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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear families,

We all know that this year has been full of many challenges - from the pandemic to protests and politics. With the election underway, many families are wondering about how to talk to their children about this year's election. This resource might be helpful for you as you consider the many ways you can talk to your children about politics: [How to Talk About the Election with your Kids: Even if you're Stressed](#). Remember, our children watch our every move, so consider what you permit them to hear from your "adult" dialogue and from the media. This article offers ideas for how to manage the stress, as well as some constructive steps you can take as a family if the elections didn't go the way you personally hoped they would. Reassuring your child is most essential to help them see how we make things better in our own communities every day!

Dr. Dawan

UPCOMING EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 4TH:** Home and School meeting @ 7PM
- NOVEMBER 9TH – 22ND:** virtual scholastic book fair
- NOVEMBER 13TH:** Report Cards are available on Skyward
- NOVEMBER 16TH:** Restaurant Fundraiser: Stable 12, 6pm–9pm
- NOVEMBER 16TH:** Board Workshop Meeting @ 7PM
- NOVEMBER 23RD & 24TH:** virtual parent–teacher conferences
- NOVEMBER 23RD – 27TH:** no school for students
- NOVEMBER 30TH:** Board Meeting @ 7PM

COUNSELORS' CORNER

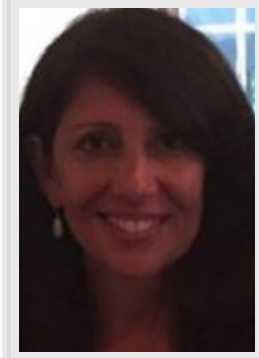
MS. DELLAQUILA AND MR. PARSONS

**Click [HERE](#)
to view the Counselors'
Corner newsletter!**

TAKE A PEEK INTO SOME OF OUR CLASSROOMS!

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Miller



My name is Mrs. Miller and I live in Kimberton with my husband, Gary, my sons, Brett (23) and Luke (19), and our dog, Charlotte. I have taught Kindergarten in PASD for 31 years.

I love working with students and seeing their growth and how they apply their new learnings to other activities in and out of the classroom.



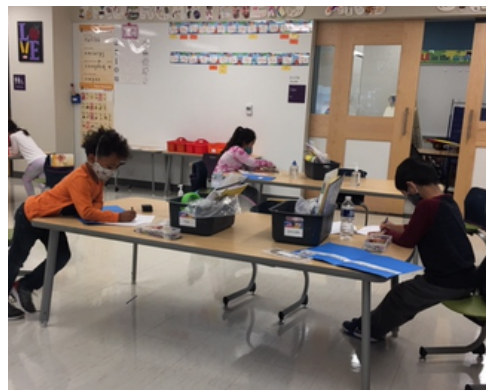
Students in Mrs. Miller's Class earned their 10th Cubs Ticket and voted for a DRESS UP DAY!

Whether attending fully virtual or in the hybrid model, students are becoming readers and writers and are progressing in their Math Skills and much, much, more!
Mrs. Miller is so proud of her students!!!

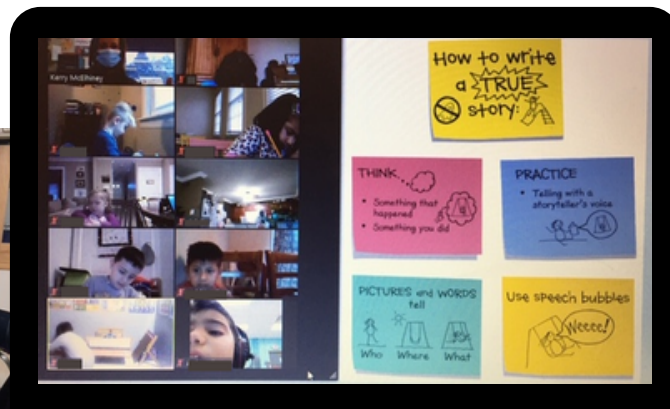


Students are working hard to grow as learners in Kindergarten!

Brain Breaks and Recess are fun ways to reenergize and get ready to learn!



Warning - writers hard at work!



Mrs. McElhiney



My name is Mrs. McElhiney and this is my 8th year teaching kindergarten at PASD.

Our kindergarten writers have been hard at work creating their true stories. We write our stories with pictures and with words that we stretch and sound out. First we thought about something that happened or something that we did. Then we practiced telling our story with a storyteller's voice. We made sure to tell about who was in our story, where it took place and what happened. We even learned about speech bubbles to bring our stories to life. We are so close to finishing our first unit and we can't wait to celebrate everything that we have learned!

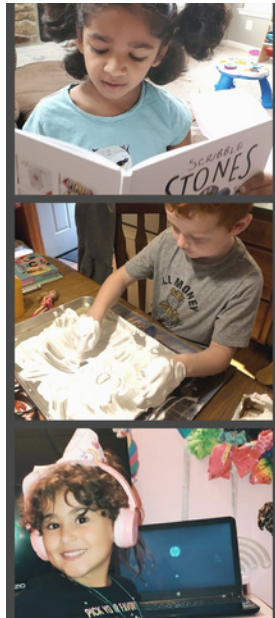
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FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Stefanowicz



My name is Mrs. Stefanowicz and I have been a first grade teacher for 13 years! I have worked at PAELC since it opened, but was out on leave for 2 years. I am super excited to be back and could not love my class more! They work hard every single day!



We work hard in the afternoons completing our Canvas work. Reading is a favorite and so is building words, especially when we can do it in shaving cream!

We have already grown so much as we have discovered how to be Word Detectives and to figure out tricky words. We have written small moment stories and have learned how important it is to be a good citizen. We have begun to add and subtract and are talking about how to use that skill in the world around us!

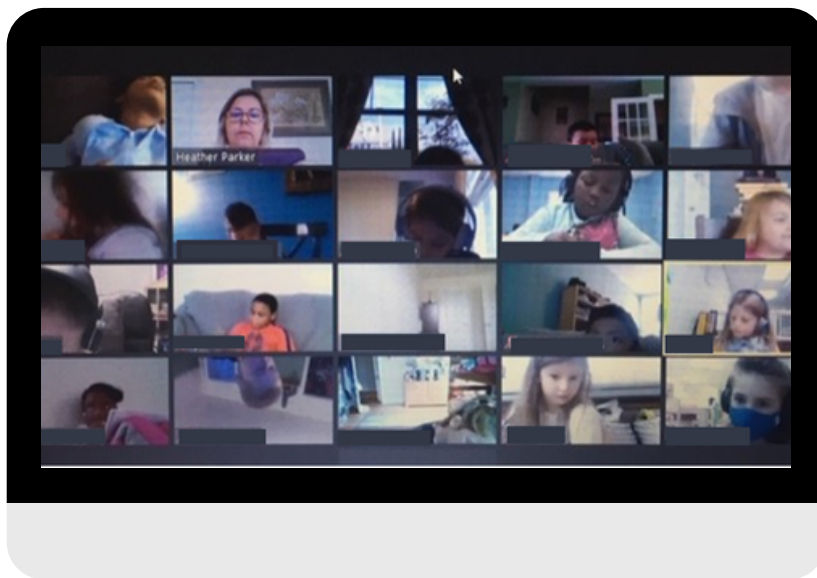


MRS. STEFANOWICZ'S CLASS
MY WORKSPACE!

READY TO LEARN!



Our class has many different workspaces! Sometimes, our pets even join us when we learn!



We are working on being "Word Detectives." My class is reading "just right books" and are tackling those hard to read words.

Ms. Parker



My name is Ms. Parker. I am starting my fourth year at PAELC. I am so proud of my students for all of their hard work! They are rocking the virtual world.

MEET OUR AMAZING SPECIALISTS!

PT, SPEECH & OT



MRS. GIBSON
Physical Therapist
Years in PASD: 9

I provide school-based physical therapy services to students throughout the district.

I love working with students beginning in Kindergarten and watching them grow and progress through the years.



MRS. SHIELDS
Speech/Language Pathologist
Years in PASD: 10

I evaluate and work with children and adults who have difficulty with speech (the “how-to” of talking—the coordination of the muscles and movements necessary to produce speech) and/or language (the understanding and use of words).

I love helping students to build their confidence in their speech/language abilities!



MS. SWAN
Occupational Therapist
Years in PASD: 4

I work with children who have an area of need that affects their functional participation within the school environment. I work closely with students to help them successfully engage in their role as a student through supporting their fine motor, visual motor, bilateral coordination, and/or sensory integration development.

My favorite part of my job is watching a student take pride in their accomplishments, especially when they are learning a new skill or working on a challenging one!

COUNSELING, PSYCHOLOGY & BEHAVIOR SPECIALISTS



MS. DELLAQUILA
School Counselor
Years in PASD: 4

My job is to help kids with understanding their feelings, problem solving, and making friends!

I love working with students and helping them grow as learners!
“CUBS ARE WE!”



MR. PARSONS
School Counselor
Years in PASD: 3

In my role as a School Counselor, I work with students in Kindergarten and First Grade to talk about feelings and friendships.

I love being able to help students with social and emotional development!



DR. PATHAPPILLIL
School Psychologist
Years in PASD: 7

My job is to work with students individually to assess the student’s unique learning profile and determine eligibility for special education services.

I truly enjoy working with students and my role in helping students achieve their potential.



MRS. SMITH
Board Certified Behavior Analyst/Behavior Specialist
Years in PASD: 9

I teach students strategies to communicate their needs and manage their own behaviors so they can be successful in school.

I love working with children and I love seeing the progress my students make.

MS. LOVELIDGE AND MR. NEFF

MR. NEFF STEM (1st Grade)

Our 1st grade students at PAELC are learning all about STEM careers and engineering. I am amazed at how much creativity they have and love their enthusiasm for all things engineering!



engineering STEM-related words!



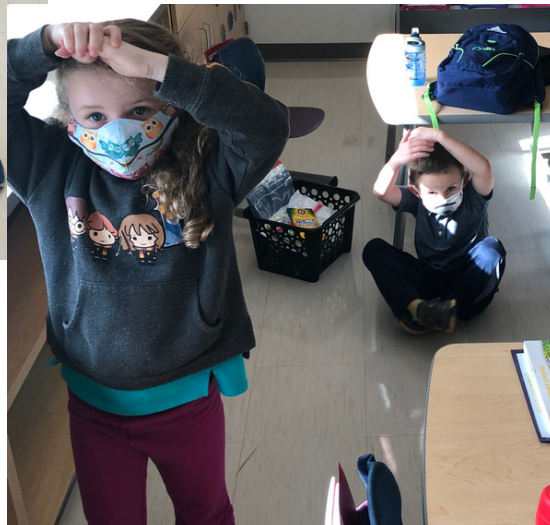
building a playground or park activity



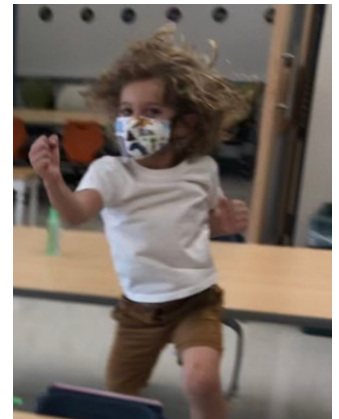
engineering a maze

MS. LOVELIDGE Theatre & Dance (Kindergarten)

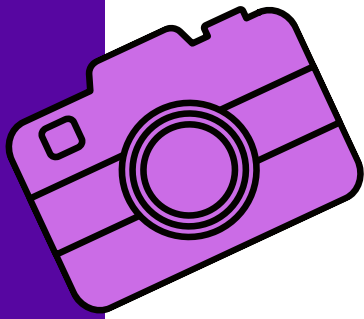
Kindergarten students have done an amazing job becoming actors and dancers in Theatre & Dance!
In *Theatre*, students are focusing on using their imagination and bodies to become different animals, objects, and people.
In *Dance*, students are learning to create both axial and locomotor dance moves to a variety of music.



Can you guess what letter of the alphabet these students are creating with their bodies?



We learned to use axial movements to dance in one place!



It has been wonderful to see some Kindergarten students in the building and we look forward to welcoming our First Graders next!



KIDS' QUOTES

What do you like learning about at school?

"Math and writing time." -Dane

"I like the math workbook." -McKinley

"I like learning about the letters and sounds." -Grace

"I like to learn a lot. I like art." -Michaela

"I like learning about all different things!" -Zoey

"I like writing because we learn new words and reading because we open more books." -Ayla

"My letters." -Jayden