



### Staff Update

September 25, 2020

It's not a marathon. It's not a sprint. It's a marathon and a sprint...and sometimes it's a "run for your life, I'm being chased by cheetahs"!

### OUR ONE WORD

# LIFT

Take a minute to think of a person who you can LIFT up tomorrow! A little lift could be just what someone needs!

### Grateful

1. **Michael Jenkins**-Michael has stepped up into the role of Intervention teacher this year and I'm so happy to get to work so closely with her! Thank you, Michael for all of your hard work.
2. **Sydney Zerby, Casey Wolfe and Wendy Wingfield**-I am so in awe of our incredible intervention assistants! These ladies jump in and help wherever and whenever they are needed! Thank you ladies for all you do!
3. **New Dolly Stickers**-We ordered new VBO Dolly Stickers! You will be getting them at the beginning of October!

## Love is an Intervention

I thought you'd enjoy this conversation that I had with a sweet 2nd grader from Miss Ferrall's class the other day as he was walking into school.

Me, "Good morning! How are you today?"

Student, "Great! I love my teacher!"

Me, "Who is your teacher? I'm so glad you love her!"

Student, "Miss Ferrall! And I wrote her a note."

Me, "I bet she'll LOVE that!"

Student, "Want to know what it says?"

Me, "Of course!"

Student (talking like he is counting his words, one word at a time)

"Miss----Ferrall---You----are----the----best---teacher. I----love-----you!"

Me, "You are going to make her day!"

Student-smiles and happily skips inside

## COVIDy EMAIL

We are going to start emailing teachers when students need to be OUT OF SCHOOL for an extended period of time. I ask that you do the following if/when you receive such an email:

1. Contact the parent of the student to determine if the student is too sick to do school work or if the student is able to complete work
2. Explain to the parent how the student will access work daily
3. IF THE STUDENT COMES BACK PRIOR TO THE DAY THAT IS NOTED IN THE EMAIL THEN SEND THE STUDENT TO THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY!

Your email will look like this:

**(Student Name) is to be out of school until (date). If this child returns prior to this date, please send him/her to the office immediately.**

## R Factor

Starting in October we will be BRINGING R FACTOR BACK! We have a new-ish set of superheroes! And, we will have a VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY ready for you to show to your students!

AND---we will be providing you with 4 lessons to pull into your CANVAS courses for kids to view and complete on AT HOME DAYS! We hope this helps you out! We are going to do everything we can to provide you with R Factor lessons this year so it's one less thing you have to do!

## [Pioneer Valley Books](#)

All classroom teachers and students from grades K-5 have an account. Students and classroom teachers are rostered automatically. Teachers can access their account using the button on Elementary eSchool or on the Elementary Literacy eResource page. Teachers should log-in using their Google sign-on information.

You'll find more information on this [Pioneer Valley S'more](#) and in the [Elementary Curriculum Update](#).

## [From our Nurse](#)

I wanted to send a quick email to remind you of the process of contacting the nurse this year. If you need the nurse, just be sure to do the following:

- Always call the Main office. This is important incase a nurse is not in the clinic. If you have a walkie, you can reach us that way as well.
- Please provide the student's name.
- Give a brief description of the situation.

Thank you all for your cooperation. Let me know if you have any questions.

## [Students Taking Mental Health Days](#)

There is a protocol in place for students who take mental health days. To best support the student, we have established the following system as a building.

1. Student's 1st mental health day taken - make teacher aware; quick check in with student by Jeff or Chelsey
2. Student's 2nd mental health day taken - email parents; gain more information; provide resources/supports
3. Student's 3rd mental health day taken - phone call home/interventions as needed; possible referral

## [Board Resolution Addressing Racism](#)

[Click here](#) to read our Board Resolution regarding racism.

## Panorama

It is time for Panorama, please **start early** in the window so you can allow enough time for all students to finish the survey. This is a quick survey and it only takes about 20 minutes. Students will access the survey through Eschool, there will be a link added soon. I encourage you to go over the vocabulary found in the link below with your students prior to the survey. As always please reach out if you would like support in administering. All students do need to finish survey within the time frame. THANKS!!!

### Test window

Sept 28-Oct 9 - grades 3-5 only

### Helpful LINKS:

Proctor Guide LINK

Student Survey Presentation LINK

Mini Vocabulary Lesson LINK

## Dismissal Duty Schedule-[click here to view the document](#)

PM Bus Duty 2020-2021 Hybrid Bus Duty Schedule				
<b>WENDY, SYDNEY and CASEY</b> will escort K and 1st grade walkers outside <b>Michael</b> will oversee the bus drop off <b>Jacki</b> will oversee the car drop off <b>Chelsey Steiner or Jeff</b> will oversee the far end near playground of car				
Monday-Car line *PICK UP A DUTY WALKIE	Tuesday-Car line *PICK UP A DUTY WALKIE	Wednesday-car line *PICK UP A DUTY WALKIE	Thursday-car line *PICK UP A DUTY WALKIE	Friday-car line *PICK UP A DUTY WALKIE
Ashley Rondy Shannon Holmes Chelsea McConnell	Emily Kerr Saima Khan 1 Related Arts	Coleen Csiszarik Amanda Davell 1 Related Arts	Nicole Langlois Andrew Allen 1 Related Arts	Amanda Allen Molly Ells 1 Related Arts

## PTO Update

- INDOOR RECESS TEACHER GRANTS**-Each CLASSROOM TEACHER is able to spend up to \$50 on supplied for INDOOR RECESS courtesy of the PTO! They opted for this as opposed to purchasing supplies and giving them to you because they wanted you to decide what would be best for your class. You MUST FOLLOW THIS PROCESS FOR USING THE \$50:
  - Fill out [this form](#)
  - Save your receipt and put it in the PTO mailbox with your NAME ON IT.
  - PTO will fill out a check and give it to you within a few days!

## F and P Due Dates

Since we did not get the opportunity to assess the students last spring it would be beneficial to complete an FP on every student for instructional purposes. Please use fiction titles for the fall assessment. **F and P scores must be completed and entered into TAC prior to October 23.**

## Parent Teacher Conferences

This year we will have our conferences via zoom!

I have discussed dates with the Data Team leaders and we have selected the following dates.  
Gades 1-5----Conferences the week of November 16th with the late night on November 19th.

K----Conferences the week of October 12th with the late night on October 14th

## Interim Time is Upon Us

Mid October marks the middle of the 12 weeks. Since most of the school will be doing conferences in November, I do encourage you to make contact with parents to update them on student progress. You can do this with a simple email or phone call just to touch base. I do not want you to put a ton of time into completing an interim report but I do want to make sure that everyone checks in with families and documents the conversation or email.

## What's on the calendar:

September 28-4th, 2nd and K Data Teams at planning in Amanda D's room  
September 30-5th, 1st and 3rd Data Teams a planning in Amanda D's room

October 5-Virtual R Factor Assembly-A Day Kids  
Title Parent Meeting via zoom 6:00 PM  
PTO 7:00PM

October 6-Virtual R Factor Assembly-B Day Kids

October 14-Kindergarten Conference late night  
October 15-Teacher Work Day  
October 16-COI Day

October 19 and 20-Parts I and II of 3rd Grade Testing