

# Pheasant Point Elementary



Developing Leaders, Inspiring Learners, Building Relationships  
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## The Week of: February 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

### Important Dates

Feb. 3	Early Release
Feb. 9	Red Robin Night
Feb. 15	NO SCHOOL

### Helpful Links

- [FZSD Website](#)
- [Pheasant Point Website](#)
- [Lunch Menu](#)
- [PPE PTO](#)
- [Annual Parent Notifications](#)
- [Transportation Changes](#)
- [At-Home Wellness Check Sheet](#)
- ["What to do if..." Guidance Sheet](#)
- [Canvas Parent Observer Information](#)
- [Weekly COVID-19 updates](#)

### Letter Days

Monday, Feb. 1	E
Tuesday, Feb. 2	A
Wednesday, Feb. 3	B
Thursday, Feb. 4	C
Friday, Feb. 5	D
Monday, Feb. 8	E
Tuesday, Feb. 9	A
Wednesday, Feb. 10	B
Thursday, Feb. 11	C
Friday, Feb. 12	D

### Lunch Times

Kdg	10:45-11:10
1 <sup>st</sup>	11:40-12:05
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:15-11:40
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12:30-12:55
4 <sup>th</sup>	12:55-1:20
5 <sup>th</sup>	12:05-12:30

### Office

Office Hours	8:00am-4:30pm
Phone #	636-379-0173
School Hours	9am-4pm

Superintendent: Dr. Bernard DuBray  
Principal: [Mrs. Katie Orf](#)  
Assistant Principal: [Mrs. Shannon Findley](#)

### Counseling Week

This coming week, Feb. 1-5 is National School Counseling Week. For those of you that know Mrs. Michalka, you know how special she is to PPE. Please see the linked [flyer](#) on how you can help celebrate her with us!

### Early Release

We will have an early release day on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Our dismissal is at 1:30 p.m. Please make sure the office knows of any changes to dismissal for your student by 12 p.m.

### Red Robin Night

PTO is hosting a Dine to Donate Night at Red Robin from 5-9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9. Please see the [flyer on our website](#) for more details on how to order!



### Valentine Celebration



Due to continued COVID restrictions, we will not be able to exchange Valentines this year. Please do not send in any Valentines or other items to share with the class. Each class will participate in alternate activities.

### District Spelling Bee Winner

We want to congratulate the district spelling bee winner, Sydney Maempa, a 5th grade student in Mrs. Schoonover's room here at PPE!!!! Sydney represented PPE extremely well and brought home the first place win. Great work Sydney! We are so proud of you!



### A Note from the Instructional Coach

Have you been looking for something to keep kids happy and learning math? We have had three classes participate in his online lessons at school and they were a hit! Greg Tang's website has a variety of free learning games, skill games, picture books, and even a monthly challenge for students to track and earn a certificate! Check it out at <https://tangmath.com/>

## Kindergarten Registration

Will your child be 5 years old on or before July 31? Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 school year opens online March 3. Watch our website for more information.

## Fortitude Podcast

[Superintendent's Update](#): Light Ahead  
With second semester underway Dr. DuBray provides updates on winter sports, professional development and district finances. District RNs and clinic clerks have begun receiving the Covid vaccine, which he says "is the light at the end of the tunnel." And a new milestone sits on the horizon: The 100th day of School. Like or subscribe on YouTube or subscribe wherever you listen to podcasts.  
FORTITUDE: Strength in Community



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sarah Rogers for being selected as Educator of the Year and Tara Weinhold for being selected as Employee of the Year. Mrs. Rogers is a 4th grade teacher here at PPE. Mrs. Weinhold works in our office, lunchroom, and playground. You've probably spoken to her if you have called PPE! We are so lucky to have them as part of our Pheasant Point family!



## Buddy Bench

We received a heartfelt donation in honor of Jackson, son of Carrie and Michael, brother of Ivan and Grace. Jackson's best friend, Harrison, attends Pheasant Point Elementary and wanted to help celebrate his legacy and their foundation donated a Buddy Bench for our playground. If you would like to honor Jackson, consider a donation to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which funds childhood cancer research.

## A Note from Mrs. Furtwengler

Our Kids Heart Challenge officially starts Feb. 1 but you can start any time you would like. In fact we have raised nearly \$1,000 already!!!! Great job Heroes!

Keychain prizes will only be handed out on Tuesday and Thursdays during the challenge. All other prizes will be ordered after our challenge ends. Processing and shipping of these prizes (t-shirts, ball, etc) usually takes several weeks. These prizes will likely not arrive until sometime in March. Virtual Learners: Your virtual P.E. teacher will have more information on fundraising and prizes. If you have questions, please email your teacher.

Please do not send in cash or check donations. Due to Covid precautions, cash and checks will not be accepted. If you receive a cash donation from someone, you can enter that money into your checking account and then donate on the website using your Debit or Credit Card. If a check is received, you can use the KHC app to scan and enter the check using your username and password. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Lastly, we know it's not always possible to raise money. There is more to being a Heart Hero than just donations! Regardless of donations, please join by signing up your child online so that you and your family can benefit from the great heart health resources available on the app. Being a Heart Hero can be as simple as committing as a family to take care of your own beautiful beating hearts! Sign up and explore the website for ideas on how to get moving at home, eat a balanced diet, and take care of your mental health as well.

Take care and thank you all for participating!

Mrs. Furtwengler



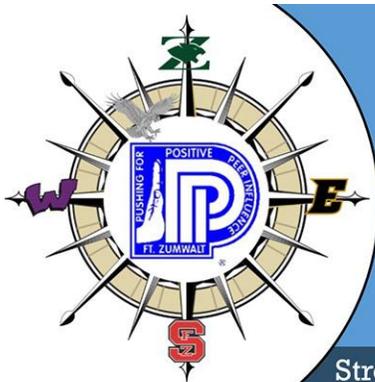
## Staff Spotlight: Ms. Garlich

Ms. Garlich is a 1st grade teacher at Pheasant Point. Ms. Garlich is passionate about the love of learning-Individual Growth and Potential-Making the classroom a place where students want to be. The thing that makes her PPE proud is the teamwork involved that makes this the best place for students and teachers--Academically and Socially. When asked who her biggest inspiration is, she said, "My first grade teacher inspired me to become a teacher, but it's really the kids who inspire me to be the best teacher I can be for each and every one of them." Ms. Garlich, thank you for all you do! You make us PPE proud!



## Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Sachs

Mrs. Sachs is a 2nd grade teacher at Pheasant Point. Mrs. Sachs is passionate about being an advocate for her students and fighting for what is best for kids. When asked what makes her PPE proud, she said, "I spent many, MANY years teaching in a district and buildings that are very different than PPE. I remember when I started coming to the building with my son in kindergarten. I would get this feeling of envy, and think to myself--THIS is the kind of place I want to be a part of. Everything from the bulletin boards to our staff/administration to Leader In Me --- I just felt like this is where I've always belonged. THIS is the place where I have always wanted to teach, right here in my own community, where I can make a difference right where I live." When asked who her biggest inspiration is, she said, "at this point in my life, my biggest inspirations are my sons and husband." Mrs. Sachs, thank you for all you do! You make us PPE proud!



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Feb. 16, 2021

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