

COBBLES COMMENT

News and Updates from  PTA

Presidents' Notes

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Hello Cobbles Families!

It's hard to believe we are only several weeks away from the end of the school year!

This week we are celebrating our fantastic Cobbles Teachers! Teacher Appreciation Week is happening and the PTA has treats planned each day this week for the teachers. Pictures will be posted of each day's treats on our PTA Facebook page.

Important Dates

May 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Parent University Board of Education Candidate Forum

May 13, 7:00 pm
Virtual PTA Meeting

May 18, 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Budget Vote & Board Election
Penfield High School Gym

Screen Smart Week is also happening! Get outside and enjoy some time away from the screen! 335 students participated in 2019, let's see if we can beat that!

Are you interested in getting involved in the PTA? We have many volunteer opportunities coming up for the next school year! Some are minor (if you want to start small) and some more involved – but all are fun! The PTA can't function without parent volunteers, so please get involved!

Our next PTA meeting is May 13th at 7:00pm, via zoom. Hope to see you there!

Patience & Gina

co-presidents



Equity Corner

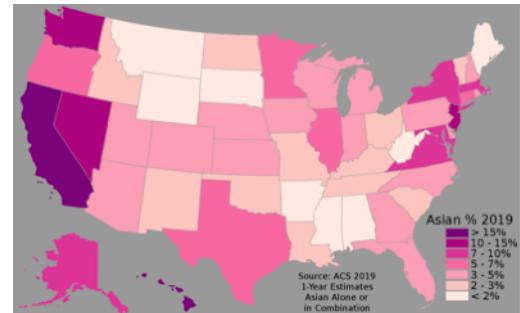
May is Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month!

This group has tremendous diversity, as Asia has over 40 countries and even more ethnicities. About 6.9% of the U.S. population is Asian American, totaling around 21 million people!

Why celebrate in May? Two major historical events in this month are significant for the AAPI community.

May 7, 1843: *The first Japanese immigrant arrived in America, a 14-year-old boy named Manjiro.*

May 10, 1869: *The transcontinental railroad was completed, which was built with the labor of about 20,000 Chinese immigrants.*



AAPI Heritage month is a chance for every American to celebrate and explore the history, culture, and accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our country!

Bring the Conversation Home

Our kids are learning about influential members of the AAPI community each morning this month during announcements.

Click [**HERE**](#) to see who will be featured so you can learn alongside them and discuss at home.



Check out the book list Ms. Kalweit created for AAPI Month [**HERE**](#).

Did You Know?

About 3% of students in the Penfield School District identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander.

At **Cobbles Elementary**, we have families from China, Japan, Iran, Iraq, Korea, Lebanon, Nepal, Pakistan, Turkey, and Vietnam. Wow!

Can you match each of those countries with the flags below? Have your kids help!



Upcoming Events Celebrating AAPI Heritage Month

* May 6, 9:00 pm – Rock Against Hate virtual concert

With defiance, passion and spirit, leading Asian American musicians and entertainers will come together to **Rock Against Hate** for a free virtual concert on May 6 at 9 pm Eastern/6 pm Pacific. [Register HERE](#).

* May 7, 10:00 am – University of Rochester Panel Discussion: History & Challenges of Asian/Pacific Americans in STEM Fields

Historically and currently, Asian/Pacific Americans are significant contributors in science and technology. However, they have also experienced persistent discrimination, unconscious bias, and stereotyping in society, including in higher education. This panel, moderated by Hui Wu, a professor of electrical and computer engineering, will address the challenges faced by Asian and Pacific Americans today. A virtual social hour will follow the panel for open discussions. Learn more [HERE](#). Join the meeting: <https://rochester.zoom.us/j/98833626038>



* Saturdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm – Justice for Asian Americans Coalition (JFAAC) Book Club

The JFAAC was established to provide support for the AAPI community in the Greater Rochester Area. Students at the University of Rochester gathered together in response to the rise of Asian American hate crimes in February 2021. Learn more about JFAAC [HERE](#) and join the book club [HERE](#).

Additional Resources

- Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month in New York State, by [I LOVE NY](#)
- How to Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month with Kids, by [Parents](#)
- **Recorded WXXI program:** WXXI is proud to pay tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success.

[AAPI Facebook Group](#)

<http://www.apaaroc.org/>

<https://asianpacificheritage.gov/>

<https://www.endhateroc.org/>

Screen Smart Week is Here!

Screen Smart Week is a great opportunity for your kids to get outside, be creative, and connect with family and friends! Print your BINGO board [HERE](#), and submit a picture of it online by May 12 for your chance to win a prize!

Classes with the highest participation will get a special prize!



2021 SCREEN SMART WEEK, 5/3 - 5/7



- Get BINGO by completing 5 activities in a row. Submit a picture of your Bingo Board using the link at the Cobbles PTA homepage (cobblespta.org) by Wednesday, May 12, 2021.
- Prizes for everyone who participates, including staff and teachers! Top participation classes get a prize!



Don't touch your face



Wash your hands often



Use hand sanitizer

Draw Cobbles' friends /teachers	Bake something!	Visit the library!	Take a walk at a local park	Go for a bike ride!
Decorate a driveway or sidewalk with chalk	Read a book aloud to someone	Game time! Play a board game or cards	Do 20 jumping jacks, 10 spaghetti & meatballs and jog in place for 5 mins	Enjoy tea or juice time with conversation
Watch a night sky and/or study constellations from a book	Do something good for the Earth	Do your own activity and write it here!	Have a dance party!	Invent a new game, then play!
Practice soccer, piano, or whatever your thing is!	Start a picture or word diary	Build a blanket fort and play	Spring Cleaning!	Learn sign language or any language
Make a craft and give it as a gift	Build something with your favorite material	Write a letter to someone special	Plant your favorite seeds in a pot	Put on a performance for your audience



Wear your mask



Don't touch your face



Clean your things

is Screen Smart! Teacher/Grade: _____, K 1 2 3 4 5
(YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME)

KID FRIENDLY BRUSSEL SPROUTS

yield: 4 SERVINGS

prep time: 10 MINUTES

total time: 15 MINUTES



recipe from superhealthykids.com



INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound fresh Brussels sprouts trimmed and halved
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 2 tablespoons cooked bacon pieces
- 1 tablespoon dried cranberries

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Melt butter in a medium saute pan over medium heat. Add garlic salt.
2. Add Brussels sprouts to the pan and saute over medium heat for 8-10 minutes, or until tender on the inside and a brilliant green hue.
3. Add bacon and craisins and saute for 1 more minute.
4. Serve warm.

News & Upcoming Events

BEING BLACK IN THE BURBS & PENFIELD ANTI RACIST ALLIANCE (PARA)

WHEELS 4 EQUITY DRIVE

May 8th, 1-3 PM
Pines of Perinton back parking lot

We have created a fundraiser through PayPal to accept donations. Please find the link in our bio or above the post. We are still accepting donations of: bikes, rollerblade/skates, helmets, scooters, snowboards, and snowboarding gear. Please click the Google form link to let us know what you're donating.

QR Code for PayPal Pool





Parent University Presents: A BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE FORUM

Join our Penfield community in hearing from our Board of Education candidates.

When: May 12th, 2021 @ 7:00-8:30 PM

Where: Via Zoom

<https://urmc.zoom.us/j/91277978314?pwd=L0U5a3NIUERxuDZaS1VBTFVZb0IVdz09>

(Passcode - penfield)



This is not a Penfield district sponsored event.

Submit questions for our candidates at: president@baytrailpta.org

If you have any questions about the event, please contact your PTA/PTO/PTSA.

Adventure is Waiting!

Girls, Join Cub Scout Pack 2020

Be the First In Our Area To Start An All Girls Pack!

When: Saturday, May 8th at 10:00am

Where: Penfield United Methodist Church

Address: 1795 Baird Rd, Penfield, NY, 14526

Join us for some fun outdoor activities, and learn more about our program!

Cub Scouting is EXPLORING. ADVENTURE. FAMILY FUN.

BUILDING; CHARACTER, CONFIDENCE, FRIENDSHIPS.

Hands-on learning, preparing kids for today- -- and for life.



Come Join The Fun

Girls

Kindergarten to 5th
grade!

For more information on this event,
or for any scouting programs

for all youth ages 5-21;

please contact Will Gales

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School Budget Vote & School Board Elections

May 18, 6:00 am - 9:00 pm

Review the budget newsletter [HERE](#) and get more information [HERE](#).

Nine candidates are running for three open seats on the school board. Read their profiles and watch the "Meet the Candidates Video" [HERE](#). See more info below.



Penfield Public Library Programs

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

AFTER SCHOOL BOOK BITES & SNACK TIME SERIES

May 5; 4:00-4:30 PM — Live on Zoom

For children in grades K-2

Grab your favorite after school snack and enjoy some time talking about what you are **eating & reading!** Join our Children's Librarians monthly for some fun and hear some great book suggestions.



REGISTRATION began April 21 and is required to receive your Zoom invitation.



MAY MINDFULNESS SERIES (Virtual & live via Zoom)

Thursdays, 5/6-5/27, Grades 3-5

Learn about mindfulness with our Children's Librarian, Mrs. Rapp. We'll meditate, journal, and do some yoga. Three video presentations will be emailed on Thursday mornings.

On May 27, join us for a live demonstration and sharing session via Zoom.

REGISTER once for the entire series to receive video links and invitation to the Zoom call. Journal pickups: 4/29-5/8

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