

Pond Cove Principal's Notes

Week of February 14, 2022

Dear Pond Cove Families,

It is a beautiful day on the Pond Cove playground! Our students are having a blast in the sunshine! As the ice and snow start to melt, conditions on the playground have become very wet. Although we do our best to keep students out of puddles, quite a few students are coming in from recess wet and uncomfortable. Nurse Taylor has a small supply of extra socks and pants for those in need. However, I encourage all students to **pack an extra change of clothes** to keep in their lockers. Ideally this would include shoes as well. Please help your child select a weather appropriate back-up outfit. This will ensure that they can remain dry and comfortable throughout the school day.

If you are able, we would welcome donations of the following items for our clothes closet. (Socks and Underwear: sizes K-4, and Pants: sizes 5-12)

Best Wishes,

Jason Manjourides
Principal, Pond Cove Elementary





We are getting closer to our roll out date for PickMyKid. We will begin using the new dismissal system on **FEBRUARY 28**. Until then, please continue to use the PowerSchool portal to inform us of any dismissal changes for your child.

By now, you should have received a car tag that came home in backpack mail. When you register in the App, you will input the student ID number printed on the car tag. There will be one primary parent in control of dismissal, but alternate individuals can be added. If you would like us to make you a second car tag, you can request one from the office by using this [form](#).

We've noticed that a number of you have already registered on PickMyKid. Thank you! For those of you who haven't yet, below are two videos to help you get started.

[Parent App Training Video](#)

[Parent App Registration Video](#)



Here is some more helpful information about PickMyKid.

[Parent App User Guide](#)

Frequently asked questions:

Will I need to have a smartphone to pick up my child in the carline?

No. If you do not have a smartphone to announce your student's pickup, the staff members on duty will use the information on your car tag to locate your student.

Can I have a duplicate car tag for my student(s)?

If you are in need of another PikMyKid car tag, please click on this [link](#) and fill out the request form.

I am having trouble getting set up on PikMyKid. What should I do?

If you are in need of extra help, you may contact the Pond Cove office for basic information. PikMyKid does have a dedicated support team to help you when you have a question. You can contact them at: support@pikmykid.com.

Pics From this Week:

Teachers engaged in a variety of differentiated professional development opportunities on the February 9 early release Wednesday. Part of their afternoon was spent in a workshop where they learned more about selecting children's literature that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion and utilizing these texts within their lessons. This workshop was facilitated by our amazing school counselors, Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Gallagher.





Counselors' Corner

Mrs. Gallagher and Mrs. O'Neill



[Pond Cove's Wellness Space](#)



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Looking Ahead

- February 21-25: Presidents' Day and Winter Break/No School
- March 9 from 8:45-9:15am: 4th Grade Band/Chorus Demonstratio (Cafeteria)
 - *SNOW DATE: Thursday, March 10th (same time)
- March 11: Staff Development Day (No School for students)
- March 23: Parent Teacher Conferences (Students dismissed at 12:05)
- April 6: Staff Development Afternoon (Students dismissed at 12:05)
- April 15-22: Spring Break/No School
- May 11: Staff Development Afternoon (Students dismissed at 12:05)

Important COVID Reminders

- Please complete the [Daily Symptoms Checklist](#) for your child each day before they attend school. This is very important as we work to keep our campus open for in-person school this year.
- If students arrive late to school, please have them enter the Pond Cove front door and check in at the main office.

- Due to the pandemic, we are discouraging parents/guardians from dropping items off at school this year. It takes us all working together to keep everyone healthy and safe. Thank you for all your efforts at home!
- For questions related to COVID-19 protocols in our school, please check [COVID-19 Parent/Student Handbook](#).
- To sign your child up for pooled testing: **Consent Form:**
<http://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com//minor-consent> (Access code: oC46EP - the first digit is zero)
- Any questions related to COVID, pooled testing, or any other health concern, please contact Nurse Taylor: etaylor@capeelizabethschools.org

Looking Ahead
2021-2022 District School Calendar

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