

Penn Beach Newsletter

March 2020



School Closings & Important Dates

- Choir dates for March – 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 – pick up in Penn Beach Cafeteria at 4pm
- March 7 – Pennsville Education Foundation Casino Night – Riverview Inn, 7pm – tickets on sale in the main office of Penn Beach: \$50/person or \$80/couple
- March 8 – Daylight Savings Time begins – Remember to set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to bed Saturday night
- March 12 – RSVP's due for Grandparents' Day Luncheon (4th/5th Grades)
- March 13 – No School – County In-Service Day for Staff
- March 16 – Rocky's Reading Challenge Bookmarks are due
- March 17 – End of Trimester 2
- March 17 – Pennsville Education Foundation Meeting – 6pm in the District Office
- March 31 – Grandparents' Day Luncheon for 4th/5th Grades – See details on Page 2 of newsletter



Absences

Please remember to call when keeping your child home, 540-6200, option 4. You can leave a message any time. To avoid having unexcused absences, please remember to mention that your child is sick when you leave the message or follow up with a note from you or the doctor.

Please note also that **excessive absenteeism** negatively impacts children's academic success. When students are absent, everyone in the classroom is affected, not just those students who miss school. Teachers may have to take time away from lesson planning and delivery of instruction for all students in order to gather make-up work, administer make-up assessments, and catch-up students on important skills they missed. Schooling has changed and so have the types of learning experiences that we provide our students in classrooms today. It is very difficult to prepare make-up work to replace cooperative group activities, inquiry-based/discovery type experiences and "hands-on" math lessons to name a few. In addition, the student misses the instructional piece necessary to be successful with the "work". It may be necessary for make-up work to be given upon return as opposed to in advance. It is very important for students to be in school whenever possible.

From our School Nurse

Just a reminder to parents of 5th graders: Please send in documentation of the required immunizations for 6th grade as your child receives them at their 11 year well visit.

Please remember it is your responsibility to supervise your child's hygiene and head inspections. Lice outbreaks are common among children and even the cleanest child can easily become infested. It's important that you routinely inspect your entire family because lice are becoming increasingly difficult to eliminate. If you discover lice on your child, it is helpful if you let me know.

Remember that your child should not attend school if they have had a fever of 100° or higher, vomiting, and/or diarrhea in the past 24 hours. Please keep them home to rest and recuperate.

Appropriate Footwear: Now that the weather is getting warmer, please make sure your child brings a pair of sneakers with him/her on days he/she chooses to wear open-toed shoes to school so they can be worn for recess and physical education.

Grandparents' Day Luncheon

RSVP's are due by March 12th for Penn Beach's upcoming Grandparents' Day Luncheon, which is being held on Tuesday, March 31st. We request that grandparents only attend this special lunch due to facility space. *Parents may volunteer to help serve food or work at the book fair – if interested, please return the volunteer memo or contact the main office or your child's teacher.* If an RSVP has not been turned in by March 12th and a grandparent wishes to attend, we will need to charge \$10 per grandparent or they may bring in a lunch.

Lunch 1: Mrs. Clayton; Mrs. Mulford; Ms. Reilly

Lunch: 10:30 to 11:00

Book Fair/Recess: 11:00 to 11:30

Classroom Visit: 11:30 to 11:45

Lunch 2: Mr. DeFillippis; Ms. Klein; Ms. Walters

Lunch: 11:15 to 11:45

Book Fair/Recess: 11:45 to 12:15

Classroom Visit: 12:15 to 12:30

Lunch 3: Mrs. Hannum; Ms. Nucifore; Mrs. Sheets

Lunch: 12:00 to 12:30

Book Fair/Recess: 12:30 to 1:00

Classroom Visit: 1:00 to 1:15

Lunch 4: Mrs. Marks; Mrs. McCarthy; Ms. Wheatley

Lunch: 12:45 to 1:15

Book Fair/Recess: 1:15 to 1:45

Classroom Visit: 1:45 to 2:00



We need your help in staffing the upcoming Grandparents' Day Luncheon & Book Fair on March 31st. Please help if you can. A volunteer memo will be sent home soon. If you can help, please fill out the bottom of the form and send it back in to school.

Report Cards

Report Cards for Trimester 2 will be available to be viewed on PowerSchool on March 23. If you need your password reset for your Power School single sign-on account in order to view your child's grades online or help with setting up a School Café account to check lunch balances or add money to your child's account, please contact the main office at 540-6200 x 7600.

School Website

Please visit the Penn Beach website for important information regarding our school. New information gets added throughout the school year. If you have any suggestions of items you would like added to the site, please let us know.
<http://www.psdnet.org/psdnet/Schools/Penn%20Beach/>