



# PCA Eagle's Nest Weekly News

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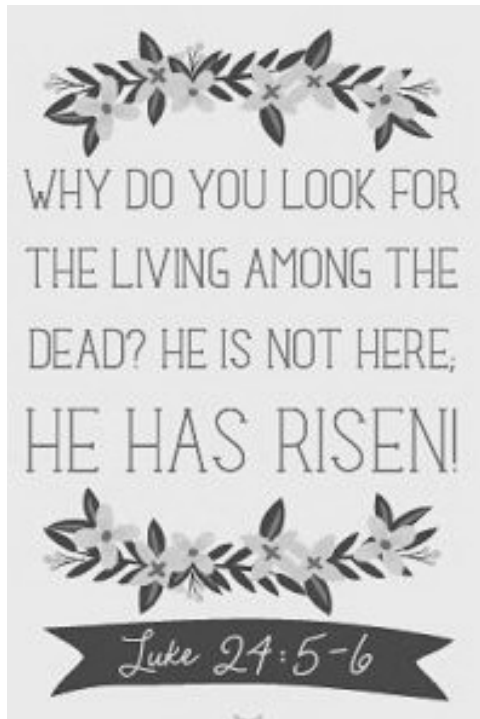
**Terra Nova testing for grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 is next week! Testing requires a good night's rest and a healthy breakfast. Water and snacks will be provided.**

**Immunization/Medical Packets** have been sent home. Please make those appointments and get the signed forms back to the school before August 1st.

**Jr High presentation of Pollyanna** is next Friday and Saturday at 7:00pm. The students are working hard on the play. There are possible practices during and after school this week. Mrs. Cook will keep parents informed.

**Six Flags *Read to Succeed* reading logs are coming home!** Students in grades K-8 need to complete 360 minutes of reading by May 12 in order to receive a free admission ticket to Six Flags.

**Last call to Kindergarten Parents!** We are offering invitations for your Kindergarten student's graduation. If you would like to view them to purchase, please come to the office as they are on display at the window. Place your name and quantity onto the list and we will get them to you. Cost is 50 cents each. Thank you! (offering until April 21st)



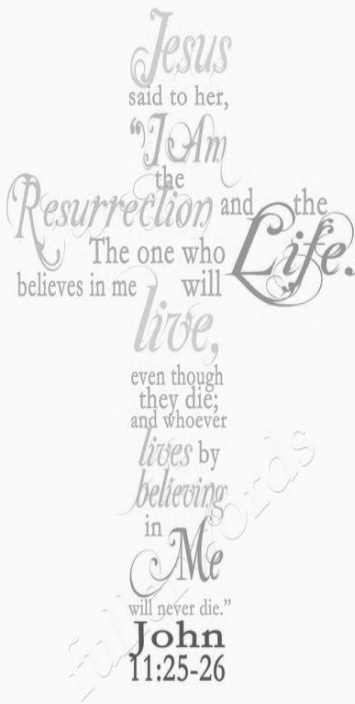
**April birthday:**

27 - Ella Grey 4th grade

**Enjoy your special day!**

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**PCA MISSION STATEMENT** ~ To provide an excellent academic education with a Christian world view based on the absolute authority of God's Word, the Holy Bible.



## PCA Calendar 2017

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| Tues, Apr 18              | Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.  |
| “ “                       | Track meet at Hall school at 4:30 p.m.                                 |
| “ “                       | 3:15-4:30 Scholastic Bowl practice                                     |
| Thurs, Apr 20             | 4:00P At PCA, Scholastic Bowl PCA vs. Dimmick                          |
| Fri, Apr 21               | End of Progress Report term  |
| “ “                       | 4th grade Field Trip to Springfield, IL                                |
| “ “                       | 3-5:00 Play practice Dress Rehearsal                                   |
| Sat, Apr 22               | 9 - 10 a.m. Run at Zearing Park. Meet at north parking lot.            |
| Mon-Wed, Apr 24-26        | Grades 2, 4, 6 & 8 Terra Nova Testing                                  |
| Mon-Wed, Apr 24-16        | Dress rehearsals during the school day                                 |
| Mon, Apr 24               | 4 p.m. Prairie Conference Scholastic bowl Competition at Peru Catholic |
| Tues, Apr 25              | 4:30 p.m. Logan Track Meet   |
| Wed, Apr 26               | Progress Reports issued  |
| Thurs, Apr 27             | Kindergarten Field Trip to Peoria Museum and Zoo                       |
| Fri, Apr 28               | 5th grade goes to the Peoria Symphony                                  |
| Fri, Apr 28 @ Sat, Apr 29 | 7:00P PCA Jr. High presents “Pollyanna” spring play                    |
| Sat, Apr 29               | 10 - 12 a.m. Track practice  |
| Mon - Fri, May 1-5        | Teacher Appreciation Week  |
| Tues, May 2               | 10A Prairie Conference Track meet @ LaSalle                            |
| Thurs, May 4              | National Day of Prayer   |
| “ “                       | 5th graders go to Warnecke Woods                                       |
| Fri, May 5                | 6:00 p.m. PCA Band Concert   |

## Band News from Mrs. Marshall

### PCA Band Parents

I am sending a band letter home with every student today. Please ask your musician for their note.

Thank you!

Mrs. Marshall



## SonShine Preschool - Mrs. Pollok (Miss Elisha)

### Week of April 19-21

#### \*Wednesday - Field Trip to Monical's!\*

**Theme:** God's Creation: Bugs and Insects

**Bible Topic:** Adventures with God: The Battle of Jericho

**Bible Verse:** Joshua 24:24: The people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.”

**Letter - Review**

**Number - Review**

**Color - Purple**

**Shape - Star**

**ABC/Snack Bag:** Wednesday: Monical's

Friday: Jakari

Monday, April 24: Jared

## Kindergarten Tidbits- Mrs. Whitlock

I pray you had a blessed Easter and enjoyed your families.

Our field trip is next Thursday, April 27th. I would like a final count of all drivers and siblings. Remember to pay the office for your admission fees. Please, send car seats marked with your child's name to school the morning of the field trip if you are not driving.

We are still thirsty during our days so please remember a water bottle each morning.

In Skills and Language Development we will play the “Super Listener” game and try to solve rhyming riddles. We will explore what sinks and floats. Our character development is “Generous”.

Numbers will have a written evaluation. We will write numbers to 100 by ones and twos. Before, after and between numbers will be reviewed. Nickels and pennies will be combined to count and find out how many cents in all. We will do coin story addition facts and review subtraction.

We will practice subtracting all of a number this week and spell more of our number words.

The new special sound “ow” as in bowl and “er” will be introduced in Phonics. We will play “Capture the Card” for vowel, consonants, blends, special sounds and two vowel words. There will also be a written evaluation.

Handwriting will have a written evaluation. We will practice writing letters, words and sentences.

In Science we will finish up our weather unit with a tornado experiment and then start the unit “God’s Plan for the Seasons” we will taste some spring vegetables and look at flowers. Saturday is “Earth Day”. We will do some special activities to think about how to take care of God’s beautiful creation and hopefully fit in a scavenger hunt of nature items.

Items that float and sink will be explored

Our story in Bible Time is about Lazarus. We will practice showing love to one another. The children are a very loving group most of the time. We will ask God to help us in our unloving times. He is all powerful and will help us. Our memory verse is: “Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11

If you have any questions about the field trip to the Peoria Children’s Museum and Zoo, please stop and see me. It will be an awesome day of fun and exploring. Bring your cameras.

Our baby chicks did not develop so we are starting over this Wednesday. Hatching date will be May 11.

Graduation preparation is beginning. We have picked our memory verses and our poems. We are practicing often. We will start to pick our stories soon. Everyone is excited and doing awesome!

Mrs. Whitlock.

### **First grade – Mrs. Wolbrecht**

**Bible:** We will be learning this week about Stephen, the first Christian martyr and what an amazing servant-leader he was. He was willing to share the Gospel by showing grace to others. He was obedient and sacrificed all for Christ. I am prayerful the students will each learn this week to put one another above themselves:

**Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.**

Romans 12:10

### **Spelling List #27 – ALL REVIEW WORDS**

|       |        |      |       |      |       |         |      |
|-------|--------|------|-------|------|-------|---------|------|
| says  | are    | your | from  | i’m  | there | because |      |
| where | mother | been | don’t | were | any   | some    | said |

### **Phonics:**

Identifying the number of syllables in given words  
Recognizing/applying eigh (eight); or (sailor); ar (dollar);  
Rhyming words  
Reviewing contractions

### **Math:**

Recalling sums/differences for 11-12 families  
Solving two-digit addition/subtraction problems  
Comparing fractional parts to find least/greatest  
Interpreting information with extra facts to solve story problems  
MONEY, MONEY, MONEY – please work with your children on coin recognition and counting at home.

### **Science:**

We will be studying plant life during the next two weeks. We will begin planting in the Eagle’s Nest garden if the weather cooperates. We will be planting vegetables that will be used in the lunch program. We will also learn about worms and composting.

### **Field Trip**

We have scheduled a field trip to Blackberry Farm in Aurora for Tuesday, May 16. I am in need of 3 chaperones. I am able to accommodate all the students plus three adults in our van. I will make a chaperone list on a first come basis. Any other parents and younger siblings may certainly join us at a discounted price of \$5.50 per adult or child, however, I must know by Friday, May 12. Any parents/siblings who come along after the cut-off date will need to pay at the gate – Adults are \$8.00 and children \$7.00. Information about the farm can be found at <https://www.foxvalleyparkdistrict.org/facilities/blackberry-farm>.

**In His Hands, Mrs. Wolbrecht**

### **2nd Grade - Mrs. Bickett**

**Our field trip date with the first graders has been set. We will be going to Blackberry Farm on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be a chaperone and driver please let me know as soon as possible.**

**We will be testing next week. Please make sure to have your child get plenty of rest and have a good breakfast. They should also bring a healthy snack.**

Bible: Peter acts boldly

Verse: 2 Timothy 1:7 “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

We will recite this verse Friday.

Math: dividing by 5 and review

English: adjectives that tell how many, finding colorful adjectives, using commas in a series, Test 13

Phonics: review of adding suffixes

Spelling: list 28 test will be Friday

Science: Plants

### **3rd grade - Mrs. Cleary**

Praise God for our beautiful weather! We are so excited to enjoy the warmer weather, the budding trees and flowers! Please mark your calendars for Thursday, May 18th - our fieldtrip to Wildlife Prairie Park. We will incorporate much of our own curriculum into our activities, making it fun and educational.

Health - First Aid Kit: We are putting together our class first aid kit. Each child has chosen something to contribute. Simple, easy, and most of these things you will already have at home. We will also discuss outdoor safety.

Science - Ponds and Forests: We will spend time preparing for our trip by discussing these chapters and will look for real life examples when we hike. Trees, plants, and wildflowers! It should be very fun!

The children have made a list of what to wear and what to bring to the park. As we get closer we will finalize times to leave and make sure we have covered all our activities.

On a more serious side - Spelling test List 30 is to be on Friday. We are still working on math problems for measurements. The children are doing great with conversions, equations, and story problems.

Language - We are doing a mix of contractions and homophones. We should test on Chapter 11 by Monday next week.

Bible - We are studying the Book of Acts and the stories of Stephen and Saul to Paul.

History - This week to next week we are covering the great women in history, Clara Barton and Louisa May Alcott.

In May we will read Pilgrim's Progress. O, I can't believe we are almost done with the year! I hope to make these last weeks a great educational experience to top off a great year!

## **4th Grade - Mrs. Odell**

We will be working on spelling list 30 and test on it Wednesday. We will begin studying the Age of Progress in history, we are starting health, and learning about suffixes in language.

We will be testing next week and we will try to be energized by nutrition and rest. If you have extra apple slices, grapes, bananas, cheese crackers, etc to share, I'm sure the students would love the pick-me-up in the midst of the morning or afternoon. Contact me with questions, please.

Our Springfield trip is Friday. We will leave school at 7:30 a.m. and be home about 12 hours later! Please have your child wear a red t-shirt and bring a totally "eatable"/disposable sack lunch. We will stop by the Lincoln Museum gift shop briefly before we leave so they may bring a small amount of money. We request no electronics, please. We plan to visit the state capitol building/s, the Abraham Lincoln Museum, Lincoln's tomb. Please call me if you have any questions.

Have a very precious week walking with the Lord and thinking on His boundless love for you.

## **5th grade: Mr. Clausen**

On Friday, April 28th, the 5th graders will be going to the Peoria Symphony. A permission slip will be coming home after we get back from our Easter break.

We are also planning our annual field day to Warnecke Woods (located on the edge of Princeton) on Thursday, May 4th. More information will be available as the date approaches.

## **8th grade Homeroom and Jr. High Math - Mrs. Anderson**

>> **Note:** 6th & 8th grades will be doing Terra Nova testing next week, please make sure students are well rested & in attendance every day next week. Thanks!

>> 8th grade: Begin Geometry Unit. Vocabulary, Lines, Plane shapes, Measure & Construct circles with protractor & compass. Quiz Fri 4/21

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>> 7th grade: Continue Geometry Unit - Constructing Circles, Circumference & Area of circles. Quiz Wed 4/19, Geometry Review, Test Fri 4/21.>>

>> 6th grade: Review Algebra unit- Test Thurs 4/20.

## **Jr. High 'Pollyanna' News:**

Our play practices are winding down, but our performers can't afford to as the play draws closer! Take note of remaining schedule:

April 21 from 3 -5:00 Dress rehearsal

April 24-26: afternoon practices at school with possible April 27th if needed

Performances on April 28th & 29th at 7:00 p.m.



## **PCA Track News:**

- The updated track schedule is on the table in the foyer
- Meet today! Tuesday, April 18th at Hall School at 4:30
- Saturday, April 15, 9-10:00, fun run at Zearing Park to work on endurance and breathing for longer distances. Meet Mrs. Cleary in north parking lot.
- Please remember to pay for the track shirts \$6.50 each. You can drop off at the office or bring to next practice.
- Thank you!!