

COBBLES COMMENT

News and Updates from  PTA

Presidents' Notes

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Important Dates

December 23-31

Winter Break

NO SCHOOL

January 3, 2022

School Resumes

January 27, 2022

PTA Meeting
Cobbles Library, 7:00 pm



Greetings!

It's hard to believe this is our last newsletter of 2021! With the holidays approaching, it's a great time to reflect upon what is important: health and happiness. Our children have continued to rise to the occasion and show us their true resilience to whatever life throws at them.

Thank you to all that have shown support to our Cobbles Caring Council in their hat and mitten drive, the Cobbles Holiday Helpers with their gift card initiative and to SEPTA with their book fair! Our Cobbles community has been extremely generous!

Our PTA is still looking for volunteers to help with our Languages Other Than English (L.O.T.E.) program in early spring and also to help co-chair our Screen Smart Week program. Please reach out if you are interested!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 in the Cobbles Library. We hope to see you there!

We hope that you all have a wonderful, safe and happy holiday season and CHEERS to 2022!

Sincerely,

Gina & Robyn
Co-Presidents



Equity Corner

Kwanzaa (December 26 - January 1)

Kwanzaa is a Swahili word meaning "first," and was created in 1966 by Maulana Karenga, Professor of African Studies at California State University. His goal was to create unity in the Black community by celebrating African heritage and culture in response to the Watts riots in LA the previous year. Kwanzaa is celebrated over 7 days, one day for each of the 7 Principles:

Day 1: Umoja (Unity)

Day 2: Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)

Day 3: Unjima (Collective Work and Responsibility)

Day 4: Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)

Day 5: Nia (Purpose)

Day 6: Kuumba (Creativity)

Day 7: Imani (Faith)

Click [here](#) to learn more about Kwanzaa.



☀ **Roc Holiday Village Kwanzaa Celebration is December 12, 1-4 pm. Click [HERE](#) for more!**

Three Kings Day (January 6)

Three Kings' Day (Día de Los Reyes), also known as the Feast Of The Epiphany, is a Christian holiday honoring the Three Wise Men on the day they gave gifts to Jesus Christ. For many Christians in Spain and Latin America, Three Kings Day officially ends the Christmas Festivities.

☀ **Roc Holiday Village will host a Three Kings Day Celebration on December 17, 4-9 pm.**



Looking for more? Access our resources online!

The Cobbles PTA DEI Committee has a **new website!** Visit us there to find all of the resources we have gathered on different cultural heritage and holiday celebrations. See the info sheets your child brings home in full color, with links!



www.cobblespta.org/dei



The Best Brownie Cut-Outs

yield: 25-30

prep time: 10 MINUTES

cook time: 6-8 MINUTES

total time: 55 MINUTES

These soft chocolate cookies taste like brownies, and are the perfect update to your usual sugar cut-outs!

****recipe from foodal.com****

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour, plus extra for rolling
- 2/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, and baking powder. Set aside.
2. In a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the butter, sugar, and salt until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing until each one is fully incorporated. Add the vanilla. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the creamed mixture. Mix until a dough forms, but don't over mix.
3. Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface. Press gently into a flat disc shape. Cover the disc in plastic wrap, and chill in the refrigerator for about 30 minutes.
4. When ready to roll and cut, preheat the oven to 350°F. Take out the chilled dough from the refrigerator.
5. Dust a clean countertop or table with flour. Remove the dough from the plastic wrap and place on the prepared surface. Roll it from 1/8-inch thickness to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into your desired shapes. Transfer the cookies to sheet pans lined with parchment paper or a silicone mat, being sure to leave about 1/2 inch between each cookie.
6. Bake for 6 to 8 minutes, depending on the thickness. The edges will be slightly firm, and the center slightly soft and puffed. Remove from the oven. Let the cookies cool for about 5 minutes of the baking sheet before carefully transferring to a cooling rack to cool completely. Decorate and serve!

Penfield Public Library Programs

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

Join us for these December Programs!



After-School Book Bites, 4:30-5:00 PM

Grades K-2: Wed., 12/1; **Grades 3-5:** Wed., 12/15

Join our children's librarians and fellow readers to snack and share books that you are enjoying reading.

☒ **Registration for each session opens two weeks before each date.**

K-4 Crafty Fun Day, 12/29, 3:30-4:30 PM

A fun story and craft for kids in grades K-4!

☒ **Registration for each session opens two weeks before each date.**

Tween Makers, 12/2, 12/16, & 12/30, 4:15-5:00 PM

Join fellow makers for a surprise activity! It could be a craft, science experiment, cooking project, and more.

☒ **Registration for grades 4-8 opens two weeks before each date.**

Gingerbread Houses, 12/11, 10:30-12:15 or 2:00-3:45

Design and decorate your very own gingerbread house! Participants, please bring a can of creamy white frosting and a box of plain graham crackers (Wegmans brand works best). We will provide instruction, all the candy trim, and a sturdy box to transport your creation safely home.



☒ **Registration open for grades K-4.**

Bach to Rock: Interactive Caroling, 12/20, 6:30-7:30 PM

Bring your family to the library for a fun musical time. Bach to Rock Penfield will be here to lead us in some holiday songs and share a story.

☒ **Registration for all ages opens 12/6.**

Last-Minute Holiday Crafts, 12/23, 2:00-3:00 PM

Need a last-minute gift for someone special? Make something at the library! We'll have a selection of crafts to choose from.

☒ **Registration for grades K-5 opens 12/9.**



Tales for Tails, 12/27, 10:30-11:30 AM

For ages 3+ and families (children under 7 must be with an adult).

Did you know that even dogs like to listen to stories? Come read to real live therapy dogs from "Tales for Tails". These specially trained dogs are very gentle and great listeners.

☒ **Drop in - no registration required; you'll sign up for reading time slots upon arrival.**

Puppet Show: Kind Heart, 12/28, 2:00-3:00 PM

For ages 3-10 & their families: Join Grace & Grins for a fun puppet show about sharing kindness with others.

☒ **Registration opens 12/14.**

New Year's Eve Family Game Day, 12/31, 2:00-3:00 PM

For ages 4+ with an adult (teens & tweens welcome); Let's ring in 2022 with a rousing family game. Prizes! Refreshments! Excitement! Don't miss this special afternoon of family fun!

☒ **Registration opens 12/17.**

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