



PIGEON RIVER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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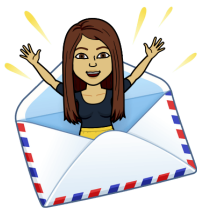


Dear Pigeon River Families,

Please review important information for the month of November in our family newsletter. You'll find information about our fall family conferences, information about report cards, the school bus tracker, our character trait for this month, and the Bee of the Month incentive. You will also find information from our instructional coach, interventionist, school counselor, and library media specialist along with the calendar for this month.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ramos
Principal
cramos@sasd.net



Fall Family Conferences



As a reminder, fall conferences will take place on November 6th from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

and on Friday, November 8th from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m Letters have been sent home to families in October.

These 15-minute conferences are designed to provide you with the opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about the progress your son or daughter is making in school. The conferences are also an excellent time for you to ask specific questions, and learn about the many educational activities occurring here at Pigeon River Elementary School.

For any students who don't have special needs or receive translation services, please take a few minutes to schedule a conference by following the instructions below. Or if you would prefer a virtual or phone conference, please contact your child's teacher via email.

Beginning October 23rd, login into Skyward Family Access on the Sheboygan Area School District Website. On the left hand side, click on Teacher Conferences, choose your child. You will then be able to schedule your conference. **In grades K-3 choose LRN RS/EFF and grades 4-5 choose SO/WK/ST** as the class for conference and then the 15- minute time slot. You will receive a confirmation email, provided we have your email on file.

If you need to reschedule, click the "View Schedule Times" tab and change the status to "Unschedule". You will be able to reschedule your conference at this point.

We look forward to seeing you at conferences!

Report Cards

Starting this year, we are moving forward with printing first and fourth quarter report cards. To access online, follow these [directions](#) to view all report cards, including second and third quarter on Skyward.

School Bus Tracker



Stopfinder is the all-in-one, easy to use app for viewing & sharing your student's transportation schedule.

What the App Can Do

- View your student's daily transportation assignments – including transfer trips and stops
- Securely share your student's schedule with caregivers
- Receive notifications and updates related to transportation

Real Time Notifications

- Send real-time vehicle location notifications based on GeoAlert regions you create for your student

Where to Get It

- The app can be downloaded to any iOS or Android enabled device and is available at Apple's App Store and the Google Play Store.

Install the App



[App Store](#)



[Google Play Store](#)

Access Student Schedules

Access to student schedules is granted only to the student's designated contacts by the Transportation Department. The Stopfinder contacts, at their own discretion, may share their student's schedule with caregivers (sub-subscribers.) An invitation to activate your Stopfinder account will be sent via email.

Need Access?

Please reach out to SASD Transportation Department via email at transportation-services@sasd.net

Click to learn more about Stopfinder features:

[Stopfinder Video](#)

You will need a special invite to create an account even if you download the app first. A special invitation will be sent to those who haven't signed up yet from the transportation department. If you have any questions, please reach out to the transportation department at the email above.

Monthly School-wide Character Traits

Every month at Pigeon River, we focus on different character traits to build community in our school. November's character trait is kindness.

Kindness

The quality of being nice to EVERYONE.

Monthly Character Incentive- Bee of the Month

Every classroom teacher selects 2 students from their class. Specialists will select 1 student from K-2, and another student from 3rd-5th. The selected students will be those who are either continually modeling, or have shown a great deal of progress in modeling the character trait(s) of the corresponding month. There will be an incentive each month.

The students selected celebrate with our principal and available specialist teachers on the first Thursday of the following month from 2:30-3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. At the monthly celebration the students are awarded with their certificate and bee necklace while participating in a fun activity planned by our specialist team.

Congratulations to the following Bees of the Month for our September Incentive celebrated in October honoring students who modeled all of the character traits.

Mrs. Otte's Class: Ethan M. & Morgan T.

Miss Wetzel's Class: Indie V. & Isaac Z.-A.

Miss Lorfeld's Class: William C. & Kierastyn V.

Miss Vollmer's Class: Lana V. & Silas N.

Miss Smith's Class: Iris X & Kyle X.

Mrs. Landgraf's Class: Teagan G. & Jaxyn T.

Mrs. Korkko's Class: Armin L. & Mariela C.

Mrs. Mentink's Class: Evan A-Z & Grace N.

Mrs. Hopp's Class: Charleigh S. & Nate W.

Miss Kreie's Class: Kyleigh B. & Fritz K.

Miss Peterson's Class: Resha V. & Maddox L.

Mr. Biederwolf's Gym Class: Eli K. & Maggie V.

Mrs. Barrett's Music Class: Leela W. & Mala'khi R.

Mrs. Kaminski's Art Class: William D. & Grace N.





Instructional Resources from Our Instructional Coach, Courtney Athorp

The Power of a Read-Aloud

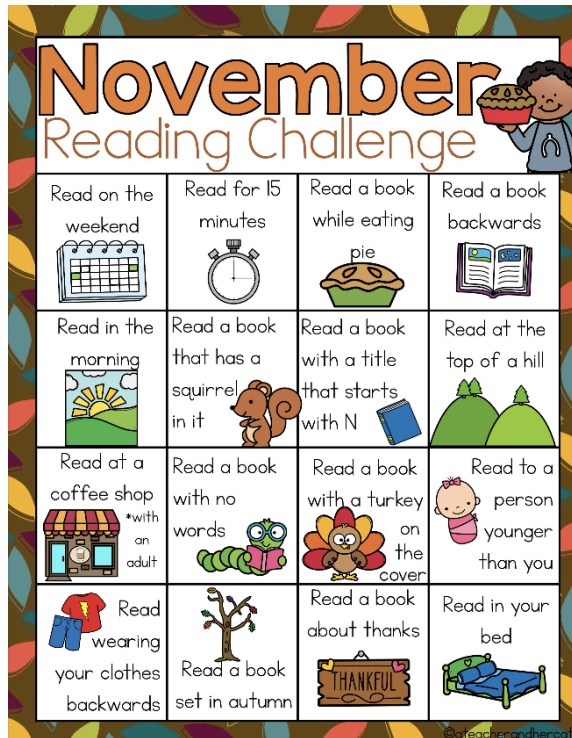
One of the most powerful ways to impact a student's reading success starts at home. It is widely known that reading each night with your child helps build their reading skills, but did you know that the type of book also has an impact? While children's books are excellent choices to read to your child, find a book slightly above the child's reading level each week (Or one that lasts several days. Think of a chapter book for some). The exposure to richer vocabulary and complex sentence structures helps prime the child's reading brain to tackle those 'big' words and complex sentences when they start their reading journey.

Looking for more? The book [*The Read-Aloud Handbook*](#) by Jim Trelease shares more about the *power of a read-aloud*.

Tips from our Interventionist, Cheri Rankin

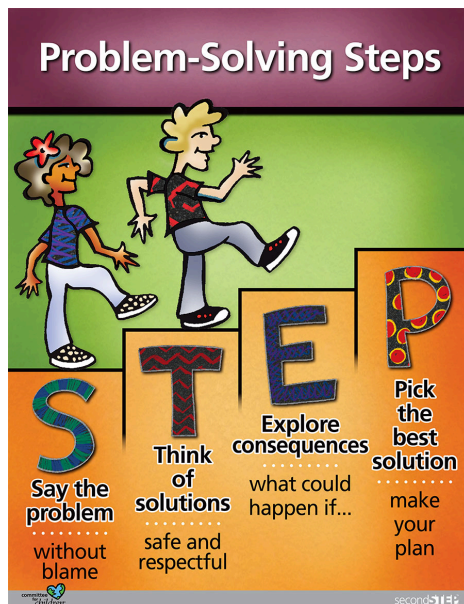
Hello Families,

For the month of November I would like to challenge all families to participate in the Tundra Tales reading program, sponsored by the Green Bay Packers. The program runs from October 14th through November 17th. Full participation in the program means each student has read for a total of 60 minutes a week outside the school day. **Full participation means each student will earn a free ticket to the Packer Hall of Fame and a free ticket for one adult.** The reading log is due back to Pigeon River by November 22nd. The November Bingo card will help you find creative ways to achieve your reading minutes. Students who achieve a blackout can see Mrs. Rankin for a free book of their choice.



Social/Emotional Information & Resources from Our School Counselor, Lindsay Prowls

Guidance lessons for the month of November include problem solving skills:



Pigeon River continues to have restorative conversations with all students on a daily basis. Here are some restorative conversation starters for the home setting:

Restorative Questions

To respond to challenging behavior...

- What happened?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done?
 - In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?

To help those harmed by other's actions...

- What did you think when you realized what had happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

Sheboygan offers community programs to support the wellness of your child as well. One program I want to highlight for the month of November is Partners For Community Development, Inc. This program assists with heating costs, electric costs, and/or energy crisis situations and can offer one time payment assistance to help lower the burden:

(https://partners4cd.com/?fbclid=IwY2xjawErPBllcHRuA2FlbQlXMAABHa9v91y0UZ5d1mM0c7OHkfSNHCb3cQl6BqbTerNHZZxKnwHTw83rVT4HHQ_aem_I8N7TSF1IUdNqINGz2CPPw).

Please reach out to me if you have further questions or need further support:

Mrs. Lindsay Prowls Office: 920-459-3565 Text: 920-395-4563 lprowls@sasd.net

Information from Our Library Media Specialist, Nan Minster

Happy November!

We are hoping that your child is bringing their library book home, and sharing it with you. It is so exciting to see your children get their favorite library books. Recently, I was reading an article that explained how a school library is so important and the benefit it is to your child. I am so fortunate to work in Pigeon River library where literacy is promoted.

Thank you so much for your support of our school library.

Please view the article below---

[School libraries are so important](#)





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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Quarter Ends	2 Holiday Artist, Craft, and Vendor Fair 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
3	4 Second Quarter Begins	5 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 p.m. PTO Hosting Concessions	6	7 Picture Retake Day	8 No School for Students Parent Teacher Conferences 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Spirit Day: Sports Team Day	26 Professional Development No School for Students	27	28 No School Thanksgiving Recess	29 No School Thanksgiving Recess	30