

COBBLES COMMENT

News and Updates from  PTA

Presidents' Notes

Hello Cobbles Families! We've made it to November!

Coming up this month is our PTA fundraiser, the Fun Run! This year will look a little different and will actually be a Dance Fit. The kiddos will put their dance shoes on for 35 min of dancing fun! The big day is Wednesday, November 18, but kick-off started Monday, November 2 — sign up today to get registered and start collecting those pledges from family and friends! Every student will get a t-shirt to wear the day of the Dance Fit and prizes will be given based on pledges. We will hold all prizes until the end and get them to everyone ASAP. Be on the lookout for more communication from the PTA regarding the Dance Fit in the next few weeks.

Next up, we are working with Bach to Rock in Penfield to set up a high-energy, music based event for our Cobbles families. More information to come as that takes shape!

The Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf would like to thank everyone who donated food items during the Make a Difference week. We have an amazing community!

If you have a fun idea for a virtual event, we'd love to hear it! Send us an email at president@cobblespta.org. We are also looking for a Yearbook Committee chair and 5th Grade parents to help with the year end activities for the 5th graders. Please get involved, these things can't happen without parent help!

Join us for our next PTA meeting: November 12th at 7pm, via zoom. See more on that below!

Stay well!

Gina & Patience

Co-Presidents

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Important Dates

Thursday, 11/12, 7:00 pm
Virtual PTA Meeting

Wednesday, 11/11
Veterans Day
NO SCHOOL

11/25 - 11/27
Thanksgiving Recess
NO SCHOOL





Harvest of the Month

Even though we can't bring fresh flavors to the cafeteria this fall, there is no reason you and your family can't explore new recipes at home! This month, enjoy some delicious comfort food.

Slow Cooker Zucchini Soup

*Recipe from allrecipes.com

- 1.5 pounds sweet Italian sausage
- 2 cups ½ pieces celery
- 2 pounds zucchini, cut in ½ inch slices
- 2 - 28oz cans diced tomatoes
- 2 green bell peppers, diced
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 6 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese, to taste



Did you make it?
Send a photo of your kids trying
this recipe to for a chance to be
featured in next month's Comment!
cobblescomment@cobblespta.org

1. Cook sausage in a hot skillet pan until brown and crumbly. Drain grease. Mix in the celery and cook until softened, about 10 more minutes.
2. Combine sausage/celery mixture, tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, onions, salt, sugar and seasonings in your slow cooker.
3. Cook on low for 4-6 hours. Garnish each bowl of soup with a tablespoon of parmesan cheese.



**Join us for our November PTA meeting on
Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 pm.**

At this month's meeting we are thrilled to have **Nicole Doyley** giving a talk on racial equity. She will be presenting to each of Penfield's PTAs during the month of November, as well as speaking this weekend with the Penfield AntiRacist Alliance. We hope many parents will join us as we continue our conversations and plans around equity in Penfield schools.

**PRESENTATION &
DISCUSSION**

LED BY

**NICOLE
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Nicole Doyley grew up in Brooklyn, New York and attended Dartmouth College, earning a Bachelor's degree in English. She worked in church ministry for almost 25 years, authored three books and published numerous articles in the *Huffington Post* and *The Witness: a Black Christian Collective*. She currently hosts her own podcast (*Let's Talk: conversations on race*), speaks in conferences and does consulting work with organizations on the topics of diversity, racial sensitivity and racial equity. She lives with her husband and two sons in Rochester, NY. Find her at nicoledoyley.com.

Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link, password is Cobbles.

New Committee looking for members! Cobbles PTA is forming a new Equity Committee to help drive our mission of advocating for all children. Email Mary Corcoran at marycorcoran@kw.com if you are interested in joining.



Providing Inclusive Opportunities & Activities for All Students

Provided by: Penfield Special Education PTA



Wed., November 18, 7-8pm

6:30-7pm – SEPTA Community Update

Presenter: Anita O'Brien, MA, CTRS.; Executive Director of Rochester Accessible Adventures

Rochester Accessible Adventures visualizes a world where people with disabilities are physically and socially included in sports and recreation throughout their lifetime. RAA contracts with municipalities, schools and recreation businesses to provide on-going support that takes them from training to implementation so they operate inclusively whenever their doors are open. Anita will discuss RAA's work, including the #WeWillInclude movement which is pushing out an Inclusion Ambassador Training to provide a common understanding of Inclusion in Recreation and can be used to invite communities to embrace *action-oriented* implementation which connects children, youth and adults with disabilities to accessible and welcoming recreation and sports.



Presenter: Lindsay Jewett; Area Director for Rochester Best Buddies

Best Buddies in New York offers One-to-One Friendship, Integrated Employment, and Leadership Development programs for individuals with and without disabilities. Though Best Buddies was founded to provide more opportunities for those individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities we have discovered that our Peer Buddies (students without disabilities) are provided with just as many opportunities for growth and impactful change. Lindsay will share how the Best Buddies program helps to create inclusive opportunities for students K-12, college and beyond.

For more information contact Christa Knaak at cmknaak@aol.com

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98954630025>

To access the ZOOM meeting, you can click on the link, or go to:

- 1) Zoom.US
- 2) Click JOIN A MEETING
- 3) Type in Meeting ID- 989 5463 0025
- 4) Click Join



All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cobbles Dance Fit Update

We kicked off our Dance Fit fundraiser on Monday and we are already almost *HALF-WAY* to our school goal of \$10,000!

Students have been challenged to get a donation from someone OTHER than their parents this week. There is a FUN way to do this:

Log on to [FUNRUN.COM](https://funrun.com), upload a photo, and it will create your very own movie where YOU are the STAR! You can do it tonight, and then **share it with friends and family** to ask for a donation. Don't forget to put that donation on [FUNRUN.COM](https://funrun.com)!

The students started viewing character videos with a fitness theme to inspire them to be active. The first video was to teach them about **"Teamwork"** (<https://vimeo.com/440693214/10ddb5e7b2>) - ask them all about it! Videos can be viewed on their [FUNRUN.COM](https://funrun.com) accounts.

As always, reach out to the PTA with any questions at cobblesfunrun@gmail.com, and thank you for your continued support. We hope the kids are having fun!



Penfield Public Library Programs

Sponsored by the Friends of the Penfield Public Library. Register online at www.penfieldlibrary.org, or call 340-8720.

AFTER SCHOOL BOOK BITES & SNACK TIME!

For children in grades K – 2 (*live via Zoom Wednesdays, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 2 & 16*)

For children in grades 3 – 5 (*live via Zoom Wednesdays, October 14 & 28, November 11, December 9*)

4:00 – 4:30 PM

Grab your favorite after school snack and enjoy some time talking about what you are eating & reading! Join our Children's Librarians (and a special guest) bi-monthly for some fun and hear some great book suggestions!

☑ **REGISTRATION** began September 23 for all sessions, you must register for each date to receive your zoom invitation.

NUTCRACKER STORYTIME (via FACEBOOK)

Saturday, November 7; 11:00—11:30 AM

For ages 3 - 10

The Sugar Plum Fairy and a surprise guest, both members of the Rochester City Ballet, will appear in full costume to read the magical tale of Clara and her Nutcracker, and then lead us in some ballet steps. *No registration required.*



CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG STORYTIME AND CRAFT

Saturday, November 14

For ages 3– 8

You are invited to a special **virtual** storytime and Clifford celebration! Listen to a story about Clifford, and watch a demonstration of special Clifford craft projects. Storytime link will be emailed Saturday morning. Take and Make craft kits for all children registered can be picked up in the children's room from Friday, November 13 – 20, during open hours.

☑ **REGISTRATION** began Friday, October 30.



STORY & CRAFTY FUN DAYS

November 18, December 16

For children in grades K – 4

A story and a demonstration of a theme-related craft for children in kindergarten through fourth grade will be presented virtually by Miss Jennifer. You must be registered to receive the kit. Pick up in children's room at Penfield Public Library, dates for pickup will be announced. Video links will be emailed on Wednesday mornings, to view any time during the week.

☑ **REGISTRATION** required and now open for all sessions.



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