

Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion Elementary School

PTO Parent Teacher Organization

3rd Quarter Newsletter

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¡HOLA PADRES! The PEW PTO is ready to soar to new heights in 2018. We hope that your holiday was filled with plenty of memories with family and friends.

Thus far in 2018, we have experienced a few school closings due to inclement weather.

Prince George's County Schools included several inclement weather make-up days in the 2017-18 calendar, which are listed below:

* Friday, February 9, 2018

- Thursday, April 5, 2018

- Friday, April 6, 2018

(*Students are expected to attend classes.
Student Holiday is cancelled.)

For more information, visit:

<http://go.activecalendar.com/pgcps/>

Stay Connected. Stay Informed.

Twitter: @PEWPTO

Facebook: @PEWPTO

Email: pewpto@gmail.com

Website: www.pewpto.org

It's not too late to join the fun this Spring!

Sign up today on the PEW PTO website.

2017-18 PEW PTO Executive Board

President Niky Wooding

Corresponding Secretary Martha Heil

Recording Secretary Keenon James

Treasurer Chaitra Chambers

Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs

Michelle Rose and Camille Jones

¿QUE PASO, PEW PTO?

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

The PEW PTO turned our school into Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory! PEW students and parents meant business selling their briefcase boxes filled with chocolate. All participating students were awarded a pizza party and prizes for their participation.

Wreath Decorating Contest

This year, the PEW PTO introduced the wreath decorating contest to help bring festive décor to the halls of PEW. 'Tis the season for holiday cheer. To see the beautiful entries and contest results, go to page 2.

Skate Night

PEW families and friends filled the Crofton Skate Zone, after the December 3rd early dismissal, for a night of roll bounce! From beginners to skate pros, everyone enjoyed a night of fellowship (and a few falls) with one another. We hope to see you again at the next skate night on February 23rd... and invite a friend to roll along!

PEW PTO PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

PEW Chess Club

The Chess Club fall session members (pictured below) included 14 students ranging from kindergarten through third grade students. Nine students represented Phyllis E. Williams to compete in the Chess tournament at American University on December 2, 2017. Ms. Carolyn Boston (PGCPS Board of Education Vice Chair, District 6) attended to support our Chess Team, who faced senior opponents in four 30-minute rounds. Our students were resilient and great competitors displaying great sportsmanship and proving that PEW is a "Community of Champions."

The winter session is underway and filled to capacity. Interested in becoming a chess wizard? Look for information regarding the spring session enrollment in your child's folder. Check mate.



WREATH DECORATING CONTEST RESULTS



1st Place: Skylar Manigault

2nd Place: Liliana Johnson

3rd Place: Kenzie Cameron-McCrae

Pictured above: Participating students in the wreath decorating contest with PEW Faculty/ Staff and PEW PTO Fundraising Committee.

PEW PTO PARENTS OF THE QUARTER

The PEW PTO Parents of the Quarter are Darin and Deanah Mitchell. The Mitchell family includes Alexah (2nd Grade) and Carter (Kindergarten). Deanah and Darin facilitate the PEW Chess Club teaching chess fundamentals and competitive strategies for PEW students to train and compete during fall, winter, and spring sessions.

Thank you, Mitchell family, for your continued support. The PEW PTO salutes and appreciates you!



Submit your nomination for Parent(s) of the 4th Quarter to pewpto@gmail.com, using the subject line: "POQ Nominations." Selected parent(s) must be current PTO member(s) in good standing.

We Need Your Voice.

A PGCPs BOE public hearing regarding PEW school funding will be conducted on Jan. 30 and Feb. 6. Help advocate to increase funding for the expansion of our program. Sign up today to tell your child's PEW success story on Jan. 30th (Central HS) and/or Feb. 6 (Oxon Hill). Register by calling the PGCPs Board of Education office at [301-952-6115](tel:301-952-6115) or <http://www.pgcps.org/Board-of-Education>
#PEWwildcatpride #learningspanol

PEW LIBRARY NOTICE

SCHOOL POLICY: School library books shall only be loaned for one week. All books loaned in December 2017 are considered overdue. Please check to ensure that no overdue books are in your possession. The PEW library will begin enforcing this policy on January 2, 2018.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tiny Chefs Program (Winter Session)

The winter session is about to begin for our PEW Tiny Chefs. Students will learn how to pour, mix, and stir with freedom to express their creativity. Classes for registered students in K-3rd grade will be conducted on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30pm in the cafeteria. Only two slots are left for the winter session- so act fast! The cost is \$184 for the 8- week session. For more information, contact PEW PTO Member Kim Hendricks or visit www.tinychefs.com

February 14th: Candy Grams

"Roses are rojo and violets are azul, Send a special friend a Valentine at school!" Valentine's Day Candy Grams will be sold for students and faculty to send special gifts on this day of love and appreciation. Prices and more info will be sent in the upcoming days.

February 23rd: Skate Night

If you missed the first Skate Night, don't worry... we're rolling again! Come join us at Crofton Skate Zone for another night of skating fun. Fliers will be sent home with students with pricing and further details.

April 20th: PEW Career Day

Share your career with the students of PEW! Sign up to participate in PEW's Career Day by contacting Michelle Hall to participate. You never know who you may inspire. Email: michelle2.hall@pgcps.org

Look for announcements of more PEW PTO events on our website, social media pages, and in your child's folder!

Next General Body Meeting February 20th at 6:30pm

Vice President Election will be conducted at the February meeting.
Please submit VP nominations and candidate statements to pewpto@gmail.com, using the subject line: *PTO Vice President Nomination.*

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER CONTEST RESULTS



1st Place

Noah Millhouse (17 cases sold)

2nd Place

De'Shae Kosa (14 cases sold)

3rd Place

Michela Watson (5 cases sold)

Grand Prize Winner

Kennedy Jones

Raffle Winners

Jewels Harrison, McKinley Jackson, Lilyana Johnson, and Ava Wren



Pictured above: Aiden Hodge Winner of 5lb. Almond Chocolate Bar

SAVE THE DATE!

- 1/30 – PGCPs Budget Hearing at Central High
 - 2/1 – PEW Spanish Immersion Open House
 - 2/6 – PTO Budget Meeting @6:30pm, Media Room
 - 2/8 – 2nd Quarter Report Cards
 - 2/9 – Snow Make-up Day (Student Holiday Cancelled)
 - 2/9 – Orders due for PTO Valentine's Candy Grams
 - 2/13 – Q2 Honor Roll Assembly
 - 2/14 – Valentine's Day & 100th Day of School
 - 2/19 – No School (President's Day Holiday)
 - 2/20 – PTO General Meeting @6:30pm
 - 2/23 – PTO Skate Night
 - 2/27 – Black History Assemblies
 - 2/28 – Box Tops for Education Winter Deadline
 - 3/1 – PEW Spanish Immersion Open House
 - 3/2 – Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss Birthday)
 - 3/28 – 3rd Quarter Progress Reports released
 - 3/29 – 2-hr. Early Dismissal
 - 3/30-Apr 2 – No school (Easter Holiday)
 - 4/3-4/6 – No school (Spring Break)
 - 4/12 – PEW Spanish Immersion Open House
 - 4/20 – 3rd Quarter Reports Card released and Career Day
- Stay tuned for more dates and events at www.pewpto.org*