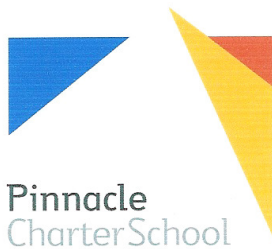


Pinnacle Charter School Communicator



Special points of interest:

- Picture Retakes are 11/8
- No School 11/11 (Veteran's Day)
- Cookie dough fundraiser orders due 11/12

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Attendance

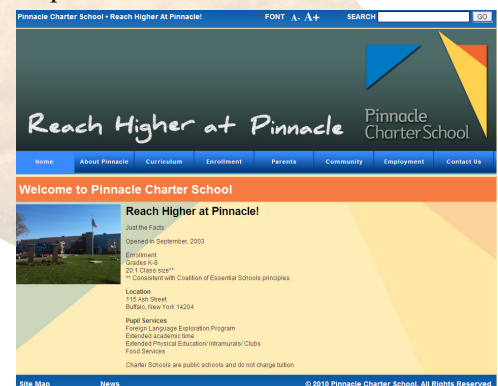
Have you received an attendance call from our Main Office? This year, we have changed our Attendance procedures, based on parent feedback. The **FIRST** day a student is absent, Mrs. Arnold (Main Office), Mrs. Katz (School Nurse) or Mrs. Rochelle (Family Services Coordinator) call the home. Be sure that you read the updated Attendance Policy that is listed in the Student Handbook:

"ALL ABSENCES REQUIRE A WRITTEN NOTE, INCLUDING DATE AND REASON FOR ABSENCE... EXCUSE PADS ARE AVAILABLE one per family, in the Main Office."

Buffalo's First Student buses have been consistently late, however. While we have repeatedly worked with the District to address this problem, some buses are arriving late. Student attendance is taken as late

buses come in. If your child is mistakenly marked absent, it may be because they did not get signed in from a late bus.

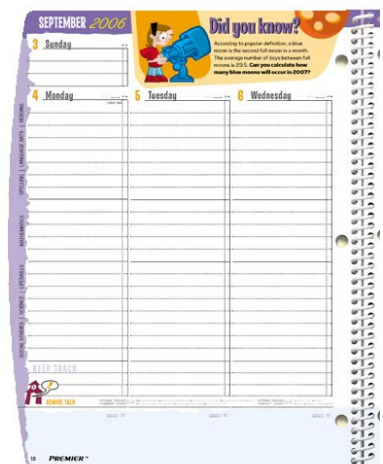
Have you visited our new website? www.PinnacleWNY.org All grade level and department newsletters are available there. Also, Facebook alerts about school news are posted.



COMMUNICATION

While students do not have regular homework at Pinnacle, there is still a need for students to learn responsibility. The school has purchased planners for students in grades 2-8. Students will keep track of their assignments daily. Parents will be asked to review and sign the planners daily or weekly (depending on the grade level).

Please use the planners to check on upcoming tests and your child's assignments. Replacement of lost planners will be \$8.00.



Clip and Save Calendar



November 2010

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2 Election Day Kids Voting 9:00—1:00	3	4	5
8 Family Council Meeting 4:45 pm (Library)	9	10	11 NO SCHOOL <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 Fundraiser Orders Due (Cookie dough)
15	16 Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm (Conference Room)	17 Parent Workshop Early Literacy 4:30—5:15 (Library)	18	19 Art Field Trip Gr 3-8 selected students (Albright-Knox)
22 Fundraiser Orders PICK UP (Cookie dough)	23 New Parent Breakfast 7:45—8:45 (Conference Room)	24	25 NO SCHOOL <i>Thanksgiving</i>	26 NO SCHOOL <i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>
29	30	31	1	2

“I Spy...Someone Using Character” Program

Goal: To promote identification of positive character traits and adoption of those positive character traits within the lives of students, staff, and families of Pinnacle Charter School.

Students were asked to look for examples of students and staff members showing patience last month. Whether they were spied waiting calmly or helping someone slowly, we are proud of all of our students that remembered to demonstrate **patience and organization**– those that were “spied” as well as those that weren’t.



Student Council Elections

Congratulations to the officers that were elected during our 2010 Kids Voting Elections! In order to qualify to be a candidate, the student must be in grades 5-8 and complete an application with several teacher and parent references. Candidates prepared campaign posters and flyers to post throughout the school. Campaign speeches on their platforms were made at a school-wide assembly.



President– Hannah Davis
Vice-President (7-8)- Jocelyn Sadler
2nd Vice President (5-6)- Temara Cross

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Please check the dress code in your Student Handbook and Code of Conduct. All shirts must have collars and may be:

- Navy blue, light blue, or yellow (NO white shirts)
- White *turtlenecks* are allowed only UNDER a navy blue sweater or fleece.
- All pants, skirts, and shorts must be khaki (tan).

- Please put your child’s name in their sweaters in the event that they misplace it.

Uniform violations are written for students that are not in uniform. *After three written violations, your child will call for a change of clothes or be sent home.*

If your child borrowed PCS “extra clothes” due to an accident, please wash and return for the next emergency.

Fundraiser

We listened to you! We have organized all of our fundraisers to be staggered throughout the year. Family Council will host only one major fundraiser during each trimester. Smaller, student-directed sales will also occur. School fundraisers are also scheduled ahead of time- see monthly calendar.

Career Day

On **Friday, October 29**, Pinnacle students participated in a career exploration event. Each year, our students have the opportunity to explore possible career/jobs they may show an interest in.

Instead of dressing up for Halloween, students are encouraged to **dress up as a community member** (i.e., fire fighter, nurse, doctor, teacher, vet, etc). We had community members from selected career fields come and talk to our students about their experience in the world of work. The following careers/ community jobs were wonderful in sharing with our students:

The Buffalo Zoo, Chef, Xerox, Massage Therapist, Medical Sales, Dental Hygentist, Barber, various Health careers, Car Business, Rural Metro, Buffalo Fire Dept., Nurse, Edukids (Marketing), Hertz Rental Cars, Delta Sonic, M & T Bank, Vegetarian Technician, and Lawyer.

Thank you to all of our community partners and parents who helped present, especially Mr. Scott and Pinnacle alumni from the Health Sciences Charter High School.

Parent Workshop Series

Helping Your Child Learn to Read

For Parents/ Caregivers of Kindergarten, K-1, and 1st Graders

Wednesday, November 17

4:30–5:15 pm

Pinnacle Charter School Library

Come and find answers to these questions:

- What is the most important activity for helping my child become a good reader?
- How can I help my child when I work in the evenings?
- What resources are in the community to help me and my child?

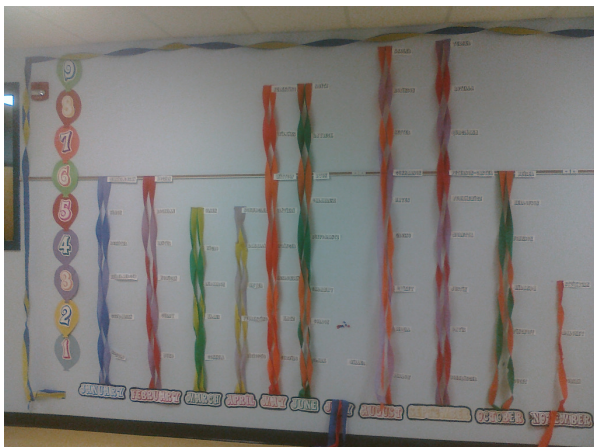
Childcare provided & refreshments

Counselor's Corner

Hello!! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jessica Bedell and I am the school counselor at Pinnacle Charter School. The school counselor's role in a school is to be a liaison between teachers, parents and families. I am able to provide individual and small group counseling services to all students. I also assist all students with their high school planning.

I also feel that it is essential that I am accessible to all students. In order for them to know who I am and my role in this building, I push in to all classrooms and teach lessons on social skills, understanding feelings, improving friendship skills, and how to deal with bullying. If you would like counseling services provided for your child, please contact me and I would be happy to schedule a time to meet with you about your concerns. Thank you!

MATH GRAPHS



Each month our school Math Committee will post a giant graph in the hall for students to read. Graph questions are posed to three age groups. Students (either individually or as a class) read the graph and try to answer the question of the month. Correct answers are put in a drawing for a monthly prize. This month's winners were:

- Mizelle (4G)
- Giavonna (1J)

THE BEAST

By,

Ja'Kari Nettles



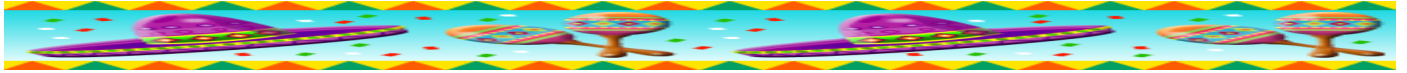
It was a dark and foggy night as my friends and I entered the “Forbidden Forest!” It was dark and very spooky. Jack said, “Why did we come here?” Frank said, “We came here to look for Josh.” “Can we go home?” Juanita said. “We should have stayed home,” Juanita groaned.

Suddenly they heard a very creepy laugh coming from a cabin. “Should we go in?”, said one of the children. Then they saw a strange figure with a body of a lion and a head of a snake. Jack screamed. The man was getting closer. The three of them ran. They all tripped on a rock.

The figure got to them and said, “APRIL FOOLS!” The man took off his mask. “JOSH,” Frank said in excitement. “I can’t believe we finally found you!” “Thank GOODNESS,” Juanita said.

The four walked home together talking about what mom had made them for dinner.

¡Bienvenidos a L.O.T.E!



¡Hola, amigos! All-ô, ami! привѣт! Greetings from L.O.T.E! My name is Mrs. Springer and I teach Kindergarten, First and Second grades. L.O.T.E. stands for Languages Other Than English. We were lucky enough to start off the year with Mr. Heidelberg as our teacher while Mrs. Springer was on maternity leave. Mr. H did a fantastic job teaching us and we will miss him very much!



¡Buenos días!

Kindergarteners are busy learning our colors and can count from 1-10 in Spanish! We are also talking about the four seasons and the type of weather we see in each. Ask your student how to say “hello” in Spanish!

Las formas

K-1 students are hard at work learning how to say many shapes in Spanish. Are there similarities between the English and Spanish words for some of the shapes? Ask the students in Miss Clark’s class. They are quickly becoming experts! We are also learning about the Mexican holiday el Día de los Muertos. Ask your student when that is!



Day of the Dead Dance

First graders students are busy talking about *los magnéticos* in L.O.T.E. We are using magnets to test which things in our classroom *Es magnético* and which are *No es magnético*. We are also practicing how to tell time to the hour in Spanish. ¿*Qué hora es?* ¡*Es la hora de celebrar!*

¡Feliz Día de Los Muertos!

Second graders are counting up a storm! We are learning how to count from 30-100 in Spanish. We are also studying different types of homes that people live in around the world. Who lives in an igloo? A tent? A cabin? Where do people live in teepees? We will compare words for our homes in Spanish and Italian.



Do you have some stories or a book to share about your family’s culture? Come in and share with your child’s L.O.T.E. class! We would love to have parents or family members read to us.

Please call Mrs. Springer to set up a date and time.

Mrs. Springer

L.O.T.E. K-2

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