



Collaborative Murals
by Pierce School Students

Pierce School

Dear Parents,

At this Friday's school assembly (September 25th at 2:45pm), Mrs. Storro will lead the school in singing a new school song that she wrote. The new school song focuses on our four core values: Be safe. Be kind. Do the right thing. Have courage. Students have been practicing this new song in Muzart, but this will be the first time that we will sing it all together. If you are able to join us, please know that parents are always welcome at school assemblies.

In addition to learning the new song, students have been busy creating collaborative murals. Students in grades kindergarten through fourth worked on the murals. They are currently hanging in the hallway by the library where parents will be able to see them this Wednesday at our Open House night. Please take a moment to enjoy these works of art. If you look closely, you will find:

- Triangles to show that we are **safe** and use caution.
- Hearts to show that we are **kind**.
- Arrows to show that we follow the choice to **do the right thing**.
- Bear paws to show that we have courage.

A very big thank you to Mrs. Storro for all the time and care she put into creating our new school song and helping the students create the beautiful murals that illustrate symbolically what it means to be an Bennington Brown Bear.

Sincerely,

Ann Allwarden



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Mark your calendars

September 23

Picture Day; Open House
from 5:30-6:30

September 25

School Assembly @
2:45pm

(Presenters: Grades 1 & 3)

September 26

Registration for ConVal's
3.2 mile Wellness Walk
begins at 7:30am at the
Peterborough Recreation
Department. The walk
will begin at 8am. All are
welcome!

School Safety

In keeping with our ongoing efforts to maintain a safe school, we will conduct a number of safety drills throughout the school year. Your child's teacher will prepare your child for these drills by discussing and practicing the drills ahead of time.



During the month of September we have been focusing on how to evacuate the building quickly, quietly, and safely. Students have practiced, and will continue to practice, responding immediately to the sound of the fire alarm. We emphasize with students the importance of stopping whatever they are doing and listening for instructions. Students then go quickly and quietly out of their classroom to their assigned meeting place outside of the school.

We emphasize that students need to respond immediately to the sound of a fire alarm—no matter where they are when the fire alarm goes off (e.g., bathroom, hallway). If a child is not with his or her class, he or she should follow other students outside and report to the nearest school staff member.

If you have any questions regarding Pierce School's efforts to maintain a safe school, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email (aallwarden@conval.edu).

Designated Volunteers

Pierce School staff members can assign designated volunteers to supervise or work with groups of students. For example, a designated volunteer could supervise students as they (a) select and check out books in the library, (b) use available programs (e.g., *Lexia*) in the computer room, or (c) weed and water the gardening beds. Designated volunteers are also able to supervise small groups of students on field trips.

In order to become a designated volunteer, interested individuals need to complete a Criminal Records Check fingerprint packet. The packet contains a Release Authorization Form which must be completed and signed in the presence of a notary. Denise McClenon, the HR/Benefits Administrative Assistant from the superintendent's office, will be at our Open House this Wednesday to help those interested in becoming a designated volunteer. Denise does fingerprinting and is a notary. If you haven't already gone through the process of becoming a designated volunteer, please take advantage of the wonderful opportunity to get everything done during this Wednesday's Open House event.



1st Graders have been studying bubbles and butterflies. Kindergarteners led the school in an action song.

