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*News, Events, and Important Information for Perry Central Families*

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## Attendance Challenge Month

Perry Central Elementary has declared January an Attendance Challenge Month. School attendance is one of the best ways you can prepare your child for success in life.

To encourage students to build the habit of good attendance, elementary students who have perfect attendance in January will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate for a bicycle. Two bikes will be awarded at the end of the month.

Studies in Indiana indicate that students that are chronically absent from school perform at lower levels on Indiana's student learning assessments.

Missing just 2 days a month or 10% of school year can make it harder to learn to read. When students have good attendance their grades improve.

Attending school on a regular basis helps children feel better about themselves, about school and their community.

We are asking families to work with Perry Central to make this a great year for our students.

## Career Day

Our annual High School Career Day will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Community members from a variety of occupations will speak to our students about the many possibilities the future may bring. If you are interested in participating on a panel for Career Day, please contact Maria Sweat at [msweat@pccs.k12.in.us](mailto:msweat@pccs.k12.in.us).



## FAMILY LITERACY

The New Year is upon us! As you think of ways to make 2019 a great year, please consider making literacy part of your family's daily life. Here are some ways you can ignite a love of reading at home

### Tips for parents to encourage the love of reading:

- ☑ Read aloud to your child
- ☑ Allow your child to select their own books
- ☑ Listen to your child read

### Tips for parents to make reading fun:

- ☑ Use reading as a reward
- ☑ Use library reading programs

☑ Plug into television and encourage your child to read books based on their favorite show

### Tips for parents to encourage reading with family activities:

- ☑ Have a family reading night
- ☑ Broaden your child's horizons with rich experiences
- ☑ Talk about experiences

### Tips for parents to stay involved:

- ☑ Show interest
- ☑ Monitor your child's reading progress at home and school

**Within the next 4-5 weeks, your child will be assessed in either DIBELS or SRI. We will send home parent reports soon.**

Sarah Kelly Title I Director

## This & That

NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL



### PC WELLNESS

#### Tips for keeping your New Year's resolutions

##### BE SPECIFIC

Vague goals won't work. Map out your strategy before New Year's arrives

##### MAKE YOUR GOAL PUBLIC

Share your decision with friends and family who can offer support when you're doing well.

##### SUBSTITUTE GOOD BEHAVIOR FOR "BAD"

Don't rely on willpower alone to help you change, instead build in healthy behaviors.

##### TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

Record or chart your changed behavior.

### ELEMENTARY CHEER

5th and 6th grade cheerleaders will perform their routine at the January 15 and January 17th 5-6th grade boy games.

### GIRLS WHO CODE

An informational meeting for the new Girls Who Code club for girls 3rd-12th grades will be held January 2 at 4pm in Mr. Walsh's room.

### SKI PAOLI PEAKS

On January 13th all youth in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the Outdoor Adventures Ski Paoli Peaks sponsored by Purdue Extension. The cost is \$40. For more information and to register call the Extension office at 812 547-7084.

### CHEER CLINIC

The annual cheer clinic will start at 1pm on January 5th. The participants will perform that evening during halftime of the varsity game. Registration forms are due before Christmas break.

### BAND NEWS

The PCHS band is going to the Orleans Pep Band Invitational on January 12th. They will perform at 9:50 CST. Members of the band will also be at Solo & Ensemble at Southridge High School on January 26th.

### COMMODORE TABLE

Families are invited to come to P.C. and share a free meal on the last Tuesday of each month. The next meal is scheduled for January 29th at 5:30.

### BORN LEARNING

The next Born Learning program for families with children birth to 5 years will be held on January 29th. Come early at 5 to hear from community partners. The dinner will be held at 5:30 in conjunction with the Commodore Table with the parent and children sessions to follow.

### HUNTERS EDUCATION

A Hunters Education class for students grades 3rd-12th and adults will be held each day after school January 28th-31st. DNR conservation officer Zac Howerton will be the instructor.

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

C.S. Lewis

## HOMECOMING

Basketball Homecoming will be held on Friday, January 11th. In case of snow it will be held on January 26th.

The Homecoming dance for students in grades 9-12 will be held after the game. Admission to the dance is five dollars at the door.

