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## PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE



Dear Parents and School Community,

The plan to implement a **Full-Day Kindergarten** program in PCSD continues to move forward and is expected to be included in the 2017-2018 regular program budget that must be approved by voters on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

The Board of Education agrees that a Full-Day Kindergarten program is what is best for our students. The research has demonstrated that 18% of our half-day kindergarten students fall below their full-day counterparts in math and reading when benchmarked at the end of kindergarten.



**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**

Should the budget receive sufficient community support on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Full-Day Kindergarten will be implemented in the 2017-2018 school year. PCSD will likely seek an override to its tax cap for the 17-18 budget which will require a supermajority to be approved. This means at least 60% of voters must support the increase. This differs from a simple majority vote which only requires one more than 50% of voters.

The Board of Education is scheduled to adopt the Proposed Budget on April 12, 2017 and the Budget Hearing is on May 8, 2017. These meetings will be held at Barker Road Middle School in Meeting Room 1.

**For more information about Full-Day Kindergarten, please click the following link:**

<http://www.pittsfordschools.org/departments.cfm?subpage=69230>

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Due to school closings related to the wind storm and snow storm experienced in March, there is a need to adjust our school calendar. For state aid purposes, the New York State Education Department requires a total of 180 student attendance days during the school year. In order to meet this requirement, **Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> will now be the last day of school for elementary students. It will be a half-day for students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.** *Due to the half-day schedule, there is no school for PM Kindergarten on this day.*

**Please note that school is not in session from Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for Spring Break.** Have a safe and enjoyable break.

As always, thank you for all that you do to support our students, our staff and our school community!

Sincerely,

Roger DeBell  
Principal

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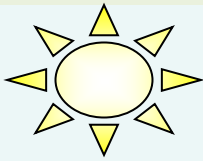
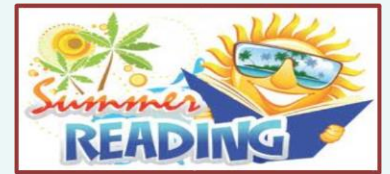
## Thornell Road Elementary School



**A Learning Community Dedicated to  
Teamwork, Respect and Excellence for our Students**

## Reading Corner

~ Miss Samantha St. James, Reading Specialist



## Local Opportunities to Keep your Child Reading this Summer!

### Pittsford Central Summer Enrichment 2017:

The Pittsford School District is offering multiple enrichment opportunities this summer. Don't forget to **sign your child up by May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm**. Here are some programs that involve literacy:

- **Alphapalooza: Phonemic Awareness and Phonics Fun** (July 24-28, Entering K & 1<sup>st</sup>, Cost \$135)
- **Figuring Out First Grade** (July 31-August 4, Entering 1<sup>st</sup>, Cost \$120)
- **Totally Titanic!** (July 10-14, Entering 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Cost \$156)
- **Short and Sweet: Reading and Writing Flash Fiction:** (July 24-28, Entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Cost \$166)
- **Wordplay Workshop** (July 10-14, Entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Cost \$166)

For more details and other courses see the 2016 online Course Catalog at:

<http://www.pittsfordschools.org/programs.cfm?subpage=94>

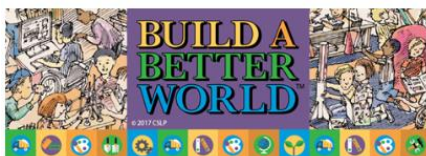
### Tutoring Opportunities around Rochester:

- **Private Tutoring:** A great option for individualized instruction. If interested you can ask your child's teacher for a list of Thornell staff members that tutor over the summer.
- **St. John Fisher College Literacy Center - Summer Literacy Program:** Any questions regarding the Literacy Center can be directed to Dr. Joellen Maples 585-899-3727 or at [jmaples@sjfc.edu](mailto:jmaples@sjfc.edu). Applications due May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Nazareth College's Marie Callahan Reading Clinic:** For information contact Director Naomi Erdmann at (585) 389-2615 or [nedman0@naz.edu](mailto:nedman0@naz.edu).



### Pittsford Public Library:

**Reading game for children preschool through entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade.** The library is the perfect place for children and families to become empowered to build a better world! Pick up your registration packet starting June 12 and start reading as soon as school ends. The first turn-in for prizes is June 26. The last turn-in day is August 11.





## Health Education

~ Teresa Lattuca

Kindergarten students are reviewing who "community helpers" are. We discussed firefighters, doctors, nurses, teachers, parents and police officers. We also talked about what number to call in case of an emergency... 9-1-1



First and Second grade students are learning about what they can do to recycle and how they can help keep the environment clean.

Third grade students are learning about food contamination. How to care for a variety of foods, refrigerate, wash and check for expiration dates.



Fifth grade students are learning about healthy food choices, checking products for "hidden" sugar, and reading food labels. The challenge for them is to drink more water!

## Service Stars

~ Susan Doran

### The Worm Farm goes on the Road!

Congratulations to the Thornell Road Service Stars who were featured in a movie called "Worm Farm." The short film made by Mendon High School students won the Youth Category Award at the Fast Forward Environmental Film Festival on April 1st. The film was shown at the Little Theater and at the George Eastman Museum Dryden Theatre. The Film Festival is going on the road and there are a few more chances to see it. Congratulations Service Stars!



**Worm Farms | Caleb Holfoth & Colin Ransom**  
A demonstration of how easy it is to make your own worm farm at home.





Hello Thornell Road Families!

April is National Poetry Month and April 27<sup>th</sup> is Poem in Your Pocket Day!

*Here are some ways your child will be engaging in poetry at school:*

- Every morning throughout April, a student representative(s) from different classes will share a poem selected by his/her classroom on the announcements
- On Poem in Your Pocket Day, all students and staff are encouraged to carry a poem in their pockets to share with others throughout the day
- On Poem in Your Pocket Day, your child's class may pair with another class to share their poems

To celebrate at home your family can read poetry together!



~Miss St. James, Reading Specialist~

## Spring is Here

Spring is here! Spring is here!  
Winter is gone and two flowers appear.  
Three little robins begin to sing.  
Four bicycle bells begin to ring.  
Five children come out and jump the rope.  
Spring is here now! I hope, I hope!

~ Author Unknown ~





## Climb Mt. TRE and Reach for the Stars Update

Congratulations to all of our mountaineers! We now have 249 climbers working their way up Mt. TRE! We have 137 climbers who have surpassed the summit to reach the Gold Star Level! You have one more month to join the mountain fun. This reading challenge continues through April. April is a great month to bring a book outside and enjoy the sunshine!

Basecamp	Camp 1	Summit	Gold Star	Gold Star (cont'd)	Gold Star (cont'd)
Melanie Polidor	Alexander Izzo	Ainsley Brace	Henry Bozek	Emily Mart	Ryan Ferrer
Brody Shallenberger	Clara Lloyd	Caleb Luce	Theodore Kendall	Nathan Mucha	Wilson Mitchell
Garett Brown	Heidi Anderson	Jack Rutledge	Arjun Madhavan	Katherine Nielsen	Elizabeth Warne
Olivia Palmer	Bailey Iacobucci	Benjamin Wabnitz	Christina Martin	Robert Park	Jayden Zuch
Dominic Bowman	Cameron Lauterbach	Collin Graves	Ryne Ouillette	Lauren Porter	Jonah
Harrison Forsythe	Reese Lauterbach	Elle Kleindienst	William Ruder	Ellie Riddle	Khishchenko
Amanda Kim	Damon Marino	Noah Sansone	Tessa Schreyer	Ari Roland	Aliye Kocaoglu
Giovanni Spinello	Miles Rae	Connor Kuhn	Elina Teisl	Sarah Rutledge	Mara Ricks
Hamza Jamshed	Brianna Deckman	Charles Carson	Everett Totedo	Lillian Archer	Jiawei Sun
Mason Brown	Josiah Martin	Maxwell Ciavarri	Joshua DeGrave	Christopher	Madeline Wabnitz
Drunasia Simmons	Ryan Pierce	Josiah Bailey	Alexander Irving	Bergholtz	Ria Bansal
James Dougherty	Ethan Shea	Jack Nally	William McClean	Rohan Chwalek	Samaira Bhatia
Shannon Moynihan	Maxwell Foltz	Asher Troiani	Isabella McGowan	Kieryn Finnell	Peyton Hedgepeth
Nathaniel Cole	Cammarata	Zachary Craib	Calvin Moore	John Halstead	Lucy Lillian
Ryan Finnell	Mazzacane	Violet Schoenig	Aiden Stewart	Ryan Iacobucci	Morgan Parrinello
Ethan Langstein	Jordan Medved	Haley Sellers	Annie Sun	Sukhmani Jattana	Lindsay Whitaker
Mason Laundry	James Davis	Madison Langlois	Sebastian Furman-	Misa Johnson	Lilly Goldberg
Cian Brown	Ivan Wiandt	Jack Thurley	Sanger	James Kazacos	Melissa Kipferl
Sarah Mikolaichik	Angela Kodiyan	Calvin Braun	Claire Kaufman	Isabel LaNasa	Greta Marino
Elizabeth Palmer	Atesh Sahin	William Carson	Charles Kendall	MacKenzie Michaels	Leah Rice
Madison Thomas		William Ciavarri	Izabella Khishchenko	Kimora Mickys	Joshua Davis
Noor Bains	<b>Camp 2</b>	Sophia Golemb	Elsa Powers	David Pollard	Victoria Dennis
Jason Iacobucci	Lillian LaNasa	Sarah Gestring	Jaelyn Rodi	Ava Rice	Grace Ellingham
Elliott Roes	Matteo Lomenzo	Sarah Hanfland	Ashleigh Stewart	Michayella Touloute	Robert Melcher
Lauren Rutledge	Gavin Krohn	Roderick Brace	Tristan Zhang	Evan Weiner	Bradley Pollard
Natalie Washo	Noah Ciccone	Taisia Ivanov	Mary-Gabriella Ajaka	Matthew Whitaker	Allan Romeo
Jonathan Tassew	Colette Roes	Gregory Kuzin	Imarys Frank	Eli Young	Chanya Volcy
Natalie Kim	Kennedy McIntyre	Kami Hsu	Sydney Furman-	Tyler Allyn	Finlay Gardiner
Maxwell Brandt	Anna Ciccone	Sophie Girgis	Sanger	Zachary DeGrave	Jacob Phelps
Ahmed Jamshed	Corynn Deckman	Noah Pawlowski	Patrick Germond	Matthew Irving	Ryan Romano
Jonathon Ricketts	Eleanor Casey	Drew Thurley	Kaitlyn Hicks	Colin Krohn	Selena Gardiner
	Blake Maxim	John Collins	Koray Kocaoglu	Mikaela Lloyd	Noah Khishchenko
	Andrew He	Curran Deehan	Hunter Nead	Sihu Na	Elliana Korichkov
	Evan Graves	Matthew Mucha	Kayla Reagan	Stanislav Nadler	Jack Magnuson
	Tamara Dorval	Matthew Paku	Carl Reynolds	Jack Schreyer	Devin O' Sullivan
	Mason Thompson	Alexandra Simpson	Dominic Shand	Elinor VanDusen	Kaitlyn Reynolds
	Kayla Brockmann	Emmaline Thurley	Emily Stanger	Sydney Borrell	Mason Schrom
	Emma Leite	McKenna Thurley	Samuel Taylor	Zachary Pearson	Phoebe True
	Gavin Glanton	Tanner Antinora	Madison Thoma	Adam Pollard	Chelsea DeGrave
	Molly Wenger	Alix Ivy	Reece Totedo	William Umiker	Jenna Gyle
	Leila Fay	Benjamin Kheyfits	Katherine Warne	Jonathan Bailey	Katarina Nadler
		Braden Kuhn	Gracie Downing	Sawyer Hoyt	Abigail Pearson
		Noah Fay	Maximillian Furman-	John Kaufman	
			Sanger	Megan Thoma	
			Kenneth Horan	Charlotte Engin	
			Dakota Krienke		
			Aevlyn Moore		
			Abigail Mosher		
			Matthew Nead		
			Flor Ayala-Pound		
			Matthew Belous		
			Alexa Collier		
			Jack Engin		
			Samuel George		
			Braeden Gyle		
			Sofia Leite		





## Pittsford Summer Enrichment

Open for Registration

Now thru May 1

[www.prestochair.com](http://www.prestochair.com)

Theater shows are:

**High School – Avenue Q School age**

**Middle School- Into the Woods Jr**

**Little Kids – Aristocats**

Space fills up quickly

**Register now**

To view the full catalog of class offerings go to the  
Summer Enrichment web page

### **Boys Kindergarten Lacrosse Registration now open for any boys interested in playing this spring!**

**Dates:** Thursdays- May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25 and June 1. A game will be scheduled for the end of the season.

**Cost:** \$50 includes a shooting shirt and shorts. Please register by **April 18** to guarantee your son's shirt and shorts by the first practice.

For more information and to register, please visit the Pittsford Lacrosse website:

<http://pittsfordlacrosse.org/Registration/Default.asp?org=PITTSFORDLACROSSE.ORG>

\* **Please note-** Pittsford Community Lacrosse \$25 Annual Membership and US Lacrosse Annual Membership are required to participate.

**Players must have full equipment-** helmet, gloves, elbow pads, chest pads, mouth guard, and a stick.





## Upcoming Events

April 13<sup>th</sup> to April 21<sup>st</sup>

Spring Break – No School

April 25<sup>th</sup>

Grade 3 to Nazareth, 11:15am – 1:15pm

May 1<sup>st</sup>

2Guerra to Strong Museum, 9 – 11am

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

20'C to Strong Museum, 9 – 11am

May 2<sup>nd</sup>

NYS Math for Grades 3-5, 9am

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

2C to Strong Museum, 9 – 11am

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

NYS Math for Grades 3-5, 9am

May 4<sup>th</sup>

NYS Math for Grades 3-5, 9am

May 8<sup>th</sup>

Pittsford Pride BOE Mtg., 7pm

May 9<sup>th</sup>

Staff Appreciation Day!

May 9<sup>th</sup>

PTSA Mtg., STaR Lab, 9:30am



## The Thornell Road Star

We are a monthly publication and welcome any contributions you may have to our newsletter!

Written content and high resolution photos are appreciated. Deadline for submission is generally one week before the first of the month.