

# Eagle Nation

## Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School

### A Note From Mr. Sedick

Hello and Happy May to all!!! I hope the spring season has been good to everyone in our school community. May is always an exciting time at Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School, as it is a very busy month. With all of the excitement that the month of May provides, also comes a great sense of excitement and energy in our students. Sometimes this energy can be very positive, though, at times, this additional energy can be the cause of negativity. In recent weeks, we have encountered an increasing amount of disciplinary concerns as a result of unwarranted physical contact or fighting. Our district has a zero tolerance policy for these kinds of code of conduct violations. Often times students can make bad choices when interacting with classmates. What we try to teach at Pontiac

Academy for Excellence Elementary School is the power of using words to solve problems, rather than engaging in physical contact. There have been a number of students who have made the choice to fight, hit or kick other students, and when disciplinary action is taken, tell us that their parents tell them that if someone hits them to hit back, or if someone is bothering them to take matters into their own hands. While it is not my place or intent, nor that of any of the staff at Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School, to tell anyone what to tell their children, I implore all of our parents to talk to our students about the consequences of hitting, kicking or fighting in school, which is a suspension from school, which will become a part of the child's permanent school record that will

travel with them until they graduate high school. We teach our students to work together through teamwork to solve problems, as they will be required to upon entry into college, as well as the workforce as adults. I am personally asking all of our parents to please speak with your children about the importance of not being physical at school, to use words, not fists, to solve problems, and if that doesn't work, to notify a staff member to handle the situation. Each and every minute of education a child receives is critical, and with this understanding being shared throughout our school community, we can work together to ensure the very best educational experience for each of our students, which will open the door to great and positive opportunities for our young people as they continue to grow!

### Spring Concert is Coming!!!

The Spring Music Concert is May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM (students should arrive at 5:30), which is a change from the original date on the yearlong calendar. The concert is at Life Worship Center, 830 Auburn Ave, Pontiac. Students are re-

quired wear appropriate attire (no blue jeans, please) and have the option of wearing their uniform to the performance. We LOVED the participation for the winter concert, which was great, but we are hoping for an even better turnout at

this season's concert (parents be sure to bring your cameras). If you have any questions pertaining to this event, please contact Ms. Fox, our Elementary Music Teacher at 248-745-9420 ext. 2112.

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#### Upcoming Events

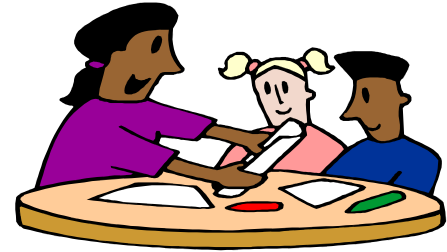
- May 3-7: Staff Appreciation Week
- May 7: Progress Reports are Distributed.
- May 12: Spring Concert
- May 13: 2nd Grade Field trip to Detroit Science Center
- May 18: School Board Meeting
- May 19: Parent/Principal's Meeting
- May 21: Dress Down Day for \$1
- May 21: 5th Grade Field Trip to Greenfield Village
- May 26: 1st Grade Field Trip to Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
- May 27: Kindergarten Field Trip to Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad
- May 27: Parent Appreciation Night
- May 28: No School for Students—Staff Records Day
- May 31: No School—Memorial Day

## How can Parents Get Involved in Staff Appreciation Week?

During the week of May 3–May 7, Pontiac Academy for Excellence will be celebrating Staff Appreciation Week. This is a week that is dedicated to honoring the tremendous job our talented and dedicated staff does each and every day in providing our students with the



very best education in the city of Pontiac. There will be a number of activities and surprises lined-up for our incredible staff during this week, though the week will culminate in a staff lunch provided by our wonderful Pontiac Academy for Excellence parents on Friday, May 7. This is an opportunity for parents to say “Thank You” to our fantastic staff, from the teachers, to the para educators, to the office staff, and all other employees of Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School. For parents who are interested in getting involved in help-



ing us celebrate Staff Appreciation Week, we are looking for parents to donate a dish for the staff lunch on Friday, May 7, there is a sign-up sheet located on Mrs. Caraballo’s desk in the Elementary Office. Please help us honor our tremendous staff!!!

## Parent Appreciation Night Coming This Month

On Thursday, May 27, the Pontiac Academy for Excellence School District will hold a special event for our incredible parents who have supported us throughout the school year. Our Parent Appreciation Night will take place at the Apostolic Church, located at 3655 N. Squirrel Rd. in Auburn Hills. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to honor the contributions that our parents make in the educational

experience of our students. Parents will be honored for their volunteer service throughout the school year in and around the school. Parents will be nominated for awards by our staff based on the contributions they have made. This event truly promises to be great. We are looking forward to an incredible parent turnout for this evening’s festivities.



## Open Enrollment Begins May 3!!!

We would like to remind all of our parents that if you are interested in re-enrolling your student for the 2010-2011 school year, our re-enrollment period that is open to all returning students as ended, and effective May 3, we will be opening our enrollment to all students both returning, as well as new. Returning students will still be allowed to re-enroll, though the sooner the re-enrollment packet is completed, the

better chances your child will have of securing a seat for the upcoming school year, which promises to offer even more educational opportunities for our students than ever. As always, we encourage every family to re-enroll your students as quickly as possible for the 2010-2011 school year!

