November 14, 2025

Dear Pumpkin Families,

Our Pumpkin community proves time and again what a wonderfully generous school we are. Thanks to everyone, our PTA surpassed its fundraising Panther Prowl goal! This PAWsome outcome allows the PTA to fund in-school cultural arts for all students, as well as offset the cost of field trips, host family events, and more! Thank you to everyone!

Click **HERE** to see this week's highlights!
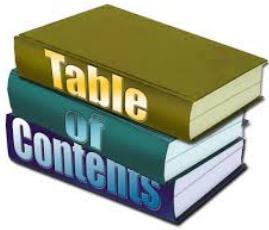
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2025 Panther Prowl:

- Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families and community, we exceeded our fundraising goal and raised **$16,465** (our goal was $15,000)! **We are beyond grateful for your support, which makes a huge difference for our students and school programs.**
- To celebrate, students and staff enjoyed a staff inflatable race, and then students got to spray me with silly string and toss water balloons, making it a day to remember!
- Thank you for your continued partnership and for making PDS such a special place to learn and grow!

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Thanks for Giving Weekend Food Drive:

- Scouts and volunteers will be at Wasson Field ALL WEEKEND as the Thanks for Giving Food Drive wraps up. Click **HERE** for information.

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Cold Weather Reminders:

- With cold weather upon us, please send your child into school dressed appropriately. Classes will continue to have outdoor recess, weather permitting. Click **HERE** for more information.

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No Food or Drinks:

- Just a friendly reminder that Milford Public Schools has a no-food policy for special celebrations or classroom events. For the safety of our children, we ask that everyone adheres to this policy. We ask that families do not send in candy, food or treats. More information on the district's policy can be found **HERE**.

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Lost and Found:

- Our Lost and Found rack is packed! Please remind your child to check Lost and Found.

IMPORTANT…Reporting Absences…PLEASE Change Date in Portal:

- Please remember to change the date of your child's absence in the Parent Portal. Otherwise, the absence will NOT show as "parent excused. Click **HERE** for complete instructions.
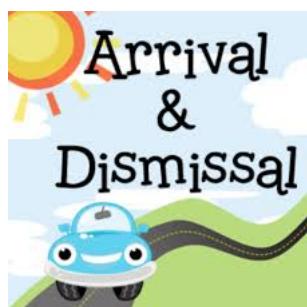
Dismissal Changes - Email Teacher, Mrs. Green & Mrs. Garlock:

- Please remember to email your child's teacher, Mrs. Green (**rgreen@milforded.org**), AND Mrs. Garlock (**dgarlock@milforded.org**) any changes in dismissal. This ensures that if your child's teacher is absent, the main office can let the sub know.

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Pantochino Drama Club:

- Great news, families!! We're gearing up for our annual Drama Club at PDS! Please click on the following link to sign up. **Pantochino Drama Club**

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Food to Kids:

- Food to Kids is an organization whose mission is to provide free meals to families of children who attend local schools. If you and your family are interested in receiving a bag of easy-to-prepare food items at the end of every week, please email Mrs. Massella at **mmassella@milforded.org**.

Join the Pumpkin Delight PTA:

- **Milford Turkey Trot!** Join us for the Milford Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. Our PTA is eligible to receive a donation from the Turkey Trot and the more volunteer hours we give, the larger our donation will be. Please consider giving a few hours (and spend time with some great people)! Sign up to volunteer here: **bit.ly/TurkeyTrotVolunteers2025.** And if you want to walk or run the Trot, register here : **http://www.milfordturkeytrot.com**

- **Holiday Shop! Save the date!** Our PDS Holiday Shop will be held on December 18-19th. This is an opportunity for our young panthers to shop for holiday gifts for family, friends - and even pets. More information to come!

- **Pantochino is back at PDS**! Our drama club always puts on a special show! This year, they are bringing The Jungle Book Abridged to PDS, and we can't wait to see it! Practices begin in January, but all students interested must be enrolled by December 17th (this is a hard deadline). **Register your child today**!

- Shop our **PDS Spirit Wear** and show your school spirit!

- Join The PTA! We couldn't do everything that we do here at PDS without the support of this community. Please consider joining us! There is no commitment of time or participation, and every membership goes a long way in helping support activities throughout the year for our students, teachers, and staff. Click **here** to join.

- Facebook page: follow our **PDS PTA Facebook page** to stay up to date with the latest PDS PTA news and events.

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Milford Public Schools 2025-26 School Year Calendar**

- **PDS November 2025 Calendar**

- Friday, November 14th, through Sunday, November 16th: Around the Clock **Thanks for Giving Food Drive**, Wasson Field

- Wednesday, November 19th: 1:25 pm early dismissal

- Friday, November 21st: **Spirit Day - Cozy PJ Day**

- Wednesday, November 26th: 1:25 pm early dismissal

- Thursday, November 27th, and Friday, November 28th: Thanksgiving Recess - no school

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