



PIGEON RIVER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Carrier Pigeon Pigeon River's Monthly Family Newsletter

February '25

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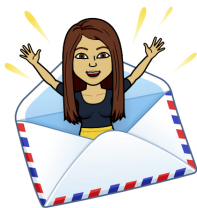
Dear Pigeon River Families,

Please review this Newsletter for the month of February, which includes information about our monthly character trait, Bees of the Month, Spring Conferences, and Forward Testing.

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
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Monthly School-wide Character Trait

During the month of February, we will focus on the character trait of Fairness.

★ Fairness

Treating others how they want to be treated

Bees of the Month

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 December Incentive celebrated in January honoring students who modeled our monthly character trait.

Otte: Emerie X., Noah Y.

Wetzel: Paloma O., El Ni T.

Lorfeld: Adrian J., Alivia N.

Vollmer: Avery F., Grayson L.

Smith: Clara M., Walter K.

Landgraf: Ay'mir G., Melody F.

Korkko: Jonalis C. N., Carter C.

Mentink: Maddy L., Wyatt V.

Hopp: Evie S., Daxton V.

Kreie: Jack S., Ellie B.

Peterson: Bekkam B, Keilyanises L. N.

Gym: Brayden K. (3rd), Ivan L. (1st)

Music: Dylan V. (5th), Liam H. (2nd)

Art: Fritz K. (5th) Sila K. (K)



Spring Conferences

As a reminder, spring conferences will take place on Wednesday, February 26th from 4-8 PM and Friday, February 28th from 7:30 AM-12:30 PM. Letters will be sent home to families with information on how to schedule your 15-minute conference. We look forward to seeing you at conferences!

Forward Testing

Our students in grades 3rd-5th will be participating in the Wisconsin Forward assessment during our spring testing window from March 17 through April 25. State assessments, including the Forward Exam, are required by both State, (Wis. Stat. § 118.30) and Federal ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) (Every Student Succeeds Act) Law. A letter and brochure with additional information will be sent home prior to testing.

Instructional Resources from Our Instructional Coach, Courtney Athorp

Self-Drive

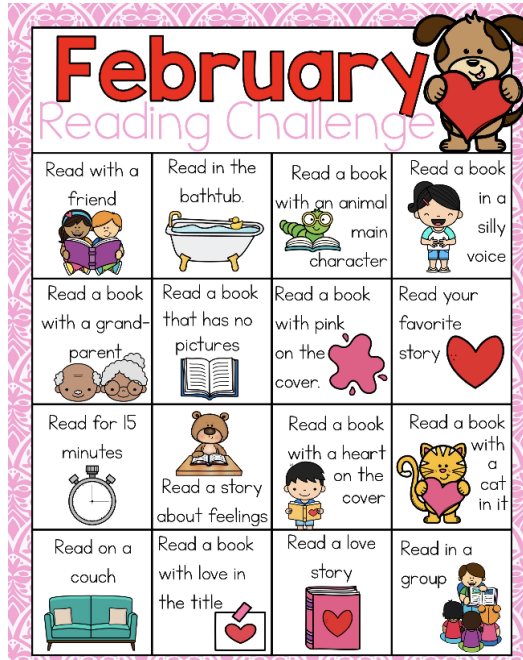
I am reading a book by William Stixrud and Ned Johnson titled *The Self-Driven Child: The Science and Sense of Giving Your Kids More Control Over Their Lives*. The overall focus of the book is to share with adults ways to help children become more driven, self-regulated, and independent. Here are a few tidbits of facts I have gathered from my reading thus far. Allow a child to dress themselves even if it takes more time. This helps develop a locus of control for the child. Allow a child to self-soothe before jumping in to “make everything better.” This helps them self-regulate and see that they are capable of handling big emotions in life. These are just a few tips from the book, but feel free to pick up a copy to find out more!

[The Self-Driven Child: The Science and Sense of Giving Your Kids More Control Over Their Lives](#) by William Stixrud and Ned Johnson

Tips from our Interventionist, Cheri Rankin

Hello Families-

Bitter cold temps...can't go outside? Need something for the kids to do? Challenge them to fill out the February reading Bingo card 😊 All students who complete their Bingo card can see Mrs. Rankin for a free book pick.



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

Guidance lessons for the month of February will be on bullying prevention.

Here is an article giving some helpful tips on executive functioning for 5-7 year olds:

 [Executive-Function-Activities-for-5-to-7-year-olds copy.pdf](#)

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

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Information from Our Library Media Specialist, Nan Minster

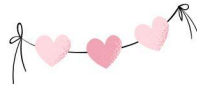
Hope you are staying warm in this cold weather.

In February, we celebrate Black History Month. Here are some books to share with your children during this month from PBS Kids -[Children's Books to celebrate Black History Month](#).

I might have shared this resource before but Brightly is a great web resource for children's books. Here are some great Valentine's Day books for your children!!

[Children's Books to celebrate Valentine's Day](#)

Enjoy some books this month and always!!!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	100 Day Of School	13 Spirit Day: Red & Pink Day VIP DANCE	14 15
16	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	17	18	19	20	21
23	24	25	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00	26	27	No School for students Parent Teacher Conference 7:30-12:30
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