

Primos Press

Monthly Newsletter



Upper Darby School District

Presidents Day Holiday - All Schools and Closed
Feb. 17, 2020

Elementary School Early Dismissal (12:30 pm)
Mar. 4, 2020

Read Across America Week
Mar. 2, 2020 - Mar. 6, 2020

Elementary Conferences (Early Dismissals;
Including K)
Mar. 24, 2020 - Mar. 25, 2020



Upcoming Events

Primos Home and School Meeting
Mar. 11, 2020
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Congratulations 2nd grader Kacy Gordon for placing third in the 400 meter dash at the 46th Annual Colgate Women's Games in New York.



Students of the Month



Yasmin Daramy Kaiden Coates Madison Walters Aaradhya Anthony Diienno Liliana Goldhahn Wissem Hammoudi Alana Johnston Aminah Doumbia Faheem Mohuiddin Reyhan Hassan Vera Hoyt Justin Cook	John Casey Sakshi Dhumal Aiden Cusco Nisyiah Starkey John Campion Samba Wague Geoffrey Gbonoi Robert Parker Song Hollar Jayden Solis Myonel Cherry Nathan McGuire	Ashlynn Sheehan Austin Rhodes Emilee Allen Allyss Gomez-Gonzolez Alvin Mungo Kalyx Phillips-Christian Alyssa Fazekas Draven Connell-Breen Majd Alama Skylar Rothley Isabella Jones
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January Kindness Award:

(1-2) Olivia Pogwist

(3-5) Johnny Sumo

(K-PM) Maggie Nespoli



Primos PBIS Team

Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support System) Program is in its sixth year at Primos. Throughout the year, your children are taught lessons and expectations to reinforce the program's goals. Hanging in our hallways are the banners that remind students to Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe, the 3 B's.

Every month there is a PBIS Student of the Month Assembly where students are recognized for following the 3 B's. Teachers reach out to the parents and invite them to our assemblies. Then during our evening Home and School meetings, the PBIS students are once again honored. All are welcome to attend these meetings to hear more about the PBIS program.

Parent involvement is a component of the PBIS program. On the next page, you will see a parent survey. You are welcome to complete the survey and return it to the office. Your answers will help us to know how we can help keep our parents and families involved in our program.

[Kar & Mac Comedy Corner](#)

Prathyush Karthikeyan and Mrs. McIntosh are taking a break this month.

[BUT, Kindergartener Elijah Dougherty has two jokes for us.](#)

What did the one cat say to the other cat?

-Give me my purrrrrrrrrrr-se back!

What did the one cow say to the other cow?

-Mooooooooooooo-ve !

2020 Primos Elementary School's Parent PBIS Survey

Please circle the grade(s) of your child(ren). K 1st 2nd
3rd 4th 5th

How long have you had a child in this school? New 1 year 2
years 3 or more

Please circle Y (yes), N (no), or U (unsure) after the following statements.

I know the behavior expectations at my child's school.
Y N Unsure

I am familiar with the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support System) Program at Primos.
Y N Unsure

I believe the school has explained the PBIS system effectively.
Y N Unsure

I am aware that there is PBIS Student of the Month Assembly at Primos.
Y N Unsure

My child has been recognized as a PBIS Student of the Month.
Y N Unsure

I am aware that at every home and school meeting the PBIS program is reviewed and students are recognized.
Y N Unsure

I am aware that I can find information about the PBIS Program on/in (please circle all that apply):

Website Newsletter Report Card Teacher/Principal Child(ren)
Other_____

Please feel free to add comments or suggestions below about how we can better communicate the PBIS Program to our families.

Thank you.



What word do you always spell incorrectly (misspell)?

Ms. Lardani- Misspell is a word I commonly misspell. It just looks weird. Also, “definitely” is just the worst.

Ms. Hennessy I always misspell **soldier**. I know when I type solider- it's wrong. Also, colleague is tough to spell.

Ms. Mitchell (aka Ms. Sue): I often misspell **language** (language). I write this word A LOT, considering I'm a Speech Language Pathologist!

Miss Quay- I always misspell **museum**. Sometimes spell check can't even figure out what I'm trying to say!

Jackie H. I apparently misspell sanitation incorrectly as I wrote a paper tonight and I wrote it wrong every single time!!

Dear Primos, I can **definently** spell every **nesecary** word. **Sincerley**, Mrs. Cheng

Miss Ceribelli - I always misspell **definitely**. Although I am terrible at spelling so there are many words I have to spell check!

Ms. Mount - Restaurant is the word I always misspell! Even just typing it now I had to do it slowly:(

Miss B - I misspelled the word Friend when I was first learning it and every now and then I will mess up those vowels in the middle...old habits!

Ms. Cain - I always have to check “their” before I put it in a document. I want to spell it “thier”

until I see it!

Ms. Worriow - I always misspell **definitely** and **inconvenience**

Miss Scarpatto- I always misspell **Wednesday**...even typing it out I have to pronounce it slowly to make sure I put the “n” in the correct spot!

Miss Dunn- I always misspell **probably** and **definitely**.

Mrs. Mooney- I can never spell the word **definitely** correctly. I always start to type it and hope that spell check picks it up!

Mrs. Kruc - I think it's rediculous for teachers to misspell words.

Mrs. Osagie - I always misspell the word **Pensylvania**

Mrs. McKniff- I also often misspell **museum** and most times spell check does not pick it up.

Mr. Kulp- When I was young, I **recieved** some important advice: “I before e, except after c!”

Mrs. Prestileo- I always need to check the spelling of **rhyme**. That h and y trick me everytime!

Mrs. McIntosh- Speling is mi favrit! Eye no eye kan spel.

The Game Changer

By Tyler Berry

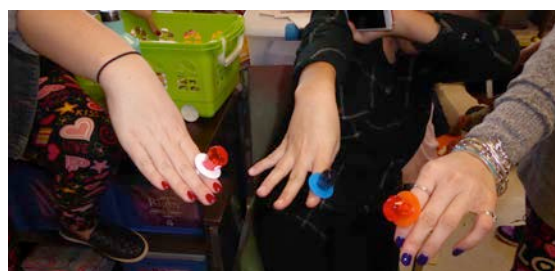
On January 10th, our 5th grade classes went to Villanova University. We traveled there by bus. We went to watch the Villanova Girls Basketball team play a game. While we were there they had music. A lot of the kids were dancing to the different songs and singing. Then the game started and everyone started getting quiet. We started off with a good game. The Villanova Girls scored 6 points before the other team even had a chance to shoot! By halftime, the Villanova Girls were down by 9 points.

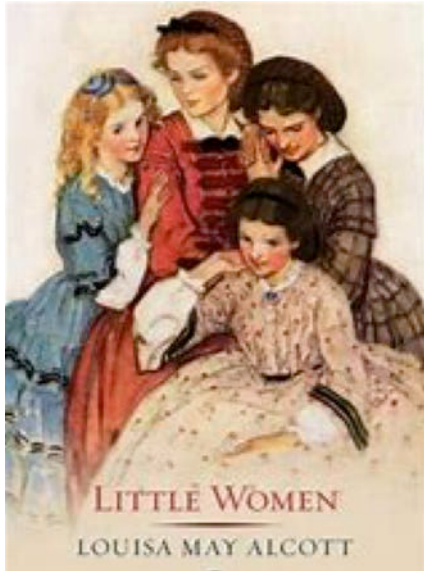
While all this was happening, there was a halftime show by a guy named Tyler. He was doing a balancing act. He balanced things on his chin! He started with an umbrella then moved to a wagon, then to a very long pole, and lastly, he did a small ladder with a huge ladder!

The Villanova Girls team lost in the end by a score of 58 to 41. But, the team tried their hardest!



Who on our staff **SECRETLY** enjoy Ring Pops?





UPDATE: New Year Resolution Challenge

Ms. Hennessy has read chapters one through seven; Mrs. Venit has purchased and read chapter one. However, Mrs. Venit is finishing another book at the same time.

Remember the challenge is to finish *Little Women* before the end of April!

Have you read a good book lately?



Many families participated at the Annual H&S Bingo Night!

We Are 100 Days Smarter!

Friday, January 31st, was the 100th day of school for our first through fifth graders. Students wore purple and gold colors to school to show-off their Royal Spirit. All students received “100 Day Glasses” to color and wear for the day. In addition to our Royal Colors and 100-Day Glasses, students who were interested dressed and accessorized as if they were 100 years old!!! Our Kindergarten’s celebrated their special 100th Day celebration on Friday, February 7th. Ms. Ceribellii decorated our main hallways spectacularly!

Some of our “Old”er students



Thai Pongal

By Prathyush Karthileyon

The Most Important Festival of Tamil Nadu, India

Hi everyone! I am going to tell you guys about a festival that we celebrate in my native country. The special thing about this festival is it is not a religious holiday. Yes, it is a thanksgiving to the year's harvest. It is similar to Thanksgiving in the US. Pongal is a festival of thanksgiving to Mother Nature, the earth, farm animals, and the sun.

Pongal is a four-day festival that typically begins on January 14th and ends on January 17th. The festival is exemplified by the phrase in the Tamil language, " Thai Pirandhaal Vazhi Pirakkum", meaning the beginning of the Thai month will open avenues for a better life. Mid January is the starting of the Tamil month called Thai.

On the first day of Pongal, called Bhogi Pongal, people welcome prosperity by cleaning and throwing away old and unwanted item to make way for new things. The first day is often celebrated with a bonfire.

The second day is called the main festival, Thai Pongal, celebrated with colorful kolam (Rangoli), offerings of sugarcane, a fresh wild turmeric, cooking two types of Pongal outdoors One, rice and Jaggery (sweet Pongal) and two, rice. Both are prepared in a clay pot that focuses on the worship of the sun.

The third day of Pongal, known as Mattu Pongal, celebrates the importance of farm animals to the harvest, especially cows. Animals are decorated and worshipped.

The final day of Pongal, known as Kanum Pongal, is spent with family and friends at the river bend, (thanksgiving to water). On this day, people used to make at least five varieties of rice, and having it on the riverbed like a picnic with people around.

We do have fun and athletic games, especially the most important one is Jallikattu, a traditional event in which a bull mainly a Kangeyam breed is released into a crowd of people and multiple participants one at a time try to do *Bull Embracing* which means an attempt to grab the large hump on the bull's back and hang on it for a while like a few seconds without harming the bulls attempting to stop the bull.

HAPPY PONGAL EVERYONE!



Drawing by
Prathyush Karthileyon

Autistic Support Swimming

Each Autistic Support classroom gets the opportunity to go swimming three times a school year. It helps our students work on their social skills and is a fun way for them to bond as a classroom. Recently, Miss B's class and Mrs. Kagen's class got the opportunity to go to the high school and swim in the morning.





All of the third graders completed their Science units by creating and demonstrating their homemade instruments in January.

Super Bowl School Predictions



Primos Staff	31%
Students	38%



69%
62%

BONUS JOKE

by Marina Swag

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Spell

Spell who?

W-H-O

Thank you to Ms. Millett's fourth grade students. They collected, counted, and reported out our school results.

Room 119 had a Mystery Reader visit - Ms. Johnston, one of our parents! She read *Unicorn Magic* to Mrs. Cheng's First Grade Class. The class learned to believe in themselves, even when struggling to do something new.



Purple and Gold Day

