



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Red Ribbon Week

This week is recognized nationally as Red Ribbon Week. The National Family Partnership sponsors the Red Ribbon Celebration to keep children, families, and communities safe, healthy, and drug free. Students and staff in both schools will be wearing red ribbons or bracelets to present a unified and visible commitment towards a drug-free America. This year's Red Ribbon Week theme is *Life is your Journey. Travel drug free.* Parents and caregivers who would like some ideas about having drug use conversations are encouraged to take a look at the resources available from the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Hampshire on the organization's website: drugfreenh.org.



PES Halloween Parade

Our annual Halloween Parade for students in grades K-6 will be held on Friday, October 26, starting at approximately 1:20 p.m. Students will walk up the pathway to the high school, circle around the high school, walk down Berry Avenue, proceed down Tilton Hill Road towards the elementary school, and back up Bow Street to the elementary school. Classroom celebrations will follow the parade. Family members and guests are welcome to join us!

IMPORTANT DATES

Early Release

PES: 1:00 PM/PMHS: 1:15 PM
October 24, 2018

PES Halloween Parade

PES
October 26, 2018, 1:20 PM

Family Engagement Team Meeting

PMHS Room 126
October 30, 2018, 6:00 PM

Early Release

PES: 1:00 PM/PMHS: 1:15 PM
October 31, 2018

School Board Meeting

PMHS Library
November 1, 2018, 5:30 PM

Stand Up Pittsfield Meeting

PMHS Library
November 5, 2018, 6:00 PM

Early Release

PES: 1:00 PM/PMHS: 1:15 PM
November 7, 2018

No School

Veteran's Day
November 12, 2018

PES PTO Meeting

PES Library
November 14, 2018, 6:00 PM

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

Meet Mrs. Northrop

Christine Northrop grew up in Nashua, NH. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Elementary Education. After teaching for 7 years in Connecticut, she came home to NH. She is certified in elementary education and special education with a learning disabilities endorsement. Mrs. Northrop lives with her husband, two sons and two cats. She loves teaching, reading, hiking and kayaking. She loves to travel to visit family and to see new places. She takes lots of photos! She is very happy to be teaching Kindergarten at Pittsfield Elementary School.

Vaping Education

According to the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior, 41.1% of students in grades 7-12 reported using an electronic vaping product. In an effort to educate students on risks of vaping, students in grades 5-12 are participating in classroom and grade level discussions with our Student Assistance Program counselor and the Merrimack County Juvenile Services Department. Additionally, Breathe New Hampshire will be sharing a presentation entitled *Vaping Unveiled* and facilitating a panel discussion with school staff and community representatives on Thursday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the PMHS lecture hall. Students, parents, and community members are all welcome to attend.

PES Students Visit Local Municipalities



As part of its recent community studies unit, third and fourth graders visited the Pittsfield Police Department, the Town Hall, and Carpenter Library.

PARENTS CORNER

First Quarter Closing Soon

The first quarter closes on November 2. Report cards for PES families will be available at parent-teacher conferences. PMHS report cards will be mailed home on November 9.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The parent-teacher conference window at PES is November 13-16. Student-led conferences at PMHS are November 5-16. There is no school on Friday, November 16. Please contact teachers or advisers to schedule.

PES Picture Re-takes

Picture re-takes are Tuesday, November 20. We will also use this opportunity to take classroom photographs for grades PK-6.