

Panther Press

Perry Heights Middle School



Principal, Mr. Charles Goodman

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Don't forget to use the **EdEase Program** on the internet.

This will help you to know how your student is doing at school. It will show you their class schedule (click on a class and you will see if they are turning in homework and their current grades.) You can check their attendance, discipline record and standardized test scores.

Contact the school office @ 435-8326 if you have not utilized this valuable parent tool.

Perry Heights Fall Festival Booth

This year will be our fourth year to participate at the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival. We will once again be selling Hawaiian burgers, pizza burgers, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, sausage burgers, cider and RC soft drinks. We might also add a spicy jalapeno burger!

We are once again asking for donations of the 16.9ml bottles of RC, Ski, Big Red and Diet Rite soft drinks! The homeroom that brings in the most drinks at each grade level will get to have a donut party the week after the festival comes to a close.

As you all know, it takes many, many volunteers to keep the booth running through the week.

If you are interested in working one of the "fun-filled" shifts throughout the week, PLEASE contact one of the following DAYCHAIR people to sign up.

Mon -Tracey David (422-5235) **Tues** -Jackie Belli (491-3296) **Wed** -Julie Volkman (624-0134)
Thurs -Daphne Owen (421-8365) **Fri** - Kim Parmley (422-3930) **Sat** -Missy Ludwig (422-7420)

The hours for shifts are (9:00am-12:00 noon), (12:00 noon-3:00pm), (3:00pm-6:00pm), (6:00pm-10:00pm)

Thank you so much for your RC product donation. We would really appreciate your time of working in the booth!

Come visit us at Booth #9 across from the rides.

Missy Ludwig, PTSA Vice President

Speech Team Mrs. Henderson & Mrs. Kracker

Speech is off to a great start. We had a large turn-out for our first practices and are looking forward to a successful season. Round Robin Meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

Wednesday, Sept. 2nd @ Plaza Park
Wednesday, Sept. 16th @ McGary
Wednesday, Sept. 30th @ Helfrich Park

City Tournament will be on Monday, Oct. 12th and Thursday, Oct. 15th @ Oak Hill.

A bus will take students to each competition site, but **parents must pick students up when the meet is over.**

Parents should be at each Wednesday round robin by 5:30pm. The city tournament usually runs longer and those times will be sent home later in

the season.

We are always in need of additional judges, so if parents are willing to judge, they should contact Mrs. Henderson with the dates they are available. Reminder: you must judge at least one round robin competition in order to judge for city tournament.

On Track: Your Guide to Student Success

Notes from Your Child's Counselor

Presentations will be made to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students on the information provided in a magazine, *On Track: Your Guide to School Success*, sent to all middle school students and parents from the Indiana Dept. of Education. Parents, please watch for this magazine to come home. There is valuable information compiled in the magazine about success at your child's current grade level, as well as information about high school and college.

If you have not filled out the 21st Century scholarship application, be sure to call the counselor, Dr. Dierlam, for an application. Students may apply for this scholarship as early as 6th grade. Application must be made before the student leaves the 8th grade.

Keys to success in middle school include the following: **Attend school** every day unless sick & arrive on time. **Get 8-10 hours of sleep** each night. **Eat a healthy breakfast** each morning. **Pay attention** in class. **Use the agenda book** to write down assignments for each subject. **Start project assignments** as soon as you get them. **Complete homework** on time. **Read for pleasure** each day.

A parent had mentioned as their son gold older, he was reading less & less for pleasure each day. The concerned parent consulted the school librarian for ideas. The librarian suggested leaving lots of reading material-books, magazines, newspapers, even comic books-all around the house. "If they're lying there, he'll pick them up," she advised.

Next, she suggested stopping by the library to return books when they are out together. Once inside, his parent could steer him toward sections he might like. Since he likes cars, the librarian would show him books on NASCAR races and drivers. He is sure to pick a few to check out.

The final suggestion would be for parents to discuss the books they are reading with their children while giving the children a chance to talk about their current book. Thus, the reading habit is shared.

Emergency Dismissal Procedures

If notification has been given to schools that severe weather is imminent and students are in their "safe" spots in the school building (interior hallways, rest-rooms, etc), EVSC schools **WILL NOT** dismiss students to parents until the threat has passed and an all-clear has been given. The school's leadership acts in loco parentis, or in other words, takes on the legal responsibility to provide some of the functions of a parent for the health, safety and welfare of students. We believe it is the school leadership's first priority to protect students and our employees. We cannot risk the safety of the majority for the convenience of a few.

An exception may only be made if students have not yet been moved to their "safe" locations and are still in their classrooms. At this time, if a parent follows the proper procedures in the office, a student may be released to the parent.



September Dates

09/01	3:30pm	Volleyball @ PHMS vs Glenwood
09/02	8:00am	PTSA Meeting
	3:30pm	Speech @ Plaza Park
09/03	3:30pm	Volleyball @ Harwood
09/07		No School—Labor Day
09/08	3:30pm	Volleyball @ PHMS vs Helfrich
09/10	3:30pm	Volleyball @ McGary
09/15	3:30pm	Volleyball @ PHMS vs Oak Hill
09/16	3:30pm	Speech @ McGary
09/17	3:30pm	Volleyball @ Washington
09/22	3:30pm	Volleyball @ PHMS vs Thompkins
09/23	3:50pm	Ball Park Run @ Garvin Park
09/24	3:30pm	Volleyball @ PHMS vs Evans
09/25	3:00pm	PTSA Fall Dance
09/28		Volleyball Tournament (TBA)
09/29		Volleyball Tournament (TBA)
09/30	3:30pm	Speech @ Helfrich Park

Show Your Spirit with Team Socks

The PTSA is offering team socks, including Perry Heights Panthers, for sale! Students should bring home order forms Tuesday, September 1st.

No money is due until products are delivered.

Students will have the order form, but items on the brochure may also be viewed at



www.paragon-promotions.com
Access Code: spirit-1

PTSA Meetings (8:00am)

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Friday, Oct. 2

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Friday, Dec. 4

Wednesday, Jan. 6th

Friday, Feb. 5th

Wednesday, Mar. 3rd

Friday, Apr. 9th

Wednesday, May 5th