

Peninsula Parent Post

August 23, 2022

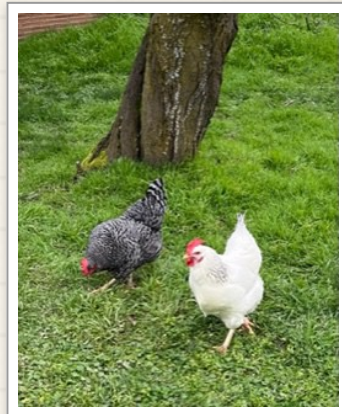
Welcome Back

Peninsula Families, I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are so excited to welcome your student back to school next week. I will use this new platform to share weekly updates and important information. If you have topics you'd like me to address, please reach out to me: cskelly@pps.net.

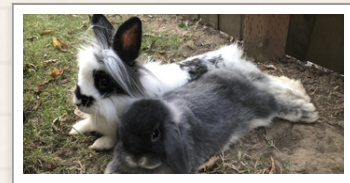
-Claire



Last year's Community Care crew!



Pancake and Rosetta enjoying the courtyard.



Nibs and Petal are excited to get back to school.

Important Updates

Class Assignments:

Class assignments will be shared during the PTA hosted ice cream social on our community care day. (9:00-12:30). If you can't make it, we will make assignments viewable in parentvue that evening.

Community Care Day 8/27 (9:00-12:30)- Meet in the courtyard:

Meet parents and teachers, give your children a chance to reconnect with classmates while helping us beautify our school! wear comfy clothes and Bring gloves and garden tools!

- lawn mower
- power washer
- weed whacker
- rakes
- brooms
- shovels
- clippers

Music, 4th and 5th Grade Staffing:

Thank you for your advocacy in trying to recover staffing for our building. We felt the love! I especially LOVED reading letters from students. Due to our current projected numbers at the 5th grade level, we have not been given any additional classroom teachers. As of now we will move forward with three 4/5 blends that have about 23 students each. We will also continue with .5 music. Mr. Nearing will teach one 45 minute session to each classroom, each week.

New Staff:

We have the pleasure of welcoming several new staff members to Peninsula, or current staff who will be joining us in new roles. They are all AMAZING. Erika Reavis (principal's secretary) and Sara Gilds (school secretary) are the new faces (and voices) of the office. I can't wait for you to meet them.

Claire Wilson will be back as a first grade teacher, and we are SO excited!

School Supply Lists:

Supply lists are updated on the website. If you are struggling to find time to purchase supplies and would prefer to make a monetary donation for supplies. Please reach out. If you are currently unable to purchase supplies-we've got you! (Just let your student's teacher know)

Start of Year Schedule

August 27th- Community Care Day (9:00-12:30)- Meet in the courtyard!

August 30th- First Day of School 1st-5th grade

KINDERGARTEN

Wait for a call from your child's teacher this week for your schedule.

- **August 30th & 31st-** 1:1 with teacher
- **September 1st & 2nd-** Half of kinder class each day.
- **September 5th-** Labor Day (no school)

- **September 6th-** All kinders start!
- **September 6th-** PTA hosts Kinder parent donuts and coffee in the front porch (8:00-8:45)

COVID Updates

During the 22-23 school year, masks will continue to be optional. Staff and volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated. We will continue to have three lunch periods so students can be spaced farther during meal times. Please see the linked slide deck for more detailed information. The newly created COVID self screening checklist is linked here as well.

[COVID/Communicable disease training slides](#)

[COVID self screening checklist](#)

School Safety Measures

In light of recent horrific events, a number of parents have reached out to me to inquire about the safety measures in place at Peninsula:

- We will continue to require that all visitors and volunteers undergo the volunteer background check.
- To enter the building you will need to be buzzed in through the main door, and will only be allowed in if you are scheduled to visit or volunteer. All other doors remain locked and closed during the school day.
- There are cameras on the main door, as well as the door by the parking lot.
- All classroom doors are locked. Most classrooms have a "door duty" student job to open doors for visitors to the classroom.
- We have drills that we practice a few time each year, but because they can be traumatic for students, most of the drill work is adults practicing our protocols, with as little impact to students as possible.
- All gates to the playground and courtyard are locked during school hours.

If you have any further questions, please reach out! cskelly@pps.net

Important Links

- **Breakfast and lunch will again be free at Peninsula this year.** If you might qualify for free and reduced lunches, I encourage you to complete the application, as this may give Peninsula access to other beneficial resources. [Link to Free lunch application](#)

- [Daily procedures](#): Arrival and dismissal procedures.
- [Link school year calendar](#)

A Message from your PTA (linked here)

Join us for the first PTA meeting. September 14th at 6pm in the Peninsula library.

