



"THE BEARS BEACON"



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MALLEY'S CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER BEGINS MARCH 1-25!

Since we will continue to be open (YAY!) we will be having a school fundraiser. We again will be selling Malley's Chocolates for Easter! Order forms are going home with every child! All money and **MASTER SHEETS only** are due in the office on Monday, March 25th! We have Top Seller Gifts for some lucky students! Candy delivery is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lees at (440) 885-2338. Thank you for your continued support!



SPRING PICTURES ON MARCH 1ST

Lifetouch Studios will be at Renwood on Friday, March 1st to take your child's Spring Picture. In a few weeks, EVERY child who was photographed will bring home a FULL packet of pictures. You may purchase all, some or none of the pictures. That is up to you. PLEASE RETURN THE UNWANTED PICTURES TO SCHOOL ASAP, as Lifetouch does keep track of which students return their unwanted pictures.



RENWOOD PTA MEETING

Please plan to attend the Renwood PTA Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Powers Blvd. Library. All meetings begin at 6:30 PM.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TIME!

Kindergarten Registration will be March 6th and 7th at the Cuyahoga County Public Library located on Powers Blvd. The times are 7:30 am-12:00pm and 2:00-7:00pm each day. Children must be 5 years old by 9/30/19. Should you have any questions, please call Student Services at 440-885-8796.



DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD!

It's almost time to "Spring Ahead" to Daylight Savings Time! Sunday, March 10th is the day!



SPRING BREAK IS HERE!

Spring Break begins for the students on Friday, March 15, 2019. Classes resume on Monday, March 25th! We hope you enjoy your time with your families.



END OF THE 3RD MARKING PERIOD

The end of the 3rd marking period is already here and report cards will go home with the students on Friday, March 29th. This school year seems to be flying by! We are overjoyed that we will continue to be here for you and your families in the future!



ALICE TRAINING

Keeping students safe in classrooms and school buildings has always been a top priority for the district. This school year, the district has taken a different approach to school safety than in years past, with the adoption



of the highly successful ALICE program.

ALICE, an acronym for **Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate**, is a proactive response initiative to handle violent threats in public places, like school buildings. ALICE is a highly successful nationwide program that has been introduced in all 50 states, with over one million individuals trained.

One of the most important aspects of ALICE is the ability to provide options for individuals. While no single response method will fit a threat of violence, ALICE provides key information and resources to those who may find themselves in harms way.

Parma City School District's ALICE training is funded through a \$57,000 grant provided by the Ohio Attorney General's Office. On November 6, 2018, PCSD staff members from throughout the district received initial training on ALICE during an in-service day.

In mid-January, 50 staff members, including each building principal along with individual building representatives, received in-depth training on the program. The goal is to have these 50 individuals become trainers, to then train all staff members throughout the district. In addition, on March 15, 2019 staff members will be required to engage in a 45 minute online training session.

An obvious component of ALICE is also training students. With money left over from the initial grant, the district will purchase educational materials for students. One example given on the ALICE website is an age-appropriate book entitled "I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared", highlighting how students can protect themselves. Then, on April 2, all schools across the district will implement an "enhanced lockdown", incorporating ALICE concepts into drills so that students can practice the newly adopted forms of response to an emergency.

Please take the time to talk about ALICE with your child(ren) so that they understand the mission of the program is to prepare them in case of extreme danger. If you have any questions about ALICE, please contact your child's Principal or Mr. Bill Greene, Chief Operating Officer (885-2328).

TITLE I NEWS

Students received a copy of *Stuart Little*, by E.B. White on February 22nd. We will be spending the next 6 weeks (ends April 12th) asking weekly Trivia Questions and awarding prizes to students that answer correctly and have their name drawn. Please read nightly so that your child can participate. A calendar of Friday activities for All School Book Club will be coming home. Thank you for supporting your child's academic success.

