

Looking Ahead

August

30 New Parent Social 7 PM

September

7 NO SCHOOL—Labor Day

8 Meet Your Teacher Day K-8
9:30-11 AM

9 First Day of School K-8

Meet Your Teacher Day
Nursery and Pre-K

10 Meet Your Teacher Day
Nursery and Pre-K

Parent Orientation
Nursery to 3rd 7:00 PM

11 Banner Raising
Class of 2016 9AM

14 Nursery & Pre-K Begin School

17 Parent Orientation
Grades 4-8 7 PM

21 Campaigning begins for
Student Council

22 Student Council Speeches
and Elections 9AM

24 Magazine Drive Kick Off
N-3 1:30 PM
4-8 2:00 PM

8th Grade Parent Mtg 7PM

25 Student Council Induction
2:15 PM

Ice Cream Social
7:00-8:00 PM

28 High School Information
Night 7PM

29 PTO Meeting 7PM

“The best security blanket a child can have is parents who respect each other”

-Jan Blaustone

Dear Parents,

Another school year has been completed at Pen Ryn. It has been an exciting and rewarding year for your children. The teachers have continually utilized different teaching techniques to develop further learning concepts, as well as new learning experiences being instituted with the use of various skills programs at the different levels. The Parent Volunteer Program was again active and volunteered over 4000+ hours. The PTO sponsored many worthwhile and meaningful programs and raised over \$45,000 to support our students.

It was the great lyricist, Oscar Hammerstein, who wrote, "June is bustin' out all over." All we have to do is look around us to realize how appropriate that line is. There is a spirit within each and every one of our students that longs to walk out under those trees, to smell those flowers, and to be a part of summer. This is how it should be. We are meant to enjoy life, and summer offers us opportunities we have at no other time of the year. Yet, it is also a time when we should see to it that our children pause for a moment to remember that they are completing another school year. And, while summer brings a momentary end to school, it does not bring an end to their education. Over the past ten months, your children have worked very hard at their studies and learned many things, which they did not know when school began. What they learned was the result of many factors, not the least of which was their effort in studying, writing, practicing, and the hours they put into classes, activities and discussions. Now that the school year has drawn to a close, I hope your children realize that their learning will continue, for all of life is a school, and we learn by everything we do. It is my sincere wish for you and your family that the summer may hold only pleasant experiences. Have a good summer!

Sincerely,
Liz Morton



Congratulations
Class of 2015

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Name	School Attending	Awards
Thomas Barbaro	Holy Ghost Preparatory School	Presidential Award for Excellence Scholar Athlete
Samantha Bramble	Nazareth Academy	The John V. Mundy Award
Hailey Davis	Neshaminy High School	Presidential Award for Achievement
David De Angelo	Holy Ghost Preparatory School	Presidential Award for Excellence Scholastic Achievement
Shane Evans	Notre Dame High School	
Alex Feng	St. Joseph's Preparatory School	
Michael Hao	Malvern Preparatory School	
Jimmy Hindley	Holy Ghost Preparatory School	American Legion Auxiliary Award The Pen Ryn Spirit Award
Shane Howell	Pennsbury High School	
Theodore Malinowski	Holy Ghost Preparatory School	
Thomas McNulty	Holy Ghost Preparatory School	Presidential Award for Excellence Award for Effort given by the Class of 1990
Nautica Merritt	Villa Joseph Marie High School	The Michaelleen P. Christy Award
Abaigeal Monaghan	Notre Dame High School	
Eshah Murtaza	Villa Joseph Marie High School	Presidential Award for Excellence
Holly Newman	Villa Joseph Marie High School	
Ike Osenberg	George School	Presidential Award for Excellence The Michaelleen P. Christy Award
Sierra Pringle	Pennsbury High School	Presidential Award for Excellence American Legion Auxiliary Award
Gabriel Reyes	Notre Dame High School	Presidential Award for Achievement The David A. Proven Award for Character Excellence
Kareena Rogers	Doane Academy	Presidential Award for Achievement The Liz Morton Award Award for Effort given by the Class of 1990
Alexandria Sands	Notre Dame High School	Presidential Award for Excellence
Elias Shah-Delbello	Holy Ghost Preparatory School	Presidential Award for Achievement
Sarah Shubert	Villa Joseph Marie High School	Presidential Award for Achievement Scholar Athlete
Cindy Song	Academy of New Church	
Sarah Spears	Notre Dame High School	
Jason Sperling	Council Rock South	Presidential Award for Achievement
Steven Szambelak	Father Judge Catholic High School	
Hope Walsh	The Pennington School	Presidential Award for Achievement The David A. Proven Award for Character Excellence
Zachariah Woltman	Pennsbury High School	
Charlotte Zhao	Mount Saint Dominic Academy	

ANNUAL GIVING NEWS

2014-2015 Update

Thank you to all of the parents who contributed to our annual giving (The Pen Ryn Fund).

There is still time to help us meet our goal of 65% of our families contributing, in order for

The McMullen Family to contribute their donation of \$25,000.

Another thank you to our Board of Trustees, faculty and staff for participation to the Annual Giving Fund.

A great big thank you to our current 2014-2015 givers! You make the difference!

Donations can still be made up until June 30, 2015, to go toward this year.

Families

The Abromovitz Family

The Ackerman Family

The Bramble Family

The Carr Family

The Cattani Family

The Cole Family

The Coppola

The Curtiss Family

The Danemark Family

The DeAngelo Family

The Donofry Family

The Ducker-Smith Family

The Farnan Family

The Fedak-O'Neill Family

The Frolenko Family

The Fusco Family

The Gard Family

The Gluckman Family

The Goldstein Family

The Hindley Family

The Hogwood Family

The Howell Family

The Lambing Family

The Leidich Family

The Kennedy Family

The Marini Family

The McCauley Family

The McElrath Family

The McNulty Family

The Marshall Family

The Mitchell Family

The Mizgerd Family

The Monzo Family

The Morton Family

The Moschella Family

The Murtaza Family

The Muzyka Family

The Nemeth Family

The Noorani Family

The Nguyen-Tran

The Pettit Family

The Picariello Family

The Pringle Family

The Pryor Family

The Qaisar Family

The Rayca Family

The Riegler Family

The Rong Family

The Roth Family

The Skirlis Family

The Somogyi Family

The Smith Family

The Spangler Family

The Sperling Family

The Volpe Family

The Wain-Philips Family

The Walsh Family

The White Family

The Youngblood Family

The Zynierski Family

Grandparents

The Crawford Family

The Davis Family

The DeMauro Family

The Freet Family

The Hindley Family

The Hogwood Family

The Howell Family

The Kammerman Family

The Kennedy Family

The Koschewitz Family

The Lindinger Family

The McNight Family

The Mitchell Family

The Morton Family

The Needleman Family

The Pierro Family

The Pincus Family

The Rafferty Family

The Rayca Family

The Riegler Family

The Sharkey Family

The Sherman Family

The Sinclair Family

The Thyng Family

Nursery Last Day



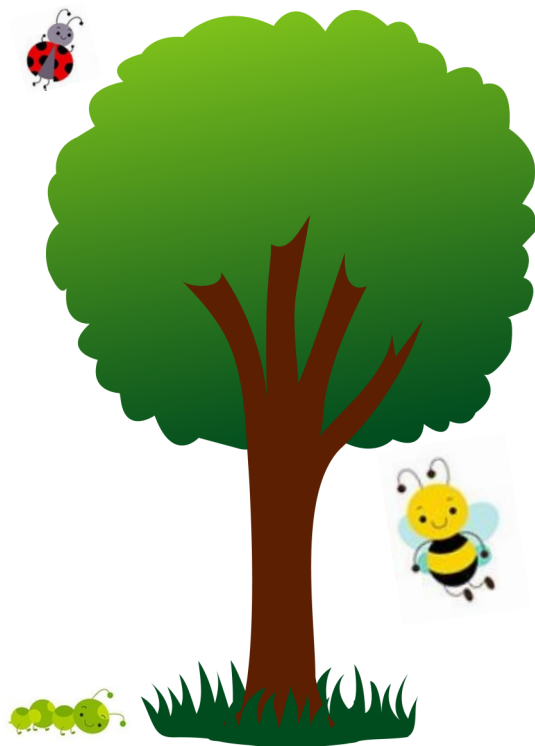
PreK Last Day



Kindergarten Graduation



**Class
of
2024**



Outdoor Classroom

On Tuesday May 15, Pen Ryn with the help of Waste Management, broke ground on an outdoor classroom. This space will make learning a multi-sensory experience and allow more creativity.



SPEND THE DAY WITH THE OFFICE



On Friday May 15, our Auction winners spent the day in the office. Everyone had an opportunity to learn some office procedures as well as make some calendar changes (i.e.: announce a dress down day!). They were all treated to lunch at A-1 Japanese Steakhouse and then back to school to get a tour of some of the behind the scene areas of the building.

Thank you to the parents for giving your children this unique opportunity.

- Head of School for the day: Jillian Rayca
- Assistant Head of School for the day: Serenity Boffa
- Administrative Assistant for the day: Liam Boffa
- Mr. Fix It for the day: Grace Holmes



Fears of Raising 21st Century Children

No matter what stage we are in, as parents, we have to face our fears. If we don't deal with them properly, we can either become over-protective and stifling, or the opposite: nonchalant and careless. Overcoming these fears helps prevent poor parenting decisions. **To help you face your parenting fears, here are some things that we think are critical.**

1. Be cautious, not psychotic

As parents charged with the task of guiding our children through a sometimes hostile world, there is a fine line between healthy caution and virtual psychosis. Yes, there are all kinds of threats out there that we need to be aware of. But some parents get so worried that they micro-manage their kids' lives. This breeds children who are scared to take risks and incapable of standing on their own two feet. At the same time, the paranoia cripples the parent every time their kids are out of their sight. You can't take the risk out of life. Even if you could, would you really want to? **The most important lessons are often learned through disappointments and bad experiences.** What you can and should do is **take reasonable precautions.** For example, rather than saying, "No trampolines, no toboggans," show your kids how to play with these things wisely and safely. Instead of scaring them into never talking to strangers, help them learn how to observe people and watch for warning signs. Instead of forbidding them from getting their driver's license, teach them how to drive carefully. Talk, even caution them about threats, but don't immobilize them.

2. Educate yourself

Here's a principle to keep in mind: **the more educated you are about the issues facing your kids, the wiser your decisions, the less you'll worry.** Take the Internet for instance. We all know that the online world can be a dangerous place for kids if they aren't careful. The problem is, in many cases our kids know more about computers and the Internet than we do. We can't train them in Internet safety if we don't know how to use it ourselves. Plus, the problem is scarier to us if we don't fully understand it. The solution is to find a computer-savvy friend who can teach you how to use the technology and walk you through the pitfalls, so your computer will be safe at home. This applies not just to the Internet, but to every parenting fear you have. Knowledge puts your apprehensions into perspective and helps you to deal with any threat in a wise and productive way.

3. Talk freely with your kids

Once you've educated yourself, the next step is to take time to teach your kids. **An informed child is the best defense against the many things that could potentially happen to them.** The more the child knows about the dangers that exist and how to protect themselves, the safer they are. So coach them. Talk with them about the things they see in their world and give them the freedom to share their fears with you. As you walk through life with your children, you will have countless opportunities to train them in how to survive in this world. Don't let them get away. Of course, you also need to **give them appropriate boundaries.** There are some things they are unable to protect themselves from, and in those cases we must do it for them. Even then, though, it should be done in a context that enables them to learn the reasons for the rules so they can begin to develop their own boundaries, and so they'll understand how to deal with the situation if the boundaries ever slip. Help them develop a reasoned lifestyle, where they know why they do what they do.

4. Instill confidence, not fear

What kind of adult do you want your child to become? One who thinks the world is out to get them and is afraid to face the difficult situations that come their way? Or one who is secure and strong enough to survive the inevitable challenges life will bring? To most, the answer is clear. **If you want your child to become strong, you need to develop their confidence.** You must believe in them, affirm them and paint a strong future for them. Build in a tough attitude, one that says, "I'm going to be okay in this big, bad world. It's going to be alright. I know what's right, and I can say no." I'm not saying we want them to be arrogant, but we need to be empowering our kids. Instead of teaching them to be afraid of people, teach them how to look adults in the eye. Make sure they understand that it's okay to say "no" to things that make them uncomfortable. Help them learn to build their own boundaries, because the time will come when they are outside of your ability to protect them. When that time comes, you want them to have a sense of confidence that they will make it on their own.

5. Be a safe harbor

The last thing, and likely the greatest gift to our kids is this: we have to become our kids' safe harbor. Kids still need to be able to run home to Mom and Dad and find it a safe place. If their parents are not a safe place, where will they have to run to? They'll find somewhere or someone, and it's likely going to be a place or a person you don't want them running to. Mom and Dad, you've got to love your kids. Hug your kids often and tell them you love them. Give them the opportunity to tell you about your worries and fears. When they tell you they're afraid of something, don't downplay it. Don't question their fears, because they'll never come and talk to you about them again. Listen, understand, and then build their confidence. I can't stress it enough: **when your kids come running home, they must be running to a safe place;** a place where they feel they can come without fear of judgment; a place where Mom and Dad love them unconditionally. That's the greatest gift you can give to a kid in a scary world.

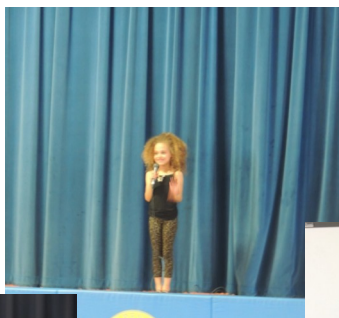
Blue & Gold



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
GOLD TEAM
FOR THEIR WIN THIS YEAR!

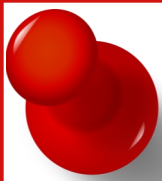


8th Grade Last Walk Up the Ramp



Talent Show

We had another great talent show this year. Students from Kindergarten through 8th grade participated. Our faculty even put on great performance. Thank you Mrs. Zeigler for helping our students put on a wonderful show!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

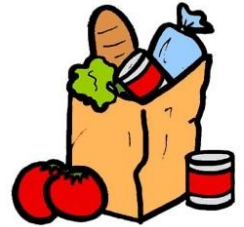
We will closed June 27 through July 5, 2015

July : Monday through Thursday - 9:00 to 3:00

August : Monday through Friday - 9:00 to 3:00



With your help, Pen Ryn raised \$632.49!
Thank you to everyone for participating.



Tuition

The first tuition payment is due August 1st. Remember, if you pay your tuition and books in full by August 1st, you may deduct \$100 for each full-time student.



Are you moving? Did you get a new job?

Please remember to update your mailing address, email address and contact phone numbers whenever there is a change.

You can email the office at astanley@penryn.org and your records will be updated.



SCHOOL NURSE UPDATE

All Students must have: up to date immunizations, prescription slips from doctors for all medications including over the counter medications.

Physicals for grades K & 6

and

Dental exams for grades K, 3 & 7.



CLOTHING SWAP



Please help yourself to our swap rack. Feel free to leave items and take items!

The rack is accessible all summer and is located in the cafeteria hall.

Busing



The districts notify Pen Ryn in late August about busing. When we receive the information we will send it to you by mail. Thank you for your patience.

Thank you all for participating in the PTO elections this year. We are looking forward to planning an awesome year of friend-raising and fundraising. If you have any questions, or are interested in getting involved please contact any of the members of the board. As always, all members of the Pen Ryn Family are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings and volunteer.

2015-2016 Executive Board

President: Anna Maria Granato

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Denise Zeallor

Buffy Aniloff

Stephanie Fusco

Bernadette Leidich

Tim Pryor

Ruth Somogyi

Sara Volpe

Michelle Zygnierski



Teachers Honored

5 years: Lynn Armstrong

5 years: Cathy Thomas

10 years: Karen Fried

15 years: Michael Wagner

20 years: MaryAnne Pringle

25 years: Keith Pringle

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Pen Ryn!