

PCS News 5/19/23

Dear PCS community,

Thank you for another wonderful week here at PCS. We capped the week off with another all school sing assembly with a range of student performances and celebrations of community and empathy. We will have one more of these this year - it's a nice new Friday afternoon tradition.

Here is some information headed into the weekend:

Upcoming Dates:

Tonight!: Middle School Dance

Saturday: Family Picnic and Dance is CANCELLED due to weather

Tuesday 5/23: 3rd grade field trip

Wednesday 5/24: Putney Palooza

Monday 5/29 - No School!

June 12th - 8th grade graduation at 6:00!

Swimming at PCS

For the last two weeks of the school year, Katy Emond and Maddie Rollins are planning a swimming unit during PE classes. This will of course take place at the Putney Town Pool. Maddie is a certified lifeguard, and Katy is an experienced swim teacher (as is Nancy Gagnon and Molly Stoner who will assist). It's an exciting opportunity that we are looking forward to. There will be an opt-out option if you would prefer that your child does not participate.

Notifying the Office if Child is out or late:

It is helpful if you can either call or email Nancy and Emily in the office if your child is going to be absent or late from school one day.

Putney Palooza:

Please join us on Wednesday May 24th for Putney Palooza! The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5:00 - 6:00: Open House Art Show - art made by students of all ages will be on display throughout the building for you to come and see
- 6:00: Outdoor music show on the soccer fields.

There will be light snacks served. Also, we will be holding a silent auction during Putney Palooza of props from our recent Lion King performance (the elephant!, Lion headdresses, etc.). All proceeds will go towards future musical productions. This event is open to the whole Putney community.

Attire Store:

Emily Bristol in the office has been working with PureGreen Tees, members of our PTO, and Wendy Windle to create an online Putney Central School Spirit Wear store, which is now open here. There are youth and adult sizes as well as a few accessories. The store will be open until May 29th, and orders will be delivered to the school before the end of the school year. Here is the site without the link: <https://putneycentral2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

If your child wants an article of clothing but the cost is a burden, we can assist you with that. Please fill out this form if this applies to you and your family.

I think that's it. Thanks as always for your support and engagement. See you Wednesday!

Jon

Staff Highlight
Mary Seekins



Mary has been in our district for 12+ years now? She's lost track... but she thinks that this is her 7th year with us at PCS.

Mary was born in Green Bay, WI (right by Lambeau Field) - well, not literally. :)

Her fondest memories as a kid? Parking cars for Sunday Packer games on the front lawn of her childhood home. It's since been demolished to make more space for "event parking" at Lambeau Field - ha! We charged a dollar a car!

As a young girl, she always knew that she wanted to be a teacher. She had a classroom in the basement complete with desks, books, chalkboard, etc.

Neighborhood kids would eagerly flock to her house early on a Saturday morning. To this day - she has no idea why. But the best day ever was when she saved up enough money to buy a whistle so she could round up the kids for recess.

Fast forward - Surprise! She graduated from the University of Madison, WI in 1982 with a degree in Elementary Education.

Shortly after graduating she got married to a guy she met in College and they moved to Pocatello, ID. Mary was offered a teaching position on the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Reservation - teaching 4th/5th grade for 2 years and 3rd grade for 3 years. She and her husband (along with their 3 year old son, Matt) moved to Putney, VT in 1989.

Ed, her husband, grew up in NH and was offered a job in Keene as an Optical Engineer. Mary found a teaching position in Langdon, NH in a two room schoolhouse teaching a 3/4 split.

Along came another baby (daughter Sarah) which made it hard to manage two careers. :)

So, she decided to stay home with her two young children and open a daycare. She did this for ten years - now these kids have kids of their own!

After that she took a break from teaching and stumbled into a few other things... mostly in Customer Service. But eventually found her way back to teaching.

After working in the district for Essential Early Education for five years - she was ready for another change. Which led me to PCS and teaching PreK with Valerie. How lucky am I?

Every morning when I pull into the parking lot - I pinch myself. This is a dream come true. To be part of such a wonderful school, in such a beautiful area with so many awesome people. I am so grateful.

In my free time I like to garden, bake, read (love memoirs), hang out with my grandkids and take long naps. When I have the time - I love to sit down with a big bowl of popcorn and watch Netflix.