

TO: Paul Casseri, Superintendent of Schools
FR: Whitney K. Vantine, Ed.D. Interim High School Principal
DT: December 9, 2019
RE: December, 2019 Written Board Report

HIGH SCHOOL WRITTEN BOARD REPORT

High School Activities:

11/18-22 International Education Week
11/18 BOCES Vocational Showcase for Sophomores
11/18 Lancer Council Meeting
11/19 School Related Professional Day
11/19 Mamma Mia Auditions
11/20 ASVAB Test Results
11/20 Winter Sport Parent/Coach Meeting
11/22 Faculty Planning Day - No Students
11/22 NYSUT Mini Grant Application Deadline
11/25 Athletic Advisory Meeting
11/26 Building Leadership Team Meeting
11/27-29 Thanksgiving Recess - District Closed
11/25 Senior Class Group Photo
12/5 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Induction
12/6 First Friday Potluck and Holiday Cookie Exchange
12/7 SAT Testing
12/3 Faculty Meeting
12/4-18 Varsity Club Holiday Food Drive
12/4 PEER Coordinators Meeting
12/11 Celebration of Champions Breakfast
12/12 Kindergarten children visit Santa in HS
12/13 Teacher Conference Day - No Students
12/13 End of 15 week marking period
12/16 Lancer Council Meeting
12/17 Faculty Meeting
12/18 HS Winter Concert - 7:00 pm
12/19 Administrative Curriculum Meeting
12/19 LPHS Holiday Party in the Commons 3:10-5:00
12/20 Traditions - New - Christmas Tree
12/23 - 1/1 Christmas/New Year's Recess

Principal Activities:

10/29 504 Meeting with Guidance
10/30 Reading Plus Meeting with ELA Faculty
10/30 MTSS Training
10/30 Faculty Observation
10/30 Concert
10/30 Var. Football
10/30 MTSS Training
10/31 MTSS Training
10/31 Commons Planning Meeting
11/1 Faculty Observation
11/4 District Regulations Meeting
11/5 Dr. Lyons Meeting
11.5 Social Studies Dept. Meeting
11/5 Faculty Meeting
11/5 Chorus
11/6 PEER Coordinators Meeting
11/6 N.U. Mock Interview for Teaching Candidates
11/7 National Technical Honor Society Induction
11/7 Alumni President Meeting
11/7 Band Concert
11/8 Dr. Lyons
11/8 Veterans Dinner
11/12 Reading Plus begins
11/12 Modified Sports begin - Wrestling
11/13 Field Trip to see Kill a Mocking -bird with ELA students
11/14 Faculty Observations
11/15 Personal Day - off
11/18 Student Meeting
11/18 Teacher Aide Meeting
11/18 Faculty Observation
11/18 District Regulation Meeting
11/18 Lancer Council Meeting
11/19 Faculty Observations
11/19 Homebound Student Meeting
11/19 BOE Verbal Report
11/20 Faculty Observation
11/20 Principals Meeting
11/20 Fine Arts Meeting
11/20 NHS Science
11/21 Business Academy Board Meeting
11/21 Student Celebration - Award Ceremony
11/21 PEER Coordinators Meeting

11/22 Superintendent Conference Day - No students
11/23 JV Wrestling Tournament
11/25 Bus Drills
11/25 Monthly Meeting Dr. Godshall
11/25 Student 504 Meeting
11/25 Commons Planning Meeting
11/25 Athletic Advisory Meeting
11/26 Building Team Leadership
11/27-29 Thanksgiving Recess, Wrestling Match
12/2 Faculty/LPTU Meeting
12/2 Faculty Observation
12/2 Senior Class Meeting - Commons
12/2 Wrestling Match
12/4 Commons Opens!
12/4 Boys Basketball game
12/5 Distinguished Alumni Induction Ceremony
12/5 Wrestling Match
12/6 504 Student Meeting
12/6 Commons planning Meeting
12/9 Faculty Observation
12/9 Wrestling Match

Primary Education Center

4061 Creek Road, Youngstown, NY 14174

www.lew-port.com




Mrs. Tamara Larson, Elementary Principal

Phone: 716-286-7220 E-mail: tlaron@lew-port.com



December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Day 4	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6  Bills Fever Day— wear your favorite Bills gear Day 4	7
8	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Report Cards go home with Students Day 3	12  Kindergarten Visit To See Santa at HS Day 4	13 Parent Teacher Conference (K-12) No student attendance Day 1	14
<div> <div>9:00a-4:00p</div> <div>PEC Book Fair 9:00a-4:00p</div> <div>9:00a-1:00p</div> </div>						
15	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18 Day 3	19 Day 4	20 Day 1	21
<div>Spirit Week</div> <div> <div>Wear your favorite holiday socks, scarves, hats, etc.</div> <div>Ugly Holiday Sweater/Short Day Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00pm (CRC-Board Room)</div> <div>Winter Athletics or Character Day</div> <div>Wear Holiday Spirit Wear</div> <div>Pajama Day PEC Jingle Bell jog</div> </div> <div>PTSA Merry Moose Store</div> <div>Hanukkah Begins</div> <div>First Day of Winter</div>						
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day District Closed	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28
Winter Recess— No Student/Teacher Attendance						
29	30 Winter Recess— No Student/Teacher Attendance	31				



December Greetings from Mrs. Larson, Principal

Parent Conferences and A New Report Card at the PEC

Our faculty is looking forward to meeting with each parent/guardian this month to discuss the progress that your child has made during the first trimester of the 2019-2020 school year.

December 13th has been designated as a full day for these important conversations. Although, you may set up conferences throughout the school year, we strongly encourage a meeting this month to dialogue about your child's strengths and opportunities for growth.

We will be sending your child's report card home on December 9th. Our report card has undergone significant changes. The purpose of this updated Standards-based Report Card is to provide current feedback to parents regarding the progress their children are making toward specific learning standards and skills at their grade level. The most significant change that has been made is in how we are assessing our students based on what they are currently learning at this point in the year and where they are in relation to the current expectations. In other words, a child who is performing proficiently with the work that you are currently assigning should score a 3 even though the child is not yet demonstrating the end of year expectations (which they haven't been taught yet). If the child is showing proficiency with skills/knowledge that you haven't taught yet, then the child can earn a 4. In general, a child who requires teacher support to be successful with grade level work earns a 2. A child who, even with teacher support, is unable to do grade level work earns a 1. Our job is to assess students on their current progress on what they are currently learning.

This new report card allows parents and students to understand more clearly what is expected of students now and for parents to help them be successful in a rigorous academic program. A report card action team (including parents, teachers and administrators) surveyed the PEC parents in the spring of 2019 to assess their current needs in how we report their child's progress. We learned four important needs of our parent stakeholder group.

Parents want an academic achievement key that indicates how their child is progressing towards expected standards at the conclusion of each trimester.

- Parents want a decrease in the number of Standards/Skills that are reported for their child.
- Parents place a high value on teacher comments.
- Parents place a high value on the habits of a successful learner.

These priorities were embedded into the fabric of our new report card design and assessment process. We have created a parent guide to support you when reviewing your child's progress: [PEC Report Card Parent Guide](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our program. We appreciate your continuous feedback.

Happy Holidays to All!

PEC Students Honor Veterans



The first grade classes celebrated and honored our very own veterans. They created a wall of honor, sang songs and thanked them for their service to our country. It was a beautiful ceremony.



Tips for Parents from the School Health Office

Many parents ask, “When is my child sick enough to stay home from school?”

This is not always an easy question to answer! We hope that these tips can help!

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff. We suggest making a plan for childcare ahead of time so you will not be caught without a comforting place for your child to stay if he/she is ill.



Please do not send your child to school if he/she has:

- * Fever (100.0 or higher) in the past 24 hours (Must be fever free without medication)
- * Vomiting in the past 24 hours
- * Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- * Chills
- * Sore throat
- * Strep Throat (must have been taking an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school)
- * Pink Eye – redness, itching & drainage of the eye(s)
- * Bad cold, with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night
- * Head lice – until your child has been treated according to the nurse’s or doctor’s instructions

If your child becomes ill at school and the teacher or school nurse feel the child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called to come and take him/her home from school. It is essential that your child’s teacher have a phone number where you can be contacted during the day and an emergency number in the event you cannot be reached. Please be sure that arrangements can be made to transport your child home from school and that childcare is available in case of illness. If your daytime or emergency phone number changes during the year, please notify your child’s teacher immediately.

Please call the school’s Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

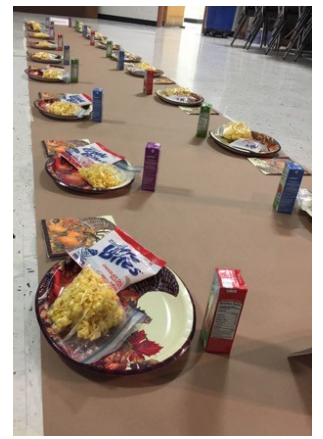
Meet Kathy

Each month Officer Bob from the SPCA introduces a furry friend to the students and staff of the Primary Education Center.

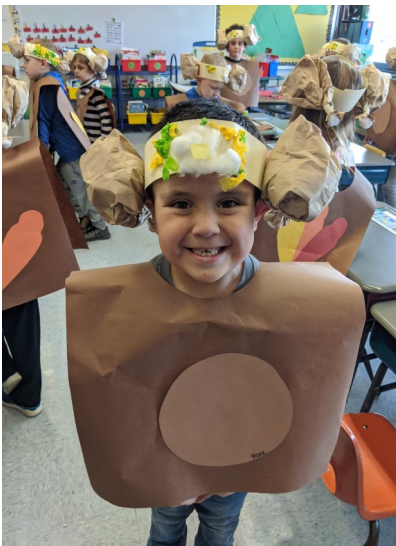
Katy is 1 year old. She is friendly and great with children. Katy is looking for a forever home.



Several of Officer Bob's furry friends have been adopted by members of the PEC school community. If you are thinking of getting a dog or cat, please remember to visit the Niagara S.P.C.A. and to check the PEC Newsletter!



Thanksgiving Celebrations





Artwork in the Halls



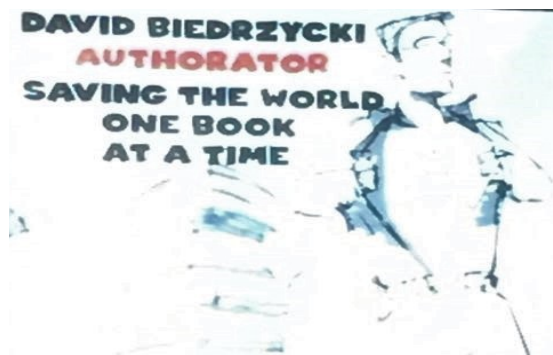
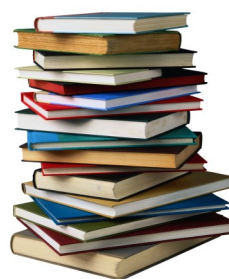
Miss Orsi's Class Rises to the Challenge!

In an effort to support our school's food drive and to encourage students to have discussions at home about empathy, gratitude and charity, Miss Orsi issued a challenge to her Multiage Class. If they donated 15 boxes of cereal, a high demand item at all food banks and much loved by children, then she would donate \$25 worth of cereal to the food drive. Well, not only did the class meet the goal...the Smith family also offered to match Miss Orsi's donation with an additional \$25 worth of cereal. So, in just a few days time we collected 58 boxes of cereal (one box came in after our photo opportunity). These Multiagers showed how proactive they were during this holiday season!



Author Visit

David Biedrzycki, a children's book author and illustrator will be coming to the PEC on Nov. 4th ! He will be talking about some of his most beloved books, Breaking News: Bear Alert Series and Sumo Kitty. Flyers will be sent home to parents in case their child would like to purchase any of his books. Please visit his website for more information about his vibrant, adventurous books (davidbiedrzycki.com).



We caught you being a LEADER

Noah and Caden helped guide Kindergarteners through the OT / PT Spooky Obstacle Course.

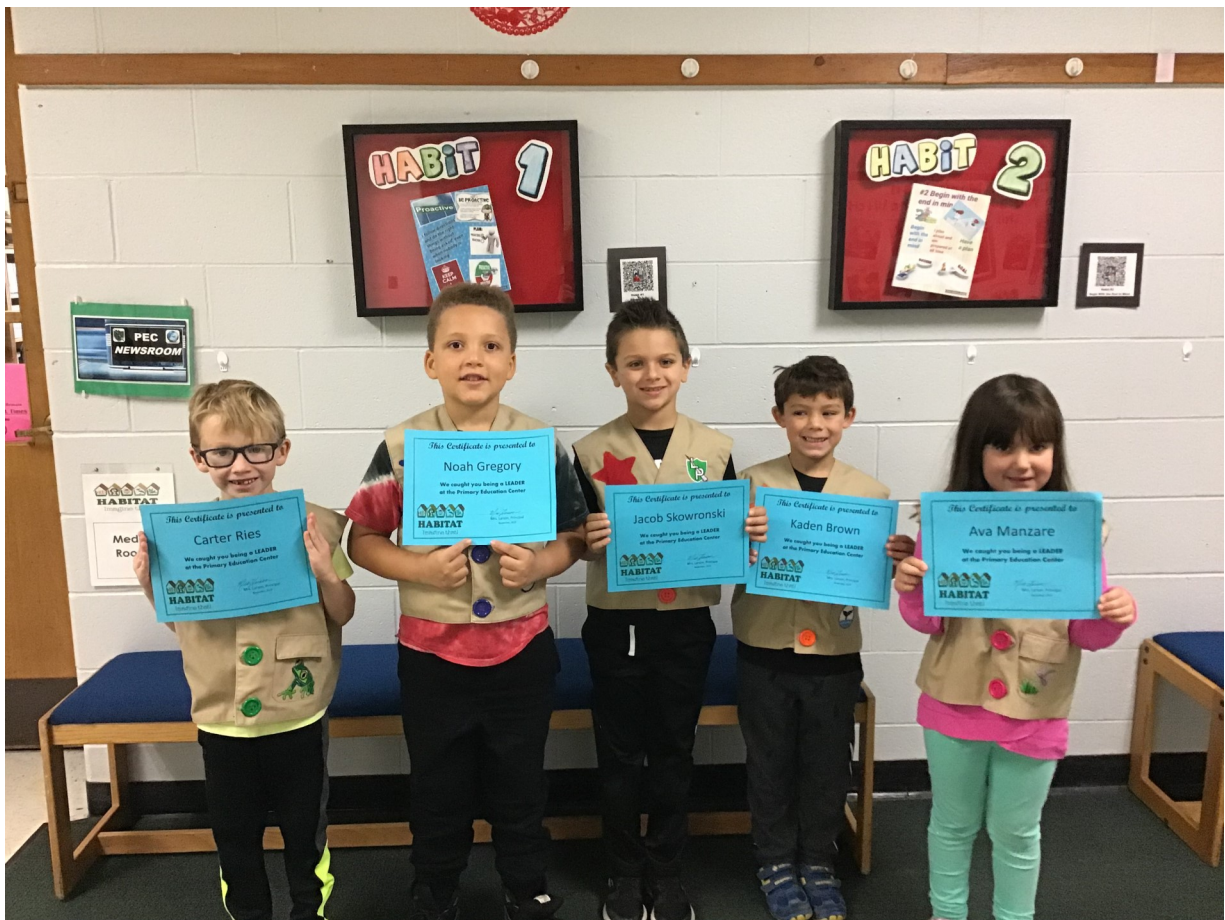
Win / Win - they helped their younger school-mates then got a chance to explore the course on their own.

Nominated by Dr.. Ferrari and Mrs. Matthews

Ava is always a great example for her fellow classmates. She practices good manners and is someone others go to for help and kindness. When we were learning to meditate, Ava sharpened her saw by really practicing the relaxation tools. She is very empathetic and helps those on the playground who do not know how to pump their legs on the swings.

She loves school and always has a positive attitude. This is a Win-Win! Keep up the great work Ava! We love you!

Nominated by Mrs. Majerski



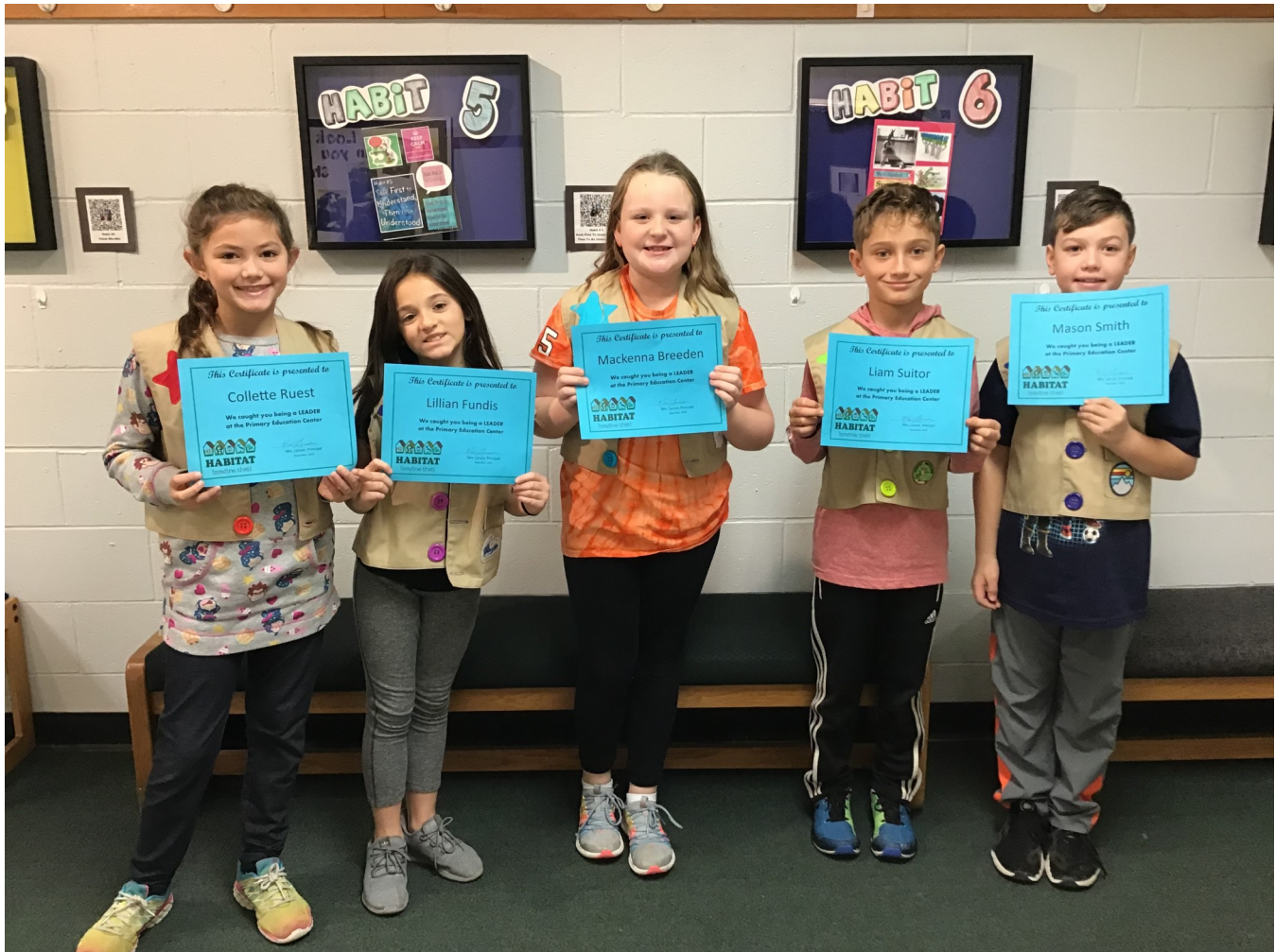
When a student was upset after playing Pass The Pumpkin because he wasn't the last one left with the pumpkin (a favorite song game) Carter politely approached me and asked if I would like for him to take the student to the water fountain for a drink so he could relax. **Habit 4 Think Win Win-** I am kind to others and try to think of ways to help everyone be happy.

Nominated by Mrs. Mosier

Jacob was asked by Mrs. Larson to escort a new student from the bus to his classroom on the student's first day. Jacob took his role very seriously and showed great **responsibility** (Habit 3) and care by stopping in the office that morning to make sure he knew exactly where to escort the new student (Habit 1 - Proactive).

Nominated by Mrs. Bock

Morning News Production Crew



As a part of our first 2019-2020 Morning News Production Crew, these students brought an excited and can-do attitude to our team. Each of them were always willing to help one another out and able to synergize daily. These daily leaders require and exhibit each of the 7 habits and we were a better team because of it!