

Dear PCS Community,

Spring has certainly sprung here at PCS! It's great to see our gardens come alive, our students and teachers out around the grounds and enjoying all that our beautiful campus has to offer. This time of year gets busy in schools with many end of year activities filling our calendar. I will share upcoming events below, and also look for communication from your child's teacher about class-specific events.

Here is some information heading into the weekend:

Upcoming Dates:

Wed. 5/3: Hears Crow storytelling performance hosted at PCS

Thurs. 5/4: Lion King Jr. performance at Next Stage (daytime show for students, evening on Thurs and Saturday for community members)

Thurs. 5/18: PCS Leadership Council Meeting - Details TBA

Friday 5/19: Middle School Dance

Saturday 5/20: Tentative plans for PCS family picnic and dance put on by the PCS PTO!

Wed. 5/24: "Putney Palooza" - This is a full community arts and music exhibition evening, in which student work from all grades will be on display, and our student musicians will perform.

June 12: 8th Grade Graduation

End of School Year:

The last student day of the school year is Friday, June 16th, which is a half day for students.

Playground Process:

Things are moving along with our playground redesign project. Landscape architect Adam Hubbard is working on creating large, color plans to present to the public. Our guiding themes from the survey results is to incorporate as many natural features as possible, develop plans for both sides of the school, create some shade areas and sitting features, and have accessible points for students of all ages. We will keep you posted on times and avenues for input on plans when they are ready.

Work will begin directly after this school year with the installation of a new pergola on the playground, and the construction of a long loop, multi-use path around our campus, and the expansion of our pump track and bike skills area.

New Staff Hires:

Spring in schools is the time when we advertise and hire new staff members, and say goodbye to those moving on. So far this Spring we have hired 3 folks into permanent teaching positions at Putney Central:

- Tine Biolsi is joining us as a middle school special education teacher (Tine stepped in to teach 5th grade for past of the year last year).
- Molly Stoner is filling the role of elementary academic support teacher on a permanent basis.
- Aaron Walsh (currently a 5th grade teacher) is staying at PCS as an academic support teacher supporting 5th and 6th graders for next year).

We have a few more positions to hire for, and I will keep you updated as we go along.

Thank you again for your partnership and support of our school community. We couldn't do it without you.

Have a nice weekend,

Jon