

BUSANSKY BUZZ

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

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October 1
Youth Alliance Assembly 2:50PM

Week of Respect
Fire Prevention Week

October 7
Fire Prevention Assembly 10AM

October 8
Character Education Assembly 2PM

October 9
Book & Bake Sale
Family Fun Learning Night 5-7PM

October 11
Teacher In-service-No School for Students

October 14
Columbus Day-No School

October 15
PTO Meeting 6PM

Violence Awareness Week

October 23
Title One Parent Night (at Emmons)
6PM

October 30
Respect Assembly 9:30AM

October 31
Fall Festival

A Word from the Principal, Mrs. DiBella

Greetings Busansky Families!

Happy Fall! Students have mastered the routines of our new school year and are working diligently to grow their minds and character. In order to develop a mindset of growth, the following table is an example of how to make changes toward academic success and emotional well-being. Our children will benefit from everyday conversations about how to think a little differently.

INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

Summer Reading

Students who accomplished their summer reading goals were acknowledged with a certificate and wrist band (I Love Reading) and celebrated with ice cream sundaes. We had over 30 students who practiced their reading over the summer. Students who read 20 minutes a day (other than homework or school work) increase their levels of learning. Please support this venture at home.

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

Please return these forms even if you are not eligible. The district receives additional funding for our schools dependent upon these forms.

Other Forms

Please return the Emergency Forms, Photo Release Forms, and School Handbook Forms as quickly as possible so we have all your information up-to-date. Many thanks!

Character Education



October is Respect month. Students will study (read, team build, practice) the core value of respect and how it relates to kindness, acceptance, and caring. It's cool to be KIND, complements our core value. Please look for a respect at-home project to come home. Our Respect Assembly, hosted by fourth grade, will take place on October 30th at 9:30AM. 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.

Paw Prides have been awarded to Z. Burke, R. Parker, M. Johnson, E. Malone, and C. DeLisi for being extra respectful and extra kind this past month toward their friends or teachers.

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.

It is exciting that we have 5 students who are still earning Perfect Attendance from last year!

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 celebrate the *Week of Respect* (Oct. 7th-11th) & *School Violence Awareness Week* (Oct. 21st-25th)! Lessons and spirit day activities will allow our students to embrace peaceful ways to

resolve conflict and kindness towards others. Find activities listed for these weeks on our school's webpage!!

Our Conflict Resolution & Peer Mediator Program is growing tremendously. *Students*, if you are still interested in becoming a Peer Mediator, applications are due October 4th!

Community Resources: *Click links* → [Youth Community Resource Guide](#) , [Food Pantries](#) , & [Burlington Resource Net](#)

Working together,

Ms. Brittney O'Malley



Our School Nurse, Ms. Gomba

Welcome to October!!

The upcoming fall weather will bring about new allergens and other aggravators of asthma. If your child has asthma please bring their ASTHMA ACTION PLAN from their physician as well as their inhaler or nebulizer treatment medications so that we have them readily available. Asthma flare ups can cause a lot of missed school so prevention is key!

Wishing all of our students, families, and staff a healthy October!

Nicole Gomba, RN, BSN, CSN



Our School Security Officer, Mr. Baker

The start of October and the fall season brings us the topic of Fire Prevention. Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12 and the theme this year is "**Not Every Hero Wears a Cape - Plan and Practice Your Escape**".

That week some of Pemberton's Bravest will be visiting our school to share some tips on fire safety and what they do, with the students. For a wealth of information and activities you can share with your students and families visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

Safety Patrol

Our 5th grade Safety Patrol is trained and now manning their posts and are eager to assist their fellow students and guest to the building. If you see them out and about be sure to stop and say hi. You will see them in the halls, out on the bus platform and at the crosswalks in the mornings and afternoons.

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 **5 minutes** 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.

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

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PTO News

Happy October!! The PTO hopes to see you all at Fall Fest this month on the 31st. We will be offering tons of fall treats to get in the spooky mood. As always, volunteers are needed to help make our school successful please feel free to reach out to any of us or the main office for help! Have a great month!



October 15th@6PM

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.