# BUSANSKY BUZZ WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

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#### A Word from the Principal, Mrs. DiBella

Greetings Busansky Families!

Happy November! It's a whirlwind month of holidays and early dismissal days! We celebrate Veterans' Day in the beginning of the month by honoring Busansky veterans with our new knowledge and words of thanks. Thanksgiving is celebrated at the end of the month with Busansky families and friends. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday without the hustle and bustle of gifting but with the fun of family, football, and food! Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Early dismissal days begin on November 20th and conclude on November 27th. Please schedule your parent/teacher conferences. A new process has come home but through Genesis of which you have access. It's important to meet with your teachers to discuss your child's successes and areas of concern. The first marking period is almost complete and serves as a baseline for the school year. Please review your child's progress and set goals for the next marking period.

#### Character Education

November and December are months of Service. Students will study (read, team build, practice) the core value of service and how it relates to kindness, acceptance, and caring. It's cool to be KIND, complements our core value. Please look for a service at-home project to come home. Looking for adults in our community who would like to be part of our Character Education TEAM. If you are interested, please let me know.

Pemberton Rotary is collecting non-perishable food. Our "Fill-Up Phil" cart is dedicated to this collection through November but will continue to collect to serve December. our through

Busanskv Families



Book Fair begins November 20th. Flyers will come home for your review.

November 6 Veterans' Day Observance 10AM

November 7 and 8 NJEA Teachers' Convention No Scheel

November 11 Veterans' Day No School

November 12 PTO Meeting 4PM

November 13 Family Fun Learning 5-7PM

November 14 Snack Attack

November 19 Fifth Grade Publishing Celebration 6-7:30PM Pretzel Sale

November 20 Book Fair Open Early Dismissal@1:45PM

November 21 Early Dismissal@1:45PM Parent Teacher Conferences 2-4PM and 5-7PM

November 22 Book Fair Open Early Dismissal@1:45PM

November 25 Early Dismissal@1:45PM Parent Teacher Conferences 2-4PM

November 26 Book Fair Open Early Dismissal@1:45PM Parent Teacher Conferences 5-7PM

November 27 Early Dismissal@1:45PM



Paw Prides have been awarded to M. Macavoy, A. Rogers, J. Aldrich, A. Ruff, B. Weekly, D.Carderas, M. Simmons, S. Phillips, M. Bolden, N. Bell, C. Lewis, E. Jerome, C. Sams, J. Weekly, J. Askew, A. Huffman, J. Fredericks, G. Letie, and A. Jiminez for being extra respectful and extra kind this past month toward their friends or staff.

### RESPECT AWARDS



Congratulations to E. Jerome, A. Ferreira, A. Kuruca, S. Phelps, J. Cuevas, and A. Corson who were honored for their commitment to RESPECT throughout the months of September and October.

#### Attendance

Students in school, everyday, all day, and ready for the day is always our goal. With that goal in mind, we track our daily attendance. Our school goal is 95.2% (less than 13 students per day) attendance everyday. If a student misses school more than 10% of the attended school days (180), that student is considered chronically absent. Please reach out to Mrs. DiBella or Ms. Gomba if there are any medical concerns that should be documented. I challenge you to reach the goal in regards to your children.

There have been 8 classrooms who have achieved 17 days of Perfect Attendance and have been celebrated for this accomplishment.

Our TEAM is here to support our students, staff and families in assisting our students to become confident, competent learners. If at any time you have questions or concerns about your child and their learning outcomes and needs, please contact us.



A Message from Ms. O'Malley



This month we will be collecting canned goods and nonperishable items for local families in need. Please join us as we feed our friends & neighbors!

Our NEW Peer Mediators have successfully completed many hours of conflict resolution and mediation training! Congratulations to our entire Peer Mediation Team: *Amelia Emmons, Stella Phillips, Nathan Bell, Jason Lin, Ethan Stevenson, Taylor Martin, Donavan Hagerty, Michael Baker, Amahri Williams, Millana Murchison, Essence Malone, Bella Pfeifer, Ahmad Rodgers, Hailey Price, Rashon Parker, Sajid Mohammed, Jamonie Liason, Gianna Letie, Caitlynn Goldstein, Emma*  Jerome, Emannie, Malone Alana Campbell, Joshua Weeky, Madison Bostick, Chloe Lewis, Kaitlyn Roohr, Taniah Johnson, Machayla Willis, Naomi Johnson, Erica Zapien, Blake Servon, Emiliana Eichhorn, Katelyn Hutchinson, Jae'lynn Accardi, Madison, White Kaitlyn Rains, Miguel Velasques, Alexandria Ervin, Jariel Diaz, Brianna Lowrey, Jayla Thomas, Dajanae Williams, Evelyn Monroe, & Ahmira Middleton!

Community Resources: Click links  $\rightarrow$  Youth Community Resource Guide , Food Pantries , & Burlington Resource Net

Working together,

Ms. Brittney O'Malley



# Our School Nurse, Ms. Gomba

Welcome to November!!

As the weather is getting cooler please make sure your children come to school in seasonally appropriate clothing. Although our school is warm, most days the students will go outside for recess and gym class. Dress warmly with coats, hats, and gloves!!

Wishing all of our students, families, and staff a healthy November.

Nicole Gomba, RN, BSN, CSN



Our School Security Officer, Mr. Baker

As we head into November and the cooler months, this is when we tend to have less students walking and instead being dropped off and picked up from the school. Please keep in mind that dismissal does not begin until 3:45. We ask that you do not begin to arrive to pick up until 3:40 the earliest. This will allow any staff or visitors to the building to exit the parking lot safely and more importantly for the busses to navigate to their appropriate spot in line to be called. A more favorable option is to park across the street near the park and our crossing guard will safely cross your child over to you, allowing you to have a much smoother and timely departure.

#### <u>Safety Patrol</u>

Our Safety Patrol is off to a great start! Congratulations to Millana Murchison for earning October Safety Patroller of the Month.

As the patrol continues to carry out their duties of helping students and visitors transition safely around our campus, they will be switching gears slightly as they begin training to teach our Lizzie Sider Anti-Bully program to their peers. Patrollers will spend the next few weeks with me and Ms. O'Malley as they learn and master the program to present to the students beginning in January.

Wishing a safe and happy holiday to you all.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time.

# Just a few reminders:

- Student arrival starts at 9:00 am. Please DO NOT arrive and park in the drop off line prior to 8:50 am. Arriving any earlier disrupts the flow of traffic and staff trying to get to the staff parking lot. Dismissal begins at 3:45 pm. If you are doing everyday pickup, please try not to arrive more than <u>5 minutes</u> prior to dismissal and do not line up in front of the school until the bell rings as that is a fire lane and needs to remain open as long as possible
- Please have and show a valid form of ID **EVERY** time you pick up your child from the building.
- If you have someone pick up your child other than you (the parent/guardian) they **MUST** be on your emergency list. Exceptions will only be made on a case by case basis and with a note signed by the parent/guardian sent in advance or an email to either the security office (sbaker@pemb.org) or main office (smcguinness@pemb.org) from the parents **Genesis registered** email address.

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Shawn Baker, SSG, CISM, AIC sbaker@pemb.org Ext. 1307



# **PTO News**

Happy November !!

Welcome to the Holiday season. The PTO is always looking for volunteers to help make our events run successfully. Please feel free to visit our newly updated social media pages and stay abreast of upcoming news. Instagram and Twitter-BusanskyTeamPTO; and Follow us on FB @buildingkindnessforlife (BusanskyPTOTeam).

This newsletter will be published once a month to keep you updated on all the happenings at our school. If you have any news to share, please email Mrs. McGuinness (smcguinness@pemb.org) with your information. Thank you.