


Panda News

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Welcome to the Panda News!

Greeting Panda Nation! I hope that everyone had a great weekend. And more importantly, way to Astros! It was great to see all of the Astros spirit this week. I hope that we can continue showing that same level of spirit for our 8th grade football team this week at our Homecoming Game on Tuesday, October 26th.

This week we will be celebrating Spirit/Red Ribbon Week. I've included information below. I hope to see our students participating each day and be on the lookout for pictures from this week in next week's Panda News.

Steven Shetzer, Principal

Week @ A Glance

October 25

- School Picture Day
- Shades & Hat Day
- Naviance (8th Grade)

October 26

- Red Out Day
- Naviance (8th Grade)
- Homecoming Pep Rally during 4th Period (ticketed event)
- Homecoming Tailgate Party @ 5:30 (Butler Stadium)
- Homecoming Game v. Pin Oak @ 7:00 (Butler Stadium)

October 27

- Hawaiian Shirt Day
- Naviance (8th Grade)

October 28

- Neon Day
- Naviance (8th Grade)
- Magnet Virtual Tour @ 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.

October 29

- Halloween Costume Day

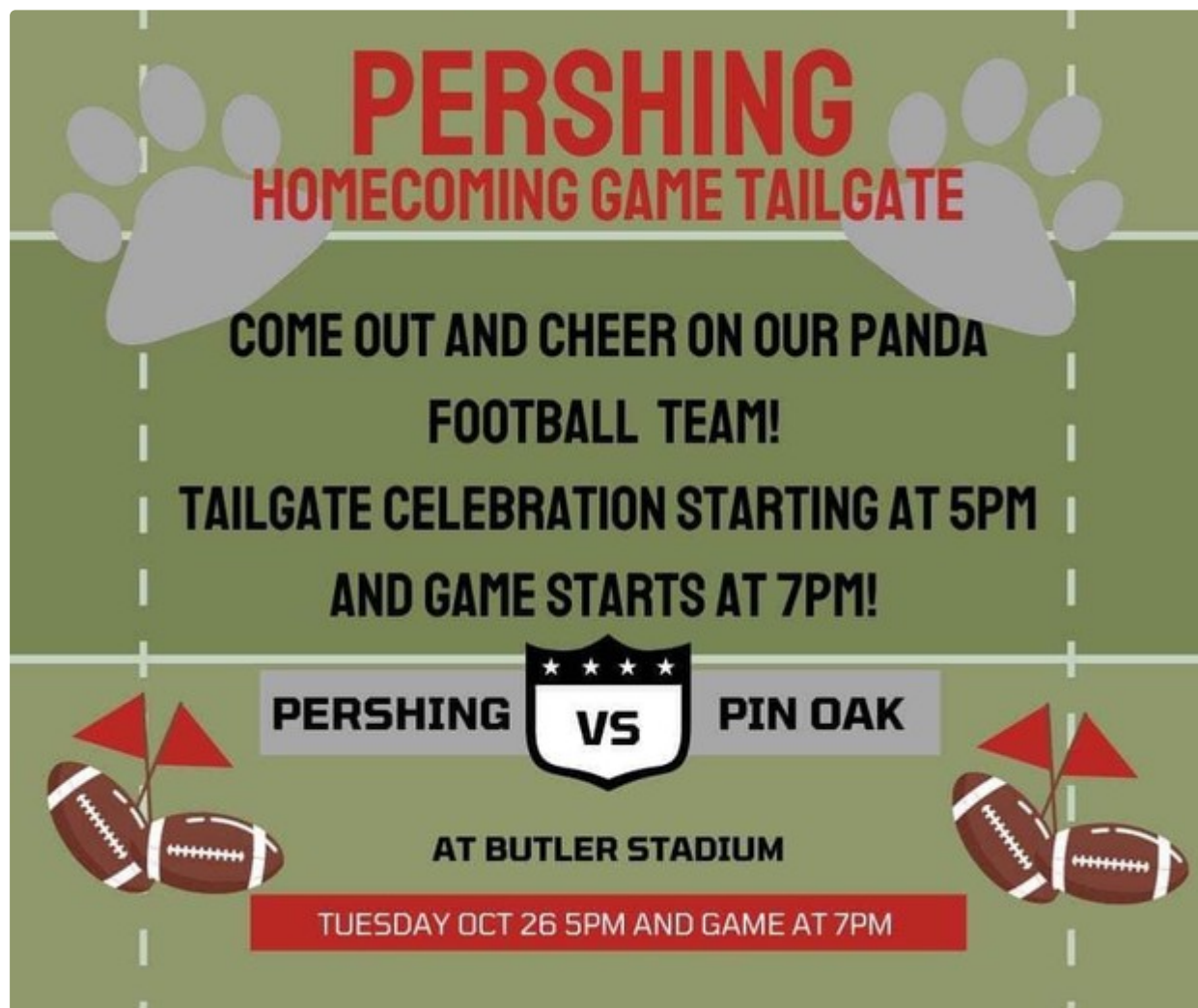
Spirit/Red Ribbon Week

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 25TH - 29TH

 Monday Hats & Shades	Pair up a hat and some shades to SHADE OUT DRUGS!
 Tuesday RED OUT	Show your support for the homecoming game and wear red! PANDAS SAY NO TO DRUGS!
 Wednesday Hawaiian Day	Wear your favorite hawaiian gear! SAY 'A' OLE TO DRUGS!
 Thursday Neon Day	Stand out and glow in neon! OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT WITHOUT DRUGS
 Friday Halloween Costumes!	Trick or Treat? It's a treat! Come to school dressed up in a costume to celebrate Halloween! (no costume masks) SCARE AWAY THE DRUGS

Pershing Homecoming Game Tailgate



2021-2022 Title I Parent & Family Engagement Committee

Ms. Graur is in need of your assistance. Per guidance from Region 4 and to ensure HISD is in compliance with ESSA Section 1116, all Title I campuses are required to have an active Title I Parent and Family Engagement Committee in addition to the required Title I Parent Meetings. We need four (4) parents on the committee. If you are interested, please email [Ms. Graur](#) by Tuesday, October 26.

Here are the responsibilities of the Title I Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Committee:

- Required to meet at least once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester
- Discuss, review, and revise the School/Parent Compact.
- Discuss, plan, and implement parent and family engagement activities/events.
- Discuss the use of Title I Funds for parent and family engagement activities/events.
- Discuss how the PFE Policy will be distributed on campus.
- Discuss the days and times of the Title I Parent Meetings.

HB4545

This past summer, House Bill (HB) 4545 was passed. The purpose of HB4545 is to provide accelerated instruction for any student who did not pass STAAR grades 3-8 or who did not take STAAR in Spring 2021. For those students who did not take STAAR, Pershing has already administered a beginning of the year TEA approved assessment. Students who scored at approaches or above on those tests are

exempted from the HB4545 requirements. Students who did not score at approaches or above or did not pass STAAR in the Spring, will be required to participate in accelerated instruction. Many of our students who need accelerated instruction have already been scheduled in math and reading intervention classes. For those who have not, they will participate in accelerated instruction during Homeroom, after-school tutorials, and Saturday tutorials.

On Friday we sent home letters to all students who are required to participate in accelerated instruction. Please take a moment to read the letter. HB4545 requires that students be in groups of no more than 3, unless a parent opts to allow us to increase the size of the groups. The parent notification letter sent out on Friday provides a place for you to opt-out. You can also opt-out by completing the form in HISD Connect.

For any student in 6th grade required to participate in accelerated instruction, Pershing must hold an Accelerated Learning Committee meeting. All meetings will be held via MS Teams. The date and time of your meeting appears on your letter. A calendar invite will be sent out during the course of this week. Please make every effort to attend the meeting on your scheduled date and at the scheduled time.

If you have any questions regarding HB4545, you may reach out to [Ms. Curtis](#) or your child's counselor.

Socio-Economic Forms

We are requesting the help of our Panda families in completing the socioeconomic forms that were sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. The information on this form allows Pershing to receive state and federal funding that is used to hire personnel, provide tutoring services, purchase technology, and provide professional development. If you have not completed your form, we attached one to your student's progress report last Friday. Please complete the form and send back with your child. You can also complete the form in the "Forms" section of HISD Connect. For assistance in completing the forms online, please visit the [Back to School Forms](#) section of our website.

School Picture Day

Please mark October 25 on your calendars. Students will have their school pictures taken that day. Students do need to be in dress code.



Pershing Community @ Work

In preparation for our upcoming Spaghetti Supper, a group of volunteers led by parent Fay Peterson, have spent two weekends cleaning up our courtyard area. The work included trimming bushes, removing dead plants, and planting new trees. This weekend a few students joined in. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped beautify our courtyard area!



Wellness Wednesdays

Each Wednesday students will be participating in SEL lessons during Homeroom. The Counselors are working on putting together our first series of lessons, focusing on Peer Relationships. Over the course of four weeks, students will complete the following lessons:

- What Makes a Friend
- I've Got Your Back
- Talk It Out
- Battle the Bullies

The lessons take 40-50 minutes each and include a mini-lesson, to be delivered by the Counselors via MS TEAMS, and then an activity that teachers will facilitate.

Our first lesson will be on Wednesday, November 3rd, and all Homeroom teachers and students will participate. I've included a letter regarding this first series of SEL lessons. We hope that you will

partner with us and continue the work we do at home. In next week's newsletter I will include home activities that you can engage in with your child.



Harmony SEL Peer Relationship Parent Letter.pdf

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Caught Being Awesome



Boston Massacre Crime Scene

This past week, our 8th Grade U.S. History classes participated in rotations focusing on the Boston Massacre. Here you see the Boston Massacre crime scene.



Boston Massacre Primary Source Documents

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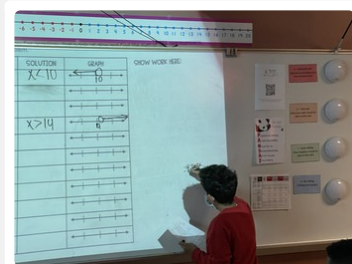
Boston Massacre Primary Source Photos

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Hands-on Science in 8th Grade

8th Grade Science students in Ms. Larios' class were learning about chemical and physical changes. Have you ever seen what happens when you tap a 9-volt battery on a piece of steel wool? It was super cool!



Mr. Amador's Math Class

While visiting Mr. Amador's 7th Grade Math class, students were sharing their knowledge with the rest of the class by solving problems on the board.



Hoey's Help Desk

What a creative use of the Clever Touch Board! During Mr. Hoey's 7th Grade Math class, students who need extra help are able to go to Mr. Hoey's Help Desk board, where they solve the problem together. Talk about instant reteaching! Way to go!

Introduction to Technical Theatre Class

Our Introduction to Technical Theatre students learned about texture, color theory, and shading/highlighting during a week long intensive scenic painting unit. Students demonstrated and applied what they had learned in two different techniques: stone, wood, grain, marble, and sky.





Pershing Spaghetti Supper

Pershing's PTO Spaghetti Supper fundraiser is back! Please plan to join us on November 2 from 6-8 pm in our courtyard. See the flyer below for more information.



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Fall 2021 Band Concert

Please enjoy the following video of our band playing during their recent concert.

Band Concert



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