Introductions

Principal: Mr. Peperkorn
Associate Principal: Mrs. Wellens

School Counselors:
  - Mrs. Berghauer (6th Grade)

Others Assisting Tonight
  - Dean Alberswerth, Lindsey Adelayi, Cheryl Flasch, Kristen Elliott (6th grade staff)
  - Amie Lalor (PTO President)
Mrs. Szesterniak:
New PPMS Principal
What are you doing tonight?

6:05 - 6:15  Welcome
6:20 - 6:40  Rotation 1
6:45 - 7:05  Rotation 2
7:10 - 7:30  Rotation 3
Transition to Middle School Process

5th Grade Parent Information Night (tonight)

Shadow Days in May

Adventures in Middle School (August 22)

Picture/Locker Set Up Day (August 22)
PPMS Vision, Mission, Values

**Our Vision:** An unbreakable, empowering community.

**Our Mission:** Dedicated to equipping our community with the skills, knowledge and mindsets needed for all to reach their fullest potential.

**Our Values:**
When we focus on student growth, all else follows.
- We are committed to quality.
- We are solution focused and foster a growth mindset.
- We never stop growing and learning.

**Our community is our strength.**
- We protect positivity and collaboration.
- We embrace one another’s journey to grow and learn.
- We seek first to understand, and then be understood.
- We have fun.
RISE

Excellence Respect Strive Integrity
Students
At Pilgrim Park, there's something for everyone to explore.

ATHLETICS  FINE ARTS  CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS  SERVICE

- Cross Country
- Wrestling
- Track & Field
- Intramurals
- Band
- Jazz Band
- Orchestra
- Choir
- Pilgrim
- Pianos
- School Musical
- Drumline
- Art Club
- AHS
- Best Buddies
- PIM News
- SkillsUSA
- Future City Club
- Coding Club
- Comic Book Club
- Yearbook Club
- Ski & Snowboarding Club
- Geography Bee
- Spelling Bee
- Math Club
- Ruth Goldberg Club
- Foreign Design Club
- Student Senate
- Homework Club
- Builder's Club
- NHS

Student Services
At Pilgrim Park, our mission and vision is an unbreakable, empowering community and we are dedicated to equipping our community with the skills, knowledge, and mindsets needed for all to reach their fullest potential. Our student services team (SST) provides assistance to all students, families, and staff to help fulfill this mission and vision. The SST includes counselors, school psychologist, social worker, and nurse. Click the use the navigation on the left for information specific to each of these titles.

Report a Bullying Incident
It is important that every student at PPMS feels safe. If a student experiences bullying as a victim or bystander, they can report the incident in a safe and private way using this online form. Reports will go to the assistant principal and grade level counselor. All reports will be investigated discreetly in order to protect the person reporting.
Role of the School Counselor

• Advocate for Students
  • Academic & Career Planning
  • Academic Support
  • Study Skills
  • Personal & Social Development

• Consultant and support for parents

• Team member and liaison with the teachers.
Supporting Success for All Students

- Ongoing monitoring of student progress
  - House Meetings
  - Content Meetings
  - Infinite Campus
  - Mid-quarter grade reports
- Homework Club
- Academic Interventions
- Gifted and Talented
- Special Education
- English Language Learner Support
House System

• Why Houses?
  • Makes a large environment smaller
  • Allows a team of teachers to meet regularly to support the same group of students
  • All Houses are Heterogeneously Grouped
  • 5th-6th grade transition meetings

• Typical house sizes
  • 3 teachers (about 75-80 students in the house)
  • 4 teachers (about 100-110 students in the house)

• House Teachers teach Core classes
  • English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies
The Early Bird Gets the Worm (and the Bus)...  

- School begins at 7:18 a.m.  
- Students arriving before 7:00 a.m. should report to the cafeteria.  
- Breakfast is available in the cafeteria (7:00-7:13).
# A Day at PPMS

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Traveling Between Classes

• Four Minute Passing Times
  • Core classes are located in close proximity

• Teacher assistance at beginning of year

• School Assigned Lockers / School Issued Locks
  • Buy in packs of 2 (same combination for gym locker)
Lunch

- 30 Minutes
- Preferred Seating Arrangement
- Debit Accounts
- Ala Cart or Meal Options
- Recess
Elective Periods

• **Music / Physical Education** (*Both Required*)
  - A/B Day
  - Chorus, Band, Orchestra
  - Gym Clothes and School Issued Lock Required

• **Electives**
  - One, 4 week course (Ignite!)
  - Four, 8 week courses
  - Art, ATE, Computers, and FACS
Do I Have to Go Home Already?

- 2:31 Dismissal

- Staff is assigned to assist with busses at the end of the day
Transportation

- Parent Pickup: Be Patient, Be Safe!

- Bussing
  - Preferred Seating
But What About....

QUESTIONS?