

POLLARD PEN

Dear Pollard Families:

I would like to welcome everyone back with a special welcome to all of our new friends that are joining us for the first time. We have hired 24 new staff members this summer so I am sure there will be many new faces and names for all of us to learn! Two of those hires were Assistant Principals **Mr. Brian Shawley** and **Mr. Doug Blay**. They have been a welcome addition to our team. Please stop by and introduce yourself the next time you are in the building. Also joining our Pollard family: **Dawn Cotter** was hired as our new Grade 5 teacher and **Ann Marie Pinard** is our New Music Teacher, **Deb Covino** has joined our Special Education Department, **Melissa Morrow** is our new District Team Social worker, **Ashley Stone** is our new Speech and Language Assistant and **Stephanie Pomykato** is our new Behaviorist. **Jessica Webster, Katie Allen, Nicole Riddell, and Nicole Weir** were all hired as our four new Title I Tutors as well as **Stephanie Glazier** as our new Title I Social Worker. **Sue LeBlanc, Samantha Saltalamaccia, Megan Connearney, Bette Sawyer, Ashley Driver, Christine Twombly, Taylor Stikeman, Jen Raymond, Lauren Neish, Samantha Bulman, Catherine Falkenburg, Meagan Parker, and Julie Blomberg** all join our support staff. Please make sure you say hi and introduce yourself if you see a new face!

Our first few weeks have gone very smoothly! I would like to thank everyone that attended our Meet the Teacher Night on August 31st. It was a great success. I heard many wonderful things from our students, staff and parents. We are back in full swing here at Pollard and off to a great school year.

What you do today makes a difference tomorrow

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Important Dates

October 5

Bike & Walk to School

October 10

No School
 Columbus Day

October 11

No School
 Professional
 Development

October 14

Progress Reports

October 18

PTA Meeting
 7pm Library

October 26

Picture-Retakes

October 31

Halloween
 Parade & Parties
 1:15 pm

November 7

Early Release
 1:10pm
 Parent Conferences

November 8

No School
 Presidential
 Election

November 11

No School
 Veterans Day
 Observed

November 22

Special Persons'/
 Grand-
 parents' Day



Day

During the past few weeks we have been busy trying to figure out how to get **our car drop-off/pick-up** run more smoothly. Starting Monday, October 3rd, our new procedure will go into effect and we are ready to go. We have changed our parking lot, added arrows and stop signs and we have the entire procedure, including a map, located on the front page of our website at:

<http://www.timberlane.net/ps/>.

This school year Pollard Staff will continue to work on **Action Plan Goals**. We will remain focused on reading and math and have added a goal that will help us with our Cleaner Greener Timberlane District initiative as well as a goal focusing on Diversity Awareness. Staff will also be using the Tripod data from last year to help focus on instructional techniques that will engage our students in the learning process. I know all of their hard work will make teaching and learning here at Pollard the best that it can be! Our new Action Plan will be posted online shortly.

Playground news! We are going to the School Board meeting October 6th to have them accept the remaining money our PTA has collected through fundraisers and gifts (including a \$7500 gift from Market Basket) to purchase phase 2 & 3 of our playground. The equipment has been ordered and the tentative date for delivery is October 21st with a playground community build on Saturday, October 22nd. More details will follow once we have the delivery date confirmed.

I would like to remind you that we would like all sick children and adults to stay home when they are sick. We know and understand that most parents are working outside of the home but we think that we all need to try to keep the germs out of school as best as possible. Please remember to let us know why your child is being called out sick when you call the absent line. (382-7146 x-5598) If the nurse calls to have you come pick up your child because they are sick please try your best to get here as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Please remember that school begins promptly at 8:30 AM and your children will go home on their regularly assigned buses at 3:10 PM each afternoon.

Welcome and let's have a great year!

Michelle Auger
Principal

* Starting next month the Pollard Pen will be e-mailed home and will *
* still be available on our school website: pollardschool.com. *

* If you would like a paper copy sent home please contact the Main *
* Office. *

**NEW CAR DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURE STARTING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**



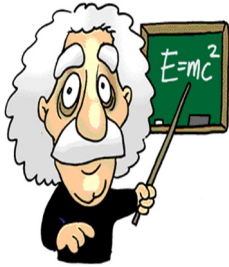
Beginning of day drop-off and end of day pick-up will be as follows: Vehicles will enter the church entrance on Main Street and drive along the back of the school along the fire access road. Vehicles will stop and line up beginning near the dumpsters.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO REMEMBER:

1. Vehicles should not enter the new drop-off/pick-up area before 8:05 in the AM or before 2:50 in the PM. There will be a gate near the playground area that will not open until 8AM each morning and at 2:50 each afternoon. Vehicles coming too early will be directed to drive around the Town Hall. They will not be allowed to wait in the church parking lot.
2. In the event the car line extends all the way back to the church entrance, cars will need to drive around the Town Hall; they will not be allowed to wait along the road.
3. When in line, vehicles **MUST** be turned off and drivers **MUST** stay inside their cars at all times as the car line will be next to many classrooms. Vehicle exhaust and pedestrian activity along these classrooms will distract students from their important school work.
4. Vehicles leaving the new drop-off/Pick-up area will only be allowed to turn **RIGHT** onto Main Street (South) (8-8:45AM and 3-3:30PM)
5. As an added precaution, students will not be allowed out on the playground or field area after 2:45PM.
6. **PLEASE COMMUNICATE THIS CHANGE TO ANY ADULT THAT COULD BE PICKING UP OR DROPPING OFF YOUR CHILD.**

*Mid-day Pre K/K pick-up at 11:10 AM and 12:40 drop off of K will continue to follow the current plan as recess will be in session during these times.





Assistant Principal News:

I am very excited to be joining the great staff here at Pollard. Ms. Auger and the staff have welcomed me with open arms, making my transition very smooth. My current position as Assistant Principal has given me experience as a positive member and leader within the Timberlane School District. My experiences and background in education have exposed me to an array of challenges and a variety of students. My career began as a counselor for a private non-profit agency for emotionally and behaviorally challenged adolescents. In my twelve years as an elementary fifth grade teacher, I also spent time working with Family Mediation Juvenile Services, providing teens with a positive role model, as well as educating them by making better choices within their family and community. I believe this combination of teaching and community service has provided me with the proper tools to assist Ms. Auger and Mr. Blay in fostering an exciting learning environment for each individual student, as well as faculty. I am looking forward to working with a great staff and leader! Have a great 2016-2017 school year!

Brian Shawley

Assistant Principal

Happy Halloween



Monday, October 31st

Parade: 1:30 start time (will make the loop around Town Hall)

Classroom parties to follow. (Only room parents please)

Dear Pollard Families,

It has been so wonderful getting to know the Pollard students, staff and families. As the school's Curriculum Coordinator I am always amazed at what our students are learning. I also always enjoy being asked about what, how and why our students are learning certain things. One question many parents have asked me about is math homework. The math your child brings home may look different from the math you and I remember doing. How can you help if you don't understand it? And if you do understand it, how can you guide your child without giving him/her the answers?

Here are some tips that may help to guide your child:

- *Go over the directions with your child and find out what he/she does and doesn't understand about the assignment.**
- *Encourage your child to find another math student he/she can call for help if he/she is unclear.**
- *Ask your child where they think they should begin.**
- *Try to get your child to use the examples on the homework page.**
- *Suggest your child draw or make a model to explain his/her thinking.**
- *Look for homework help online.**
- *It's good to take notes while you're trying to help solve a math problem. If the process helps your child solve the math problem, great! If not, he/she can show these notes to his/her teacher for more instruction.**
- *Try not to spend more than 10 to 20 minutes working through math homework that you and your child don't know how to do. Just let the teacher know so he/she can work further on the skill.**
- *Lastly, try to stay positive!**

Have fun learning!

Doug Blay

Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator



From the Gym of Ms. Silva, Physical Education Teacher

Welcome to a new school year at Pollard! Our program at Pollard consists of developmentally appropriate activities that create maximum opportunities for development of skills, knowledge, health-related fitness and ultimately, the confidence to enjoy an active, healthy lifestyle. Physical education courses offer the chance for your child to develop habits for a lifetime of fitness and health. During the school year, we want to encourage you to participate in your child's physical development and fitness. Children need a maximum of at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day and what a better way than playing together. Go for a walk, take a bike ride or toss a ball. It is so important for your children to see you physically active as a role model. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

September and October Happenings



Kindergarten and Grade One:

September has been crazy and busy in the gym.

The 1st grade have been busy indoors learning protocol, space and body awareness, locomotor skills, level and pathways. We played a few fun games. The students are learning the correct way to throw a ball. Ask them the four steps.

Grade two:

We reviewed classroom protocols and locomotor skills. We played a few fun games. We will be doing a unit in overhand throwing and catching, with a few fun lead up games.

Grade Three, Four, and Five:

We reviewed classroom protocols and locomotor skills. We played a few fun games. We starting a unit in overhand throwing and catching. We are playing a few lead up games that work on throwing and catching skills.

POLLARD SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY'S TEAM

What an exciting year for Pollard's cross country team! The boys and girls are doing a fantastic job! What effort and sportsmanship by every cross country player. This is such an exciting experience for all fourth and fifth graders at Pollard. We are having so much fun! Thanks so much too all my volunteers because I wouldn't be able to do it without you! I am having so much fun I don't want to have it end!





My name is AnnMarie Pinard and I am the new general music and chorus teacher at Pollard School! It has been such a pleasure beginning to get to know all of the students over the past month and I look forward to continuing the process as students learn to become “tuneful, beatful, and artful” individuals. Chorus met for the first time on September 23rd and we are looking forward to our Winter Concert in January! If you are the parent of a 4th or 5th grade child who is interested in joining chorus and has not yet, please have them come and get a permission slip from me in the music room!

Musically Yours,

AnnMarie Pinard



Greetings From The Art room!

We are off to a great start to the year! The kindergarten students have been learning the rules and procedures in the art room. We have also been concentrating on cutting with scissors. They are working on a picnic collage right now, they really enjoy cutting pictures of food out of magazines! First graders are already painting! They started with sunflower paintings, and now they are painting school busses. Second graders understand what texture is. They made fabulous texture fish bowl collages. You may have heard the sad news that Roy the goldfish passed away this summer. Roy was 8 years old, and loved by all! We have a new goldfish named Henri, after Henri Matisse. Henri is afraid of everything! Ask your child about him. Third graders just finished a unit on line. Ask them about blind contour line drawings and continuous contour line drawings. You might want to frame their observation drawings! Fourth graders learned about Zentangle patterns, and they are now creating animals filled with Zentangle patterns. They are fabulous! The fifth graders are starting the year with Henri Matisse style paintings of a goldfish bowl. We are all moving on to fall projects, soon. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about art, feel free to contact me.

Happy fall!
Becky Lightizer