

PCS NEWS 5/9/23

Dear PCS Community,

I hope this finds you all well. It has been quite a week here this week, bustling with many Spring activities. The highlight, without a doubt, was our K-8 walk down to Next Stage yesterday afternoon for the Lion King Jr. performance, which was absolutely incredible. We all couldn't be more proud of our student actors and adult directors - special thanks to Kay Emond and Mr. T for their tireless dedication to the show, and Wendy Windle, Sarah Cassidy and Joe Knowles for their work supporting the cast and crew. We have sold out the show for the weekend, and there is already excitement for what next year's musical might be!

Here is some information heading into the weekend:

Upcoming Dates:

May 10 - 7th grade trip to hogback mountain

May 12 - 8th grade trip to the State House

May 19 - All School Sing and Assembly

May 19 - Middle School dance at PCS

May 20 - PCS family picnic and dance put on by the PTO (more info coming)

May 24 - Putney Palooza! This is an open house art show and evening of musical performance on the field

Also - Please save the date for 8th grade graduation, which will take place on Monday, June 12th.

Playground Update:

We're taking our initial steps in playground development. Some themes that clearly emerged from our input survey are:

- Continue a commitment to natural elements on the playground (earthen mounds, tunnels, boulders, logs, etc.)
- Develop play spaces on both sides of the school
- Continue and expand the biking program at PCS.
- Create shade structures and sitting spots on the playground.

Landscape architect Adam Hubbard is working on finalizing drawings for community input, which I will share with you soon. This will be a multi-year project, though we do hope to start constructing some elements this summer.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Thank you as always for your partnership in raising our community's youth - it's truly an honor to do this work with such an engaged and dedicated community.

Jon

Staff Highlight:

Devin Rhodes

This is my first year working in a school and I feel incredibly lucky and grateful to be at PCS, understanding that all schools can't possibly be this awesome! I enjoy the challenge of working as a special ed para, showing kindness and understanding to students who struggle in some regard, while still holding the line with teacher expectations. Firm believer in every student having strengths and weaknesses, and students of all abilities can find success when provided thoughtful support and accommodations.

I am currently pursuing a teaching degree online with Grand Canyon University. I have interviewed multiple PCS staff members for my program of study, but also would feel comfortable reaching out to anyone in the building for help based on the community feel that we have.

I have umpired baseball and officiated football at the varsity level in Vermont for the past six years, earning my first state championship game assignment for football this past fall. My ultimate goal is to umpire college baseball in the future.

I have coached youth baseball in the summer the past four years and I am President of "Team Tenney", a historical preservation group that has worked to save the grandstand bleachers on Tenney field at BUHS since 2016.

Some of my favorite things are Non-fiction books, waffle cones, raspberries, sparkling water, anything chocolate, nature walks, maple syrup (not in any particular order).

