

PACE Homeschool February 2021 Newsletter

Please make sure you have created your purchase requests in your MyPACE account **PRIOR** to sending receipts to Melinda.

Dates to Remember

Feb 1 st	Enrollment for SY 21/22 Opens
Feb 1 st	Deadline to register for Challenger Event
Feb 22 nd -26 th	Challenger Event for grades 5th and 6 th see flyer on page 6 for details

What makes PACE special for you?
Email your answer to your contact teacher.

Photo/Art Contest
Winners
announced on
page 5!!

PACE Staff are working from home in accordance with local Covid mandates. You can still reach us by calling 866-864-5491 and the appropriate extension or you can email your contact teacher.

ENROLLMENT is now open for the 21/22 school year!

New Families: go to www.paceschool.net , click on the ENROLL button and **sign in as a guest** to get started.

Returning Families: please sign in to your MyPACE account and click on the **Reenroll button at the bottom of the screen.**

Once you have completed the online enrollment we will contact you to set up your Student Learning Plan (SLP) appointment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call your local learning center at 866-864-5491.

PACE is proud to offer dual enrollment options with other CCSD schools.

This is a great option for families that:

- Are unfamiliar or uncomfortable teaching a certain subject or topic.
- Would like their homeschooler(s) to socialize with other students.
- Take advantage of science labs and other hands-on activities and/or classes.
- Take advantage of unique electives such as Welding, Ceramics, Woodshop, Culinary, Native Arts and many others offered through CCSD schools.
 - **Please note that class options vary by school, please check with the school for options and schedules.
- Dual enrolling in an AP class could be a great way to prepare for the transition to College or Vocational Education.
- All this at no additional cost to your student's allotment!
 - **Please be advised that this only pertains to students who dual enroll with other CCSD schools.

Tips for Reorganizing your Homeschool for the Second Semester *(Adapted from a publication by Evan-Moor)*

The end of the semester is a great time to reflect, regroup, and reorganize your homeschool curriculum. Here are several tips to consider as you reorganize in ways that will benefit you all year long.

- **Reflect and set priorities** – Take 5 minutes to think of your true priorities. If we align our time and energy with our true priorities, we set ourselves up for success. By focusing on what you HAVE to do first, your priorities are honored and progress is made. What a wonderful thing to role model for your kids!
- **Make that schedule**- if you haven't already, count how many units or lessons you have left in each subject and how many weeks you have left in your school year. Make your plan, but be ready to adapt as things come up.
- **Rework what isn't working** – When something isn't working, you have 2 basic choices – forget it, or adapt it to make it work. It is really that simple. Choose, and make it happen.
- **Reducing clutter brings focus** – It is important to reduce both our visual focus and our mental focus. Write down all of your ideas to reduce the mental clutter. This will allow to you focus on your most important tasks first. Start reducing your visual clutter to avoid distraction. You (and your kids) will be able to visually focus without distractions and get those tasks done!

BONUS – Get the kids involved and start improving their focus skills, as well. Be sure to start small – 3 minutes or so, and keep it fun!

- **Get the kids involved** – Kids want to be valuable. Providing them with real work is a great way to get them interested and accountable. Allowing them to help with attainable tasks can build self-confidence, too.
- **Give a refresh to bring new interest** – Do you ever get in a rut? At our home, when the enthusiasm runs low, we look for a way to refresh things. Maybe we need to move outside for our lesson that day. Ask the kids what they would be excited to change, and have THEM make the action plan.
- **Reveal new concepts with flair** – When we reorganize, there is a bit of excitement. Now is a great time to build a little anticipation for your kids. Let them wonder what is coming. Be excited yourself. Keep them guessing. Give them clues. Have fun revealing what they will be learning next!
- **Preparing to bridge** – We are always leading children to bridge to the next level of growth. For homeschoolers, it can be the next study unit, the next field trip, or even the next grade level. Tell your children what they will be able to do before that next level. Spend time planning how to lead them step-by-step to get there and feel great about the progress, not the perfection.

Happy Birthday to...

Angelus

Lane

Chayton

Alba

Corisann

Jade

Isaac

Amery

Joseph

Dolce

Lucas

Jacob

Matthew

Oscar

Kyleigh

Alexander

Isabella

Trevan

Rubylynn

Jack

Carsyn

Evangeline

Renee

Sailor

Ashlyn

Lamonicka

Elijah

Chandler

Erik

Breann

Kathleen

Aodhan

Kyree

Ryer

Jakob





Congratulations to our 20/21 Photo/Artwork Winners!!

First Place was a three way tie!!

Dog by Kayla

Pencil by Porter

Watermelon Berries by K.S.



Second Place

Snow Scene by Kendal



All winners
received a gift
card to the store
of their choice.

Challenger Learning Center Virtual Academy

For 4th and 5th Grade Students Only

Feb 22, 23, 25 or 26th @ 9:30-11:30 AM

PACE pays!

Each student is eligible to attend one virtual academy free of charge.

Depending on how many students are attend, more academies will be scheduled.

Contact **Anna Breuninger** at
abreuninger@craigschools.com
for more information.

ACADEMY OPTIONS

Oil Spill Clean Up



Aeronautics



Stability



Just Rolling Around

Our Solar System



Bionics



Navigating By the Stars

Return to the Moon 2



SIGN UP deadline is February 1!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MXF3DRZ>



Spot the Spotted Seal
Feb 2nd @ 3pm
Feb 3rd @ 11am



Eider Natural History
Feb 9th @ 3pm
Feb 10th @ 11am



Dive into the ASLC
Feb 16th @ 3pm
Feb 17th @ 11am



Incredible
Invertebrates
Feb 23rd @ 3pm
Feb 24th @ 11am

Virtual Tours

All tours are done by Zoom.

You must register at www.alaskasealife.org. You will receive a Zoom link after you have registered that is good for one device and cannot be shared.

Each session is approximately 30 minutes and cost \$10 (members get 50% off).

If your student is enrolled in a science class you can submit for reimbursement of the tour fee.

The Alaska Zoo presents:

Virtual Animal Encounter featuring **Polar Bear**

Journey into the Arctic with the largest land carnivore through live animal enrichment and an interactive educator presentation

When: Thursday, February 11th at 3:00 PM

Where: Connect via Zoom from your home computer, tablet or smartphone using the link or Meeting ID and Passcode

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86401038477?pwd=QlUdzZYSml0Z2p3MW5DNmNWV05kQT09>

Meeting ID: 864 0103 8477

Passcode: 269056

