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CHARTER SCHOOL WEST

January 2025

PCS FAMILY FLYER



Important Info:

- [2024-2025 School Calendar](#)
- Friday, January 31st is a half day.
- Friday, February 14th is a half day.
- No school on Monday, February 17th.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Open Enrollment

Did you know.....Enrollment for the 25-26 school year opens February 1, 2025! While you may think that most people hear about us by seeing the PCS billboards around the city, or by talking with their child's pediatrician or counselor.....*the most common way* others learn about our school is by talking to *you* - family members of already enrolled students! PCS West continues to enroll students this year in grades 1-5 and will accept applications for students in grades 1-6 for next year. PCS Central will be enrolling new students in all grades to fill any open seats we have available. When you talk about us, please keep our mission in mind; we exist to serve students with dyslexia, or other language based learning challenges.

If any of you feel like you visit places where you could post our flyers or display our rack cards, please let me know and we will get you these items to share. (These include, community centers, sports complexes, any professional service provider's office, any community bulletin board, etc.)

I would also ask that you continue to share posts via social media. This is a huge way you can support us and our mission.

National School Choice Week - January 26-31

Ten years ago there were not many options for families who obtained a diagnosis of dyslexia for their child. Services in western PA simply did not exist and trained private practitioners were few and far between. The fact that you have the option to send your child to a school like PCS is truly a gift. Visit <https://schoolchoiceweek.com/about/> to learn more about this celebratory week.

Our students will participate in a drawing/writing activity to express what they love about their school, and you may notice a yellow school choice scarf coming home.

-Mrs. Maria Paluselli, CEO

PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Families,

On behalf of the entire PCS West staff, we extend a warm welcome back to all of our students! We hope you enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating winter break.

We are excited to continue our learning journey together in the new year. There are many exciting things planned for the remainder of the school year, including the upcoming social event: Movie Night on January 29th. This will be a great time for students to get together and enjoy the showing of *The Wild Robot*. It is also a great time to show our school to potential new families! Please feel free to bring a friend/family to this event.

We understand that illness can sometimes happen, but we want to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance. Consistent attendance is crucial for students to succeed academically and socially. It allows them to:

- Stay on track with learning: Students can easily fall behind when they miss instruction.
- Build strong relationships: Consistent attendance helps students build positive relationships with their teachers and classmates.
- Develop essential skills: School provides opportunities to develop important social-emotional and life skills.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring your child's successful return to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- 1/27/25 - 1/31/25 - Penny Wars (Parent Group Fundraiser)
- 1/29/25 - Movie Night at PCS West "The Wild Robot" (6:30 PM)
- 1/31/25 - Half Day for Students

-Mrs. Connie Joseph, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 28th - PBIDA is hosting a virtual workshop titled:
Understanding ESY: Eligibility Essentials for Parents and Educators**

Virtual from 7:00-8:30pm

For more information visit PBIDA's website -

<https://pa.dyslexiaida.org/event/understanding-esy/>

Understanding ESY: Eligibility Essentials for Parents and Educators

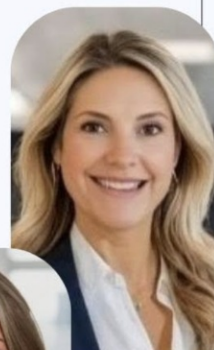
Virtual Workshop

with Melanie Young and Maria Vetter
with Thrive Advocacy Group

An overview of Extended School
Year (ESY) programs for parents
and teachers supporting
students with special needs

Tuesday
January 28
7:00-8:30pm

International
DYSLEXIA
Association
Pennsylvania



January 29th - FREE Family Movie Night featuring "The Wild Robot"

@ PCS West

Time: 6:30pm

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/iXbP4pLoYB9weaLv8>



February 20th - Messiah University's 2025 Humanities Symposium will host a virtual keynote address featuring reading expert Dr. Maryanne Wolf

Virtual at 7:00pm

For more information visit -

https://messiah.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMgk440bR3grc34

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Maryanne Wolf

**“Deep Reading’s Contributions
to Humanity in a Digital Culture”**

**Thursday, February 20, 2025
7 p.m.**

Maryanne Wolf is a scholar, teacher and advocate for children and literacy around the world. She is currently the director of the Center for Dyslexia, Diverse Learners and Social Justice at UCLA in the School of Education and Information Studies. She has written more than 170 scientific publications, including “Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital Culture” (12 translations; HarperCollins, 2018). Wolf is also the creator of the RAVE-O Intervention Program for all struggling readers and has received multiple awards for her contributions to the neuroscience of reading. Most recently, she was elected a permanent member of the Pontifical Academy of Science.

to register visit
messiah.edu/cphysymposium



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This is a virtual event.
No tickets will be issued.
Register here



February 23rd - Legally Blonde, Jr. *The Musical*

Times: Performances at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Location: Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center

Ticket Link: <https://cur8.com/26048/project/128372>

PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL PRESENTS:

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical

JR.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025
AT 2:00 PM AND 6:00 PM
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