

PCS News 2/10/23

Dear PCS Community,

Thank you for another great week here at PCS! I couldn't be more proud of our school community. Every Friday is a chance for me to reflect on the week that has passed and without fail there are so many examples of kindness, care and compassion on display all around us. Here are a few highlights:

- Yesterday I had the pleasure of reading every 8th graders' essay for the Hildene's Lincoln essay contest, in which I was blown away by the quality of writing, and the compassion, empathy and thoughtfulness in their writing. Truly impressive!
- This week we welcomed numerous new students to our community and without fail our students were incredibly kind and warm in their welcome.
- Tuesday marked our 5th week of Winter Sports, which has gone off without a hitch. It's always nice to see our students represent our school so well when they are off of school grounds, and challenge themselves in new and exciting ways. A student who has been going to Mt. Snow exclaimed to me when they returned that they "made it down Long John trail in 30 minutes less than last time!"
- Our middle school basketball team has their final game today - and they as a team deserve our praise and respect. In addition to playing well individually and as a team, they have consistently demonstrated values that we hold dear as a community throughout the entire season. Special thanks to coach Joe Knowles in his first year at PCS!

Here is some information heading into the weekend:

PCS Summer Camp:

The catalogue of summer camp offerings is here:

Please note that sign up information is in the catalogue. Signups will open on Monday February 13th! Please know that signing up does not mean confirmed enrollment - we will confirm camp enrollment at a later date (likely soon after february break).

Family Climate Survey Coming:

Our district values your feedback! This month and into March, we will be asking you to take a brief survey to tell us about your experience with schools in Windham Southeast Supervisory Union. To ensure we continue to provide high quality, rigorous learning experiences that meet the needs of our learners, we need your feedback. We want to know what you think.

The survey will be available online beginning on February 16 and close on March 10. We will be sending out more information, including a link to the survey, next week.

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful responses. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please don't hesitate to contact us at psmith@wsesdvt.org 802-579-1175.

Upcoming Dates:

TODAY! - Middle School Dance 6:30 - 8:30

Tues. 2/14 - Final Week of Winter Sports

Feb. 20 - 24: February break

Have a wonderful weekend,

Jon

PCS Summer Camp Catalogue



[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Staff Highlight

Wendy Windle



Wendy Windle is enjoying her first year here as PCS's art educator. Having renovated the art room and revamped the art curriculum, Wendy is happy to bring her art curriculum to a new set of students. Wendy comes to us from a 15-year tenure at Academy School. She has taught art in the public school setting for over 20 years, teaching a diverse group of children from varied ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds. Wendy uses her expertise, versatility, and knowledge to develop

creativity within her students. Her accomplished, enthusiastic, and productive art curriculum has received recognition and praise from administrators, parents, students, and the public.

Wendy's art program is designed to create unique learning experiences that are rich and complex for all learners, engaging them on many levels and fostering them to grow in a variety of ways. The role of visual arts in learning is to nurture aesthetic understanding, develop critical thinking abilities, and enhance visual literacy. She strives for students to experience the reward and joy of making technically and successfully expressive art.

You will be able to experience some of the artworks being created by the students at the Putney Central Art Show in June.

Middle School Dance

Friday 2/10

6:30-8:30pm

Upcoming Opportunities!

Sign up today for [KIDS ART CAMP](#) at River Gallery School of Art during February vacation week - Feb. 20–24, 9am–12noon, fee: \$160 (tuition assistance is available)
Call 802-257-1577 or visit rivergallerieschool.org to register.



Summer Tennis

Registration open for BOC Tennis camp!
Weekly Sessions from June 19th- August 11th.



Putney Monthly Free Produce Distribution

The Vermont Foodbank and the Putney Foodshelf co-sponsor a monthly food drop of free produce and some non-perishables on the fourth Thursday of every month from 9:00 to 9:45am on Alice Holloway Drive (in front of Putney Meadows, the white building across from the Putney Coop and Putney Fire Station.)

All are welcome. This is a drive-up service. Bags provided. The next monthly food drop is Thursday, February 23 , 9:00-9:45am.

The WSESU Parents and Caregivers for Social Justice and The Putney Public Library present the Parenting 4 Social Justice Book Group:

Putney, VT, mom, and social justice educator Angela Berkfield, and a team of powerful co-authors published [Parenting 4 Social Justice](#) in 2021. Join Jaime Contois and April Brown as they develop a community of practice: a group of grown-ups who want to learn alongside each other as they raise compassionate, courageous, and informed children. About the facilitators: Jaime Contois is a practicing anti-racist and community organizer. She lives with her wife and children in Putney, VT. April Brown is a Trauma Informed Specialist, educator, and wellness coach. She's a believer in anti-oppressive parenting practices and lives with her husband and children in Putney, VT.

The P4SJ Book Group will be held on virtually the following Wednesdays from 5:30-7pm via Zoom:

- February 15 - Welcome & Introductions
- March 29
- April 26
- May 31

Steps:

- 1) Fill out the form here: bit.ly/parenting4justice
- 2) Find the book at your local bookstore or library. Head to [this website](#) for more information.
- 3) Reach us at aprilbrownconsulting@gmail.com or jaimecontois@gmail.com with any questions or ideas.



Exploring Art In Putney's Forest for Learning

Next Stage Arts and Putney Community Cares are hosting guided art walks in the Forest For Learning, These walks will explore the Winter in Place art installations and engage our community through the shared experience of art and nature.

Artist collaborator, Stephanie Nichols, will join for each guided walk.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - 1:30pm (with Students)

Saturday, February 25, 2023 - 11am

