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September 5, 2025



Dear Pumpkin Families,

We've launched right into high-quality teaching and learning at Pumpkin Delight! Our students are settling into routines, making connections, and engaging in grade-level work with curiosity and confidence.

Click [HERE](#) for a few snapshots from our first week!

Below are key updates and upcoming events:



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PDS OPEN HOUSE:

You are cordially invited to join us for our [PDS Open House 2025!!!!](#)

Thursday, Sept 11 • 6:00–7:45 PM

- **Childcare is available** in the gym.
- **6:00–6:15** Arrival + meet non-classroom staff in the **Media Center** (PPS & support staff, STEM teacher, PTA, specialists, coaches).
- **6:15–6:45 Session 1** (in classrooms).
- **6:30–7:00** Meet non-classroom staff in the **Media Center**.

- **7:00–7:30 Session 2** (in classrooms).
- **7:30–7:45** Meet non-classroom staff in the **Media Center**.
- *Note:* Sessions 1 & 2 are **identical**, so families with multiple children can visit more than one classroom.

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Safety Drill Update:

- We completed our first safety drill successfully this week.
- Click [HERE](#) for more info on our safety procedures.
- **Please note that we will hold another safety drill next week.**
- Thank you for your continued partnership.

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PDS Goes GOLD!!!

- **[PDS is Going GOLD:](#) Friday, September 26**
- Wear gold to support Pediatric Cancer Awareness!
- Let's stand together to raise awareness.

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Lifetouch Picture Day

- [Lifetouch Picture Day](#): Monday, September 15
- Order forms have been sent home.
- Orders may also be placed online.

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Join the Pumpkin Delight PTA:

- **Join The PTA!** We appreciate your support and invite you to join the PDS PTA -or renew your membership for the 2025-26 school year. 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. If both parents/guardians would like to

support the PTA it is recommended that one membership is purchased and a one-off donation is given for the other.

- **PTA Meeting:** our first meeting is **Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30pm** in the STEM lab; child care is available during PTA meetings.
- **Facebook page:** follow our [PDS PTA Facebook page](#) to stay up to date with the latest PDS PTA news and events.
- **Giggling Pig After School Program:** The Giggling Pig After School program starts on Monday and there is still time to register! This is a 6-week after school program (3:30 - 4:30pm) every Monday from September 8 - October 13 right here at PDS. [Sign-up here.](#) **All students must be registered before Monday, September 8th.**
- **Walk, Bike, Roll to School:** Save the Date! Walk, Bike Roll to school day returns to PDS on October 8th! This is a fun day for our students to grab their bikes, their scooters, roller skates or sneakers and walk, bike or roll to school!

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Grades 4 & 5 Instrument Selection:

- Instrument Night was Thursday, August 28.
- Missed it? Registration info is still available [HERE](#).

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Food Services Update:

- Menus and account setup at the [MPS Food Service Website](#).
- Apply for [Free/Reduced Meals](#) or submit Direct Certification.

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Before and After Care Information:

- YMCA Before and After Care and Boys and Girls Club After Care information can be found [HERE](#).

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Reporting Absences:

- The school attendance line is no longer used for reporting absences.
- Update the date at the top of the form each time you report an absence.
- Click [HERE](#) for instructions on how to report absences.

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Cub Scout Event:

- Join Pack 196 on Monday, September 8, at Live Oaks School for an [Ice Cream Social](#)!

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Upcoming Dates:

- [Milford Public Schools 2025-26 School Year Calendar](#)
- [PDS September 2025 Calendar](#)
- Wednesday, September 10: PTA Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- Thursday, September 11th: Open House @ 6:00 PM
- Monday, September 15th: Lifetouch Picture Day
- Tuesday, September 23rd: No School (Rosh Hashanah)
- Wednesday, September 24th: 1:25 PM early dismissal
- Friday, September 26th: Wear **GOLD** Day
- Thursday, October 2nd: No School (Yom Kippur)

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