



November Breeze



of the WEEK

Assemblies in November

Author Jeff Savage will be speaking with our students about non-fiction literature, the writing process, creative expression and will work with our upper grade students in writing workshops. If you would like to purchase his books, visit www.pierpontelem.org for an order form. Order forms are to be brought the day of the assembly (11/4) and will be auto-graphed to your student.

Digital Literacy assemblies will take place for k-2 and 3-5th grade students regarding safe and appropriate ways to utilize technology at home and at school.

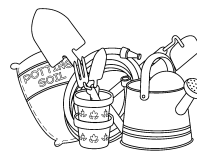
Noon-Duty Needed

Pierpont is looking for a noon-duty for the 2015-16 school year. Noon duty aides work from 11:10-1 Monday through Thursday, and 11:10-12:50 on Fridays. They supervise our students on the playground and in the cafeteria. Working as a noon duty provides a great opportunity to get to know what is going on at your child's school. If you, or someone you know is interested in this position, please stop by the office.



Parent Garden Work Day

In conjunction with our Saturday Academy on 11/14, we will have a parent-only volunteer morning in the garden. Please join us to make our gardens beautiful.



Thank you to this year's volunteer garden coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Guettler, for organizing and supporting our gardens.

Attendance & Vacations

Last year Pierpont's attendance rate dropped and this year we are hoping to reach our annual goal of 98% attendance. There are approximately 180 instructional days per year and it is important that all students attend each day that they are healthy and able. Plan trips and appointments outside of school hours so that students do not miss valuable instruction. Please do not sign your child out early unless it is necessary, as interruptions are disruptive and students miss valuable instruction.

Absences without calls and absences due to vacations are considered truanancies. Absences for medical appointments, or illness of 3 days or more will require a note from a doctor to be considered excused. Students who are ill, or who have had a fever in the last 24 hours, should stay home from school. To help in your planning of vacations and appointments, please visit our school web-site where you can find a calendar with holidays and school schedules. If your child is absent due to illness, or any other reason, please be sure to call in the absence. For any absence, students are strongly encouraged to attend our Saturday Attendance Academies, where students participate in engaging, extra-curricular instructional projects. Saturday Academies also help students earn perfect attendance. Please help us provide the best education possible and reach our goal of 98% attendance.

Saturday Attendance Academy Dates:

- November 14, 2015
- February 6, 2016
- March 12, 2016
- April 18, 2015



Drop-off & Pick-up Times

Please ensure your students are safe and supervised at all times:

- **School opens at 7:45am**—students may not be dropped off early—there isn't supervision.
- All students must be picked up by 2:45 (M-Th) or 1:10 on Friday
- Students coming to eat breakfast in the cafeteria may come at 7:30am, to eat breakfast in cafeteria only.
- Students may not be on campus b 7:45 if they are not getting breakfast in the cafeteria.

Thank you for your help in making sure our students are safe and supervised at all times.

THANK YOU PTA

Our students are enjoying amazing artists in the classroom, various field trips, umbrellas in our outdoor eating area, support in our library, and intervention in English and Math all thanks to the generous funding provided by our PTA. Our jog-a-thon was a huge success and helped raise some of the funds used by the PTA. Thank you Pierpont families for your support!