PITTSBURGH CARMALT UPDATES

MORNING ARRIVAL SAFETY CHANGE

Effective Monday, October 3rd all students will have **curbside drop off**! This change impacts our parents and guardians that drop-off students. Please note the following:

- Parents who drop off students in the morning must enter from Parklyn Street.
- **NEW!** Families will be directed to drive past the island and towards the front of the school. Students being dropped off will exit their cars **directly** onto the curb in front of the school. Students will walk down the walkway to their designated entrance.
- This change allows all students to be dropped off curbside. Thereby eliminating the need to wait on the island and then cross through traffic to the sidewalk.
- **Stop, drop, and move** is our motto. Students should be ready to exit the vehicle when they arrive at the drop off entrance. **Drivers must stay in their vehicle.** Students should have their bookbags on and be ready to exit through the right side of the vehicle to enter the building. If for any reason the student needs extra time to exit the vehicle, families must park on the sides streets and walk their child to the morning drop-off entrance.
- Buses will continue to curbside near the Loading Dock area.
- This change is to provide safer movement for all during our morning arrival.
- Ms. Hart will continue to safely serve as our school-based crossing guard. Mrs. Lackner will be supporting car drop-off. Please look for her and follow her guidance. We thank our staff members for always making sure that our students and families are safe.

**MORNING BUS STOP ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

Buses will continue to stop at this location to unload students.

**MORNING CAR STOP ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

Guardians will continue to move pass the buses towards the front steps to drop-off students. Students will exit the right side of vehicles onto the sidewalks and walk to morning entrance.

**MS. HART!!**

The fabulous Ms. Hart will continue with her gracious assistance helping the crosswalk and movement in the morning.
**UNIFORMS:** We recommend that students dress in layers, so they are comfortable for class and recess. Be sure to follow the dress code policy. Please remember that no logos or jackets are permitted to be worn throughout the school day. Additionally, hoods, doo rags, ball caps, etc. may not be on student’s head.

**CELLPHONES:** Students in grades K through 4 must turn in their cellphones to homeroom teachers during homeroom. Students in grades 5 through 8 must turn their cellphones in upon morning arrival in the cafeteria. This policy is in place for all students. If a guardian needs to contact their child, please call the Main Office of Carmalt, 412-529-7760, or the Gifted Center, 412-338-3820, for those that attend on Thursdays.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

10/02 - School Custodian Appreciation Day
10/04 - Yom Kippur Begins
10/05 - School Only Vacation Day
10/07 - Q1 Interim Progress Reports Distributed
10/10 - Parent Teacher Conferences 11 AM - 6 PM
10/28 - Early Dismissal - Students Dismissed at 12:30 PM

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - OCTOBER 10TH**

Conferences will be held from 11 AM to 6 PM. Please complete and return the parent teacher conference form as soon as possible. The forms were sent home today.
Kindergarten Field Trip

On October 12th our kindergarten students will be going on a field trip to Triple B farm. They will leave school at 9:30 AM and return around 2:00 PM. Admission to the farm is $12. Be sure to dress your child for the weather, with a hooded jacket and tennis shoes. See your child's kindergarten teacher for more information or call 412-529-7891.

School Counselor's Corner

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Attendance Matters!!

- 3 or more days absent is less than a 90% rate of attendance thus far
If a child is absent an average of 2+ days a month, then they are absent far more than 10+ days a year.

8TH GRADE GUARDIANS 🤖 ⚒️ ⚒️ 🏫 ⚒️ 🏫

Magnet high school applications open in November. Now is the time to begin discussions for high school choices next year. All the PPS high schools and programs can be found here: https://www.pghschools.org/Page/4928.

Magnet High School options are as follows:
- Allderdice High School, Pre-Engineering
- Brashear High School, Computer Science & Teaching Academy
- CAPA 6-12, Creative and Performing Arts
- Milliones University Prep, University Focus
- Obama Academy of International Studies, International Baccalaureate
- Perry High School, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) & STEAM
- Science & Technology Academy (SciTech), Science & Technology

WEEKLY SCHOOL TIP FOR SUCCESS:

- October starts a new a month. Ask your child if they have finished at least one book for the 25 books a year!
- Goal Setting:
- Have your kids set realistic goals for the new school year, such as reading 30 books or filling a journal.
- Work out a to-do list of age-appropriate chores for each child and help them set weekly goals for completing them (without being asked).
- Help your kids prioritize their activities by tying them to their year's goals.
- Create a rewards system for when kids meet goals or do extra things around the house.
- Keep the home-school connection moving, especially if goals may be the same at home and school.
- 8th Graders should research a high school a week to prepare for magnet applications.

HISPANIC AND LATINX HERITAGE MONTH 😊

As we continue to celebrate and honor Hispanic Heritage month, please feel free to ask your child about the daily word and fact presented during our morning announcements. Every homeroom will complete mini projects of one Hispanic speaking country. On October 14th we will celebrate our culminating work during the day with a Fiesta and gallery walk of decorated classroom doors.

**READING LOG 📚📚**

Ask your child if they have seen and are utilizing the reading log!

**OCTOBER AWARENESS AND CELEBRATIONS! 🎈**

Many recognition days happen in October. Great topics for discussions with one another.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Interim grades are closing as progress reports will be out. Now is the time to check HAC accounts to help your child monitor their engagement and responsibility with assignments, tests, and attendance.

[https://hac40.pps.k12.pa.us/HomeAccess4_1/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fhomeaccess4_1](https://hac40.pps.k12.pa.us/HomeAccess4_1/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fhomeaccess4_1)

**WEEKLY REMINDERS :)**

- Let me know if you need help!
• All assignments should be submitted via...
• Make sure to move your body and drink lots of water

**DUCK DUCK GOOSE**  **DUCK DUCK GOOSE**  **CIRCLE BALL**

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