

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

Peck Place School 21st Century 

Welcome back to a new year at Peck Place School's 21st Century!

The children enjoyed welcome back sundaes with their choice of chocolate or caramel syrup, crushed Oreos, sprinkles, marshmallows and whipped cream!

Since we have been back from our summer vacation, we have done many fun craft projects. We made pencil magnets, rubber band bracelets, decorated face masks, made gimp keychains, paintings using watercolors, decorated pumpkins using decals, made paper-stained glass pumpkins and leaves, and beaded Indian corn ornaments. We made fold and fly airplanes, decorated wooden race cars and then had races which the children really enjoyed!! The children painted and decorated wooden pumpkin ornaments.

Every year we build a life-size Frankenstein out of cardboard boxes, which the children really enjoy putting together and decorating. Another fun project we do every year is making skeletons using Q-tips. Everyone has fun designing their own skeleton!

There are two minimum days in October, (Tuesday, October 20th and Thursday, October 22nd) and I always try to do something special with the kids. Tuesday, 10/20 we are having dirt pudding (with of course gummy worms peeking out of the Oreo "dirt" on top of the chocolate pudding!!! On Thursday, 10/22 we will have our first field trip. We will go to the movies at the North Haven Cinemark. The movie is *Forgotten Island.*

Some of the children helped to put together a Fairy Village, with grass, rocks, fairy houses, fairies, animals, flowers, trees, fences, small bridges, streams and of course streetlights that light up!!!





MAY 2026

I want to wish all the moms a Happy Mother's Day!!

For Mother's Day, the children painted an unfinished heart shaped cutout wood ornament, "Best Mom Ever"! The children made special cards for moms of a 3D flowerpot, with flowers, and a handmade basket of beautiful flowers with a rustic bow! They also designed beaded bracelets and necklaces and painted windup butterflies which they had fun flying them around the room!!

We celebrated April and May birthdays with chocolate pudding with whipped cream and sang happy birthday!!

To celebrate Cinco de Mayo the children enjoyed nachos with melted cheese and salsa!!

Tuesday, May 12th was the 21st Century Annual Family Picnic. The food came from the Outback Restaurant in Orange and was delicious! There was a wide variety of food (grilled chicken, grilled steak, ribs, steamed broccoli, rice, bloomin onion, pasta

primavera, fried mozzarella sticks, mac and cheese, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, prime rib sandwiches, chicken tenders, Caesar salad and house salad. The desserts were Luigi's Italian ice, mandarin oranges, Ghirardelli brownies and an assortment of cookies!! What a wonderful night and the weather was a top 10 days!! The children got to eat, play in the playground, play basketball and dance to the music of DJ Chris Hughes!! Fun, fun fun!!!

Just a reminder that registration for the 2026-2027 21st school year will be open May 4th – June 5th and will reopen sometime in August. If your child is not registered by August 17th, they cannot start 21st on the first day of school!!!!

Have a wonderful, safe summer!!

Myra



APRIL 2026

I want to wish everyone a very Happy Passover and a very Happy Easter!!

The children made ice cream soda magnets, painted watercolor paintings, used iron beads and made animal keychains using pony beads. They also designed beaded flower keychains and made tie-dye dancing ballerinas.

I want to remind everyone that the 21st Annual Family Picnic is Tuesday, May 12th from 6:00-7:30. Please make sure to RSVP before May 5th. Hopefully we will have great weather!!!!!!

If your child/children will not be attending 21st Century on their scheduled day, please send an email to me, their teacher, the Peck Place office, and make the change on the APP.

I can't believe this school year is coming to an end!! The days are flying by!!!!!

Take care and hope to see you at the 21st picnic!!

Myra



MARCH 2026

Peck Place 21st Century's children have been doing lots of crafts celebrating St. Patrick's Day, Chinese New Year, welcoming spring, and getting ready for Easter.

The children made fire horse puppets to celebrate the Chinese New Year, and made St Patrick's Day crowns, and paper shamrock-stained glass hanging ornaments. To start the Easter celebration, they made bunnies-on-a-fence ornaments, and foam Easter bunny masks. They colored wooden dinosaur magnets and made some beautiful, colored paper flowers. Using iron beads they designed some cool things. The children made paper bunnies using rings cut from toilet paper rolls. and made little chicks and bunnies using wool, very cute!!!!

On the minimum day we had ice cream sundaes, with all the toppings (marshmallows, chocolate/ colored sprinkles, chocolate syrup and whipped cream). We sang Happy Birthday to the children celebrating February and March birthdays.

Some other special snacks for the month of March were chocolate pudding with whipped cream and chocolate chip muffins.

Save the date: Our annual 21st Century family picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th – 6:00-7:30. It will be held here at Peck in the playground/field. Hopefully it doesn't rain, but if it does, it will be held indoors. The food will be catered by the Outback Steak House, and

the music will be by DJ Chris Hughes. Hope to see you there! I will be sending out invitations next month. This is always a fun event for everyone!!!

We started using the Wii and the children are having a fun time with it. I have many, many games for them to choose from! It's kind of funny that so many children have never heard of the Wii!!

See you next month!!

Myra



FEBRUARY 2026

During the month of February 21st Century's 3rd through 6th graders went on a trip to the Orange Town Pool for an hour of open swim. The children that attended really had a fun time and got to swim with their friends from Race Brook School and Turkey Hill School 21st Century.

The children made some very blingy Valentine's Day Cards, using lots of jewels. The kids made a wrapped gift box magnet for their "special someone", MOM, with a very sweet note on it!!

They made pony bead heart keychains, colored velvet Valentine's Day pictures, using

wooden ice cream sticks, made jewelry boxes which they then decorated, colored wooden Valentine's Day gnome ornaments and designed animal faces for bookmarks. The children painted and decorated wooden race cars which we then raced down our cafeteria ramp. Everyone had a fun time racing their cars!!!

To celebrate Valentine's Day, we all enjoyed a special treat for snack, pizza! The pizza was from 700 Degrees.

Just a reminder that we have our Homework Club on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday where the children can have a teacher help them with their homework or they can just read in a quiet space. If you want your child to attend, let me know.

Myra

JANUARY 2026

January went by quickly and the children were busy doing lots of crafts.

The children that attended the AM program made a gingerbread house, with lots of candy on it!! It was fun, but a little messy!!!!!

Some of the crafts the children participated in were: made Shrinky dink bracelets and necklaces, designed animals/flowers using pipe cleaners, used Sculpey clay (which I then bake to harden) to make figures, animals, food, and many other original items, they used pony beads to make some wonderful, beaded animal keychains and painted wooden animal bookmarks.

Our Wednesday coding class has been using Lego Robotics to build and then code their movements with scratch and driving them on the iPads This has been a fun and educational weekly program which the children enjoy!!!!

The children made *Worry Dolls,* in Spanish is Munecas quitapenas, which means, dolls that remove worries. Using clothes pins and embroidery yarn they made little dolls which are referred to as trouble dolls. These small colorful dolls are a traditional Guatemalan toy. A person places the doll under their pillow after telling it something that is bothering them and then goes to sleep. Overnight, the worry dolls are said to worry in the person's place, letting them sleep peacefully. Many children have told me they are not having bad dreams anymore and are sleeping better!!!!! Whatever works!!!!!

To celebrate January birthdays, we all enjoyed chocolate pudding with whipped cream, while we sang happy birthday to the children celebrating their birthday!!!!

See you next month!!

Myra