Hi all,

My apologies for the delay in this week's Friday news! We had a wonderful week at PCS this week - here are a few highlights:

- Our middle school clubs are up and running, and it's exciting to see! The
 garden club is creating a new bed by the Lilacs on the playground; our
 whittling club is carving away, and out forest club has been out working in
 the Forest for Learning cleaning things up, just to name a few.
- We hosted author Marty Kelley as a kick off event for the Year of the Book, which we are lucky enough to be be recipients of this year! All students PK-5 not only got to hear from Marty about being an author and illustrator, but left with 2 free books to keep!
- Our middle school soccer team is off to a great start with a tie and a win to start the season. Go Panthers!
- All of our classrooms are settling into the new year, and it's again wonderful to see the school hum along.

Here is some information for the weekend and week ahead:

Upcoming Dates:

Friday 9/29 - 8:15 Coffee Talk with Jon

Friday 9/29 - Moon Fest! See below

Mon. 10/2 - Fri. 10/6 - 5th Grade trip to Keewaydin!

Mon. 10/9 - No School in observance of Indigenous People's Day

Tues. 10/10 - No School for teacher inservice

Friday 10/13 - Walk to School Day!

Coffee Talks:

I would like to begin to offer a bi-weekly chance to connect with me to hear about the school, things happening at PCS, and for you to ask any questions that you might have about things at school. The first coffee talk with be this Friday, 9/29 at 8:15 in the gym. Please join if you are interested!

PCS Leadership Council:

The PCS Leadership Council is seeking new members! This is a low-commitment way to be involved in PCS, and help connect the community and school leadership. There are monthly meetings in which members hear a state of the school report from me and a school board report from Ruby McAdoo, as well as other business of the committee. If you have questions about involvement, please reach out to me any time. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 18th from 6:00 - 7:30 - anyone is welcome to join in person or on Zoom.

Moon Fest:

Please join us for our first annual "Moon Fest" this coming Friday 9/29 at 5:30. If the weather allows, this will be an outdoor dinner under the full moon put on by our PCS kitchen crew and our 5th grade class. The menu will include a variety of soups and salads, hot dogs and sides with ice cream and treats for dessert. We ask for a suggested donation of \$10/person or \$25/family. All proceeds will go directly to cover the cost of our 5th grade trip to Keewaydin Environmental Education Center, which starts October 2nd! There will also be items for sale and a 50/50 raffle. This dinner is open to the whole Putney community, so please spread the word!

I hope you all have a nice weekend,

Jon