

Portsmouth Middle School Weekly News

Monday, January 22nd will be UA Day 6

Important Upcoming Dates

- Monday, January 22nd: PTA meeting in the PMS library, 5:30PM
- Wednesday, January 24th: Last day of Term 2
- Thursday, January 25th: **No school** for students- Teacher Workshop Day
- Friday, January 26th: First day of term 3
- SAVE THE DATE: Student/Staff Basketball Game- Tuesday, February 20th. Time TBA.
- Wednesday, January 31st: Deadline for ordering yearbooks



National Geographic Bee: PMS Style

The National Geographic Bee is a nationwide contest for schools in the United States. The Bee is open to students in grades 4-8. The Bee is a program of the National Geographic Society. It is designed to encourage the teaching and studying of geography. There are three levels to the competition: school, state and national. The PMS school Bee is open to any interested 6th, 7th or 8th grade student.

Portsmouth Middle School will be hosting the school wide Geography Bee on **Tuesday, January 23rd** after school starting promptly at 3:20. The Bee will last approximately 1 to 2 hours so any student who wants to participate will need to arrange a ride home after the Bee. The Geography Bee will be held in room C-325 (Mrs. Chicooree's room). We look forward to seeing all the Portsmouth Geo Bees coming out to showcase their knowledge and have some fun! If you have any questions please feel free to email our Geography Bee advisors- Mrs. Garganta: jgarganta@sau52.org or Mrs. Chicooree: achicooree@sau52.org

End of Term 2

It may be hard to believe, but the school year is half over. The last day of Term 2 is on Wednesday, January 24th. There is no school for students on Thursday the 25th, and the first day of Term 3 will be Friday the 26th. The parent portal will be closed on January 23rd while teachers work to finalize grades. We anticipate the portal re-opening and report cards going home with students on Friday, February 2nd.

Access Sports Concussion Testing

ACCESS Sports is bringing computerized impact concussion testing to PMS Grade 8 Students. PMS will be offering this program during 8th-grade Health classes at the beginning of Term 3. Please see attached information letter and consent form. All 8th-grade students need to return the consent form ASAP to their social studies teacher. If you have any questions regarding this program please feel free to contact Principal Phil Davis at pdavis2sau52.org or PMS Health teacher Kathy Birse Siegel at kbirse@sau52.org.



The PMS PTA is hosting the second annual PMS Student vs Staff Basketball game on February 20th. The PTA has incorporated a silent auction into this year's program. This is a fun night for students and parents alike. Please mark your calendars and click the link below to get more information and see how you can help out.

<http://www.pmspta.com/volunteer.html>

Term 3 After School Enrichment Offerings

We are currently working on our Term 3 after school programs for students. Keep an eye out in an upcoming weekly newsletter for the latest offerings.



Yearbook Orders!

If you haven't done so already, make sure you order your PMS yearbook today! We do not order extra yearbooks, but occasionally are sent overrun copies that we can sell on a first come, first serve basis. To guarantee your child receives a book, order online at www.yearbookforever.com. The cost for a yearbook is \$25.

Other Community News

- Portsmouth Little League registration is happening NOW! Register online at www.portsmouthlittleleague.com See attachment for more details.
- Pick-up Hockey game with members of the PHS Hockey Team on Sunday, January 28th at 6PM at the Dover Ice Arena- see attachment for more details
- Florida Keys field trip opportunity for 8th graders through New Heights- see attachment
- Chucky's Fight Fundraising Ride will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at 10:30AM- see attachment for more details

Enjoy your weekend,

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