

Dear PCS Community,

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Thank you for another wonderful week here at PCS! It has been a great start to second semester. I couldn't be more proud of the work that happens here every day - there are models all around us of kindness, empathy, community and care, and it's truly a pleasure to watch this community of students, staff and families engage with each other in a positive way every day.

Here is some information heading into the weekend:

#### PCS Summer Camps:

Information will be coming very soon about PCS summer camps, with signups anticipated within the next week. We are very excited to be able to offer comprehensive summer programming again for PCS students, and continue the tradition of PCS summer camps. We owe a debt of gratitude to Kay Emond for all of her work in securing grant-funding to cover some of the cost, and for organizing such great offerings.

#### Black Lives Matter at School Week:

This week was BLM at school week, and schools throughout our district were engaged in activities related to concepts of diversity, equity and social justice. At PCS, each classroom has dedicated time, and will continue to dedicate time, to exploring one of the core principles of the BLM movement including themes such as globalism, loving engagement, empathy, diversity, restorative justice, collective value, etc. This work will lead up to a schoolwide gallery walk on Friday, February 17th. More information to come.

Website:

Please continue to visit the PCS website for not only weekly newsletters, but also information about our school. Emily in the office has been hard at work in revamping the website - thanks Emily!

Playground Renovation:

We are in the early stages of playground redesign, working with architect Adam Hubbard. We will be soliciting student, family and community input in the coming week - please look for surveys coming soon to be able to contribute your thoughts and vision for the PCS grounds. It's an exciting project on the horizon!

Reminder: PCS Leadership Council

I have shared information about the Leadership Council as a way to get involved in the PCS community, and hear more in-depth reports about things happening at Putney Central. The Leadership Council meets once a month for an hour, and is a great community of parents, teachers and community members invested in PCS now and into the future. Anyone is invited! Please see the graphic in this newsletter which distinguishes between the PCS PTO and the Leadership Council.

I hope you all navigate the cold weather safely. Of note, PCS is a town warming shelter - if you or anyone you know find yourself in need of warmth or shelter this weekend, please please reach out.

Jon