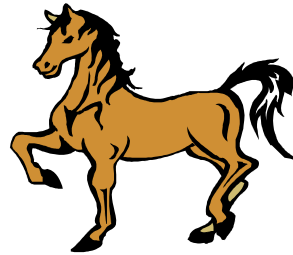


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The monthly newsletter of
Pearl R. Miller Middle School



Notes from the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the third marking period! As we begin the second half of the school year, this is a good opportunity for our students to take stock of where they are at this point. As a parent, you can help your child to do this by talking with your child about his or her progress. What is he or she doing well? Where would he or she like to improve? What steps can he or she take to make that improvement happen, and what help will be necessary to do so? All of these questions can open the door to a very worthwhile conversation.

While the beginning of a new marking period seems like a natural time for such a discussion, speaking

regularly with your child about these topics can help him or her develop the valuable habits of setting goals and self-evaluating. Additionally, with the increased insight that you can gain into your child's progress on an assignment-by-assignment basis through PowerSchool, you can discuss in greater detail how your child's work either validates their goals, or indicates where further improvement can be made. Bear in mind that the more your child can develop and articulate these ideas for himself or herself, the more likely he or she will be to pursue and attain these goals effectively. This will serve your child well now, as well as in the future.

Warming Up to Acts of Kindness

February is a great time to stress and promote acts of kindness with students. In PRM, our Random Acts of Kindness campaign acknowledges students who make small gestures of kindness towards staff and students. Here are some ways you can promote this at home:

- Have every one in your family drop loose change in a jar. At the end of the month, decide where to send the money.
- Buy a few extra items at the grocery store and drop them off at your local homeless shelter or food bank.
- Send a note of appreciation to your local fire or police department to encourage the people who make a difference in our lives.

These small acts can make a huge difference in someone's life.

February 4:
Report Cards Distributed

February 5:
Grades 7 and 8 Teen Canteen

February 18:
Career Day

February 19:
Grade 6 Teen Canteen

Dates To Remember

February 27:
Sports Breakfast

March 3:
Military Bridge

March 16:
Oratorical Speech Contest

PRM HSA REMINDERS

SAVE THE DATE

February 10, 7:30 PM – Internet Safety Presentation – PRM Cafeteria. Given by the Morris County Prosecutors Office. Open to all Kinnelon parents. Free.

February 9, 10, 11 – Pearl's Place will be having its Valentines Day Sale; it will also be open on Tuesdays during lunch periods as usual for all your school supply needs.

February 27 – Friends of Chas is hosting a family ski night at Hidden Valley to support the Ramsden Family. For details, and to register, go to www.hiddenvalleynj.com, click on "calendar" then on Feb 27.

March 3, 6PM – Military Bridge & Basket Auction. Sandwiches, light snacks, beverages. Tricky Tray and 50/50. A great night out!

WANTED

Sponsors for the Military Bridge centerpieces - This year the centerpieces are beautiful topiaries that feature your business card or message. Your card or message will also appear in the event brochure. Each sponsorship is only \$30 and is tax-deductable. Please send 3 business cards (or message) and a check for the total number of centerpieces to: Pearl R Miller – HSA, 117 Kiel Ave., Kinnelon, NJ 07405 Attention: Military Bridge.

Make checks payable to "PRM Home and School Association", due by Feb 15. The children you are benefiting are your own!

Do you shop at Stop and Shop? If you do, you can help us earn bonus points and money for our schools. Go to www.stopandshop.com and sign up today.

Anyone can sign up – ask relatives and friends to sign up too.

Help our district "go green".

Sign up for text caster at www.kinnelonpublicschools.org to receive district information and emergency bulletins.

To get PRM information and forms, go to the PRM website (same web page as above) and click on school notices to see the new Friday Folder. Check each Friday for new information, notices and flyers.