

PACE Homeschool January 2021 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Jan 1 st	All Learning Centers Closed
Jan 11-17 th	MAP & DIBELS Testing
Jan 17 th	Deadline to submit for Photo/Artwork Contest
Jan 29 th	1 st Semester Work Samples Due
Jan 29 th	Quarterly Grades Due
Jan 29 th	Recommended turn in of Reimbursement Requests & Receipts

What are your tips & tricks for getting your student(s) back into their school routine after the holidays? Share your answers with your contact teacher!! Send them an email. We will share some of your answers in February's newsletter.

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.



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

Teacher Tip of the Month by: Anna Breuninger, ALC Contact Teacher

The whirlwind excitement of the last few months of holidays have come and gone. Your wallet may be thinner. You just need something different to spice up January. I've collected a list of a few of my favorite FREE resources on the Internet. Watch an animation or film, explore animals here in Alaska or watch elephants eat and mole rats dig. Have your tween or teen dive into original historical documents or plan a trip to outer space. You can even get free help on homework for your kids and teens!

Video and Animations

[Public Broadcasting Network](#) educational apps, videos, and games for kids (K-6)

[Prepared science lessons](#) are on a 1-year trial free until June 30, 2022 (K-5)

<https://mysterydoug.com> short engaging videos about science questions (K-6)

[Story Corps](#) has five-minute interviews from people in all walks of American life (K-12)

[Journeys in Film](#) free movies with multidisciplinary lesson plans (4 or 5 through 12)

Nongovernmental and Governmental Websites (all K-12)

[Alaska Department of Fish and Game](#) has lesson plans, animal recordings, webcams

[Alaska State Library Electronic Doorway](#) provides free homework help

STEM Education at the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#) and the [Department of Energy](#)

[NASA](#) for those interested in space!

Youth Financial Education classes at the [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#)

Who isn't interested in [weather](#) and [emergency preparation](#) these days?

Music Education from the [Library of Congress](#) with oodles of links (best for 4-12)

Educator Primary Source Collections at the [Library of Congress](#)

[National Park Service lesson plans](#) All fourth grade students get free access to all National Parks along with their families through the [Every Kid Outdoors](#) initiative

WebCams

[San Diego Zoo](#) Webcam

Various [Alaskan webcams](#) through Fish and Game (some seasonal)

[Zoo webcams worldwide](#)

[Katmai Bears](#) plus hundreds of other webcams

[Alaska aurora borealis](#) forecast and sky webcam. [Aurorasaurus](#) is a crowd-sourced citizen science site that allows you to report when you see the aurora and to see where and when other people reported seeing it.

General Worksheets & Lesson Plans

[Open Education Resources](#) (OER) all free resources for all subjects and [OER Curated Collections](#) (K-12)

[Teachers Pay Teachers](#) free resources at this link (K-12)

Best resources for families...



What is the reimbursement process?

You

- Sign into your MyPACE account
- Create reimbursement request
- Submit receipt either by uploading to the request or emailing to Melinda Bass at mbass@craigschools.com
- Note: if you email the receipt please put in the subject line that it is a receipt for purchase request and put the PR number and your Family Group Number in the email and/or on the receipt

Contact
Teacher

- Request is sent to your contact teacher for approval
- Teacher gives approval
- Note: PACE allows for a two week processing time AFTER teacher approval. If your request has not been approved after two weeks please contact your teacher or Melinda Bass at (907) 826-3274 ext 4006

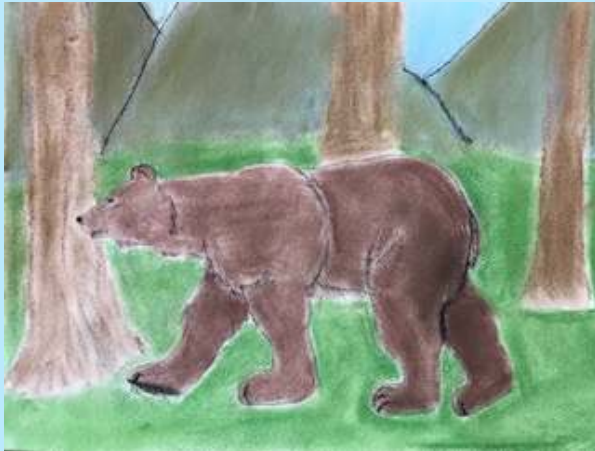
Accounts
Payable

- Once approved by your teacher the request is sent to accounts payable for approval and payment
- Request processed and payment sent either by direct deposit or a paper check mailed to family
- Note: requests will not be processed without a receipt or teacher approval.

If it has not been two weeks since you submitted your request, please be patient. We are doing our best to make sure reimbursements are processed in a timely manner. Don't wait until the deadline to submit your request(s). This will cause a delay in processing due to the amount of requests received at that time.

Student Photo/Artwork Contest

We are currently updating our informational materials for the 21/22 school year and we need your help! Send us a photo or photo of your artwork that meets all the listed requirements to be entered to win. **Prizes:** 1st place will be featured on our informational materials and prizes will be awarded to the top two entries. **Deadline** for entry is January 17, 2021. Please send all entries to dsheldon@craigschools.com.



The Requirements:

- Photos and artwork must be taken or made by a **currently enrolled PACE student**.
- All grades are eligible.
- Subject matter: Anything except identifiable people (NO faces, you can have people in your picture as long as you can't see their faces. See example.).
- Format must be LANDSCAPE. Please crop your photo in this orientation as shown in the sample pictures.
- A maximum of two entries per student will be accepted.
- **Deadline** for entry is January 17, 2021
- Winners announced January 22, 2021

Johnathan Beau Gunnar Jazmyn
Ash Caroline Ethan D. Brandon Max Dominic
Ender Lydia Ryan Zaidyn
Alexander Aurora Daniel Rachel
Brody K. **HAPPY** *January* Tripp
Nolan **Birthday!** Samantha Wesley
Hayden Micah Denali
Serez Azarie Addison Chloe Brody M.
Rosemary Michaila Bailey Angela Jordyn
Ethan W. Vanessa Malakai
Maryam Ashlyn-Ann Madison