



Trending Now @ PGS

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From the Principals:

In the fall, we shared information about the process of conducting benchmark assessments with our students by administering Universal Screenings. Winter Universals have begun for students in all grades. Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) is used for an informal reading inventory. This helps each teacher identify student strengths and needs in the areas of word recognition, fluency, word meaning, reading strategies, and comprehension. In grades 2-4, the BAS is administered a minimum of twice per year to identify a student's instructional reading level and to monitor reading development. Students who are at or above goal on the fall administration, are assessed a second time in the spring. Students who score below goal in the fall, are assessed in the winter and spring to monitor growth more closely. In grades K-2, the Phonics Decoding Inventory is given to identify specific areas to target instruction.

Another component of our Universal Screenings is the AimswebPlus literacy and numeracy assessment. Grades 2-4 take these short assessments independently on the computer. K-1 take the assessment with a teacher or one of our tutors. The information provided from these assessments guide our teacher teams with their instruction. An example; a teacher may pull a small group of students over a period of weeks to instruct on a targeted skill. After that period, the teacher reassesses to see what progress was made.

~Mrs. Borio & Mrs. Buckle

[Avon District Calendar 2023-2024](#)



PGS Minute

January

26 Spirit Day Wear PGS Spiritwear

February

1 K Registration begins for 24-25 School Year

7 World Read Aloud and Day of Play

8 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

11 PGS Family Skate Day (see details below)

19 & 20 No School - Presidents Day Recess

27 Board of Ed. Meeting 7:00 pm AHS

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Let's all wear our PGS Spirit wear T-shirts on Friday, January 26, 2024. If you didn't order one just wear the following colors, kindergarten-orange, 1st grade-red, 2nd grade-yellow, 3rd grade-green, 4th Grade-blue



Family Skate Day

Feb. 11, 2024, 12:45-1:45, Simsbury Farms, Hosted by PGS PTO. Free event, but space is limited. Tickets will go live on Konstella on Tuesday, January 23 at noon. Tickets are for skaters only.



Wellness

Please click on the following link to read the Wellness Newsletter [APS Elementary Wellness Winter Newsletter](#)

Welcome to Kindergarten

Save the date: K Registration begins on February 1, 2024. Click [here](#) for more information

Legacy Book Club

Attention 3rd and 4th Grade Parents! The Legacy Book Club is back for its second year, giving your students the opportunity to leave a long-lasting impact on the entire PGS community for years to come. Click [here](#) to select and purchase a book through Konstella by January 31, 2024. Any questions, please contact Allison Yaffee at allison.yaffee@gmail.com

Winter Weather and Snow Gear

Now that winter is upon us, please send your children with boots and snow pants if they would like to play in the snow at recess. Also, if you wish to donate any snow gear new or gently used, please drop it off in the office.

