



Eagle Nation



Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School

MARCH IS READING MONTH!!!

A Note From Mr. Sedick

March is upon us, and once again, it is time for Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School to celebrate **READING MONTH**. We have a number of events planned throughout the month with a central focus on literacy and promoting *all* children becoming strong readers. We are asking for the help of all of our parents in talking to your children about the importance of being a strong reader in today's society. Please see our monthly calendar, as well as your child's classroom newsletters for information regarding events throughout the month-long celebration of literacy and reading. Our 5-week Weekend War-

riors Saturday School program started on Saturday, February 27. This program is a wonderful opportunity for students who have scored just below proficiency on the MEAP test in grades 3-5 and for those preparing to take the MEAP for the very first time in 2nd grade. If your child has been selected to participate in this wonderful program (which runs from 7:30-12:00 each assigned Saturday), please make sure that he/she is present, as we saw that those who were regular participants in last year's program were much better prepared for this year's MEAP test in October. The remaining dates for

this segment of Saturday School are March 8, March 13, March 20 and March 27. We will then take a break during the month of April and bring our program back each Saturday in the month of May. This truly is a great opportunity for our children and should be taken advantage by all who are invited. Breakfast and lunch are served to all students who attend this program. If you would like to register your child, please contact either Mr. Butler or Mrs. Caraballo in the Elementary Office at 248.745.9420. I know that the month of March will bring great things for all of us at PAE!

Update to Indoor Dismissal Policy for ALL Students

Due to the increasing number of students being found in unauthorized areas during our indoor dismissal procedures, starting this month, **ALL** Elementary students are to wait with their teachers in their classroom's assigned area

until either (a) their ride arrives and a PAE staff member comes to escort them to their ride, or (b) an older sibling comes to pick them up to take them home. Students who are caught in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action via the

School Code of Conduct. This is a safety and security measure and is to be taken seriously by **ALL**. Parents wishing to give consent to their child to wait elsewhere for dismissal **MUST SUBMIT THIS REQUEST IN WRITING TO THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE.**

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Upcoming Events

- 3/5—Progress Reports Sent Home
- 3/6—Saturday School 7:30-12:00pm
- 3/8-3/11—Scholastic Book Fair
- 3/16—Saturday School 7:30-12:00pm
- 3/16—School Board Meeting 5pm
- 3/17—Parent/Principal's Meeting
- 3/18, 3/19—No School for Students
- 3/20—Saturday School 7:30-12:00pm
- 3/23—Honor Roll Ceremony 5:00
- 3/24—Elementary Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- 3/26—Elementary Students may Dress-Down for \$1
- 3/27—Saturday School 7:30-12:00pm
- 3/31—Literacy Night

Students Leaving Campus

At Pontiac Academy for Excellence, it is our primary objective to ensure the safety and security of each and every one of our students while they remain on our campus. Over the past few weeks, students leaving campus during dismissal to go across the street to the store, then to return to school has become a growing concern with our students. This act is addressed in our Student Handbook, and is a violation of our school's Code of Conduct. Please note that students found in violation of this policy will be subjected to the disciplinary code. There are too many things that can go wrong when our children decide to break the safety measures that we have put in place here at the school. This presents risks

that Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School is not willing to take. The safety of our students is the very reason why we have precautions such as this in place. We are asking that all parents talk to their students about the dangers of leaving school grounds unattended and without permission. In order to assure that our students are safe and secure, it will take a continued partnership between parents and staff members at the school.



Scholastic Book Fair Coming to P.A.E.!!!

In an effort to celebrate Reading Month at Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School, we are preparing to host our second Scholastic Book Fair in the Elementary Library beginning on March 8, and running through March 11. During this time, students will be welcome to bring their money to the Library to spend on books, posters, as well as a number of educational items. Parents are more than welcome to visit the Library at this time to browse and shop for

their students. Please be advised that participation in this Book Fair is not mandatory, and that the items available through the Book Fair will not be available past the final day which is Thursday, March 11.



Pontiac Academy for Excellence School Board of Directors

Pontiac Academy for Excellence is currently accepting applications for candidates for School Board of Directors position. Applications are available in the Administrative Office or by contacting Mrs. Brinson at 248.745.9420 ext. 2115. All applications must be submitted by April 19, 2010

Kiwanis Club of Pontiac Adds to the Excitement of Reading Month!!!

On Wednesday, February 24, the students in the 3rd grade were visited by the Kiwanis Club of Pontiac for their annual Dictionary Assembly. In addition to being presented with their very own Student Dictionary to keep, each and every third grade student was given the opportunity to compete in word hunts in their dictionaries for prizes. Our friends from the Kiwanis Club of Pontiac spoke to our students about the importance of knowing how to properly use a dictionary, even in the lower Elementary grade levels, as it is a skill that they will benefit from throughout their academic careers. As always, the assembly was a huge success and our third graders are looking forward to using their dictionaries in the classroom to aide in their academic achievement.



"Listen to the mustn'ts, child.
Listen to the don'ts. Listen to the
shouldn'ts, the impossibles, the
won'ts. Listen to the never haves,
then listen close to me...Anything
can happen, child. Anything can
be.

-Shel Silverstein