
April 4, 2017, 6:30 PM

School Board Meeting
PMHS Library
April 6, 2017, 5:30 PM

Good to Great Team Meeting
PMHS Room 126
April 11, 2017 4:30 PM

Kindergarten Registration
PES Kindergarten Foyer
April 12, 2017, 1:00-6:30 PM

Jon Kesty Community Presentation
PMHS Lecture Hall
April 12, 2017, 6:00 PM

Wellness Coalition Meeting
PMHS Library
April 17, 2017, 6:00 PM

Community Conversation Series
PMHS Lecture Hall
April 18, 2017, 6:00 PM

School Board Meeting
PMHS Library
April 20, 2016, 5:30 PM

The district calendar is available at:
www.pittsfieldnhschools.org

Meet Mrs. Marshall

Mrs. Marshall is the new middle school math teacher. She was born in New Jersey but moved to Hampton, New Hampshire in first grade. Mrs. Marshall went to Winnacunnet High School and then attended Plymouth State University. She received her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with a concentration in Middle School Education (grades 5 through 8). As part of her degree program, she completed her student teaching at Portsmouth Middle School and then worked there as a paraprofessional for a year. We are pleased to have Mrs. Marshall on our middle school team!

Jon Kesty Community Presentation

On April 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the PMHS lecture hall, the Pittsfield Community Wellness Coalition, is sponsoring an informational and educational talk on opiate addiction with Jon Kesty. Mr. Kesty is a United States Navy veteran and a 25-year veteran of hi-tech having held many different positions from account executive to the VP level. For more than a year, Mr. Kesty has been educating middle and high school students, college students, businesses, and community coalitions about Substance Misuse Disorder, breaking the stigma and promoting the movement to have this ailment recognized as the chronic brain disease that it is. Research shows that the best way to prevent children from starting to use drugs is to build the connections they have with their communities, their peers, and their families. We hope you can join us for the program!



English 12 students recently visited the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. They made clay boats to represent immigration to the New World.

PARENTS CORNER

Family Literacy Night

Steve Schuch will be performing at Pittsfield Elementary School on April 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the PES gym. His performance will entail storytelling through song and music. All are welcome to join!

Mosaic Unveiling

The PES artist in residency program will be unveiling their mosaic on April 20 at 8:15 a.m. at a whole school morning meeting. Families are welcome to join us! The final product will be installed at the Town Hall.

April Break

April Break is coming up soon! There will be no school the week of April 24. School will re-open on May 1. We will post office hours on our school websites prior to the start of the April Break.