Hello PEW Families,

The summer break is rapidly coming to a close. In less than 3 weeks we will be welcoming our Immersion scholars in person. The first day of school for students will be August 29, 2022. The school day begins at 9:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm.

Before and After Care-

> If you have arranged Before and After thru AlphaBest (Private Day Care Vendor). Please contact them if you have interest or need for daycare. (AlphaBest.org/princegeorgecounty md)

> We have several vans and/or daycare centers who service the PEW students. Please finalize your arrangements and share the details with Ms. Claggett, the registrar.

> If your child(ren) is to be transported by county bus, you must make sure you have all pertinent information updated in the system referring to morning pick-up, and drop-off in the afternoon. Ms. Claggett, the registrar, should be contacted if there are any questions or concerns.

> We are not a neighborhood school. All students are transported by car, van or bus...with the exception of two local daycare facilities who walk the students to and from school, morning and afternoon.

*Rising Generations

*Prince George's County Memorial Library

*Inform Ms. Claggett, the registrar, with all pertinent information so that everything can be entered into the computer accurately prior to the beginning of school.

> To assist and support our dismissal process, each family will be given a car tag identifying the name(s) of the corresponding students. The car tag will need to be visible so that the correct child(ren) can be sent out to a waiting car. This process allows the administrator and or teacher
to ensure the safety of all students. When it becomes necessary for another family member or friend to pick up your child, the parent must notify the school. Call the main office by 2:30pm speaking to Ms. Witt or Ms. Claggett to share the particulars regarding the change in the dismissal procedures for the (day)s. In addition, a note with full detail should be sent to the teacher that morning sharing the change in dismissal procedures with the teacher and or the substitute in the classroom.

**PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON THE STUDENT TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH THE TEACHER!**

**School Hours**

> School hours are (9:30 am-3:30pm). Students arriving by bus( come through the front of the building) and students in the carline come through the side door. All are permitted to enter for breakfast and then proceed down to their classroom. If a bus is late, students are still provided breakfast. Students who are dropped off after 9:30am are considered tardy, yet they are able to receive breakfast. Times may need to be adjusted during the first few weeks until bus routes are finalized.

> Parents are expected to acknowledge and sign any and all forms concerning dismissal procedures, Publicity Release, (allowing students to be videotaped or pictures placed on our Instagram page,) as well as the Free and Reduced Lunch forms and any and all updated information forms which will be sent home from the school district. There has been a change in the lunch and breakfast program. Information will be forthcoming indicating prices for lunch and breakfast for this SY 2022-2023.

**School Calendar**

> The school calendar and PTO notices will be available for all families to keep everyone abreast of upcoming activities throughout the year as well as days, dates and times that the school system has off for Professional Development or specific hours of early dismissal and recognition of holidays.

**Professional Development Days**

To keep you informed -2022-2023 - See below

**September 30, 2022-Professional Learning Systemic- Schools closed for Students.**

**October 21, 2022- Professional Learning Day- Schools closed for Students.**

**March 6, 2023- Professional Learning Systemic- Schools closed for Students**
Early Dismissal- 2hours -1:30pm

November 7, 2022
November 21 & 22, 2022
January 25, 2023
February 21, 2023
March 31, 2023
June 16, 2023

**Back to School Night**

Grades K-2
Wednesday, September 14, 6:00-7:30

Grades 3-5
Thursday, September 15, 6-7:30

**Orientation**

> Please plan on attending your child's orientation scheduled for this school year. The teachers will share their goals for this school year and answer questions about what they hope to accomplish with our scholars. If you have several children and cannot make each orientation, please reach out to the teacher and you will be accommodated.

* **Kindergarten- In-Person**
  10:00 am-11:00 am-Friday, August 26 , 2022

* **Grades 1-5 “Sneak a Peek”**
  Friday, August 26, 2022
  
  Grades 1 and 2 1:00-1:45pm
  Grades 3 and 4 2:00-2:45pm

Please bring your student for a brief welcome to meet your teacher, locate your classroom and drop off your supplies.
Such things as School Supply lists, system notices, newsletters, and call-outs will be sent home by each teacher electronically or by administrators. Connect with your child's teacher on ClassDojo for daily communication. Keep all of your numbers and email information current. The purpose of the class DOJO is to communicate with all parents in the best interest of his or her class. Any parent wishing to share his or her individual grievances, disputes or criticisms about a teacher, an incident or another child should request a conference in an effort to reach a positive resolution. **Be respectful of the use of the communication platform.**

It is not acceptable nor has it ever been a platform for parents to share their expressed concerns, hurtful and/or disrespectful comments. If you have a concern, a note or a private email to the teacher in question is the preferred manner in which to address the issue.

When DOJO messages or posts are deemed inappropriate, the manager of the site reserves the right to remove and or archive the post. Board policy requires a response from the teacher be given within 24-48 hours. In addition, emails received after the Close of Business (COB) on any given day will be addressed within the required time...but not that same evening.

**Admittance to the building**

At this time masks are optional. Conferences scheduled with the teacher will be on an appointment only basis, whether it is virtual or face to face. Instructional time is significant, therefore parent teacher conferences may be scheduled before school or after the school day. Reach out to your child's teacher in order to ensure proper scheduling.

**Classroom Information**

> School supply lists will be available electronically by grade level.

> Snacks will not be offered, expected or requested by any teacher for any grade level.

> Birthday parties will not be held or celebrated during school hours for any grade level.

> Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion will continue to provide wipes, sanitizers and masks for students.
Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion remains a mandatory uniform school. Boys wear (Baby Blue) light blue shirts oxford or polo and navy blue trousers or shorts, blue or black dark shoes; or black sneakers; Girls wear (Baby Blue) light blue blouses, navy blue skirts, skorts, slacks or jumpers, dark shoes or black sneakers and blue or white socks. No sequins, lights, and wheelies.

Additional content information regarding instruction, systemic goals and initiatives and new staff member assignments will be shared as soon as the process is finalized.

Relax and enjoy the next few weeks. Our new normal is about to begin. We look forward to partnering with all of you and having a successful year for our scholars.

We are PEW Proud.

Kind Regards,

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Principal
Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion
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