

PACE Homeschool October 2019 Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Tue & Thur

KLC Robotics 1:15pm-2:25pm
weekly

Sept 30th-Oct 4th

CLC Closed, please call Melinda
@ 826-3274 for assistance

Oct 15th

Fall Craft Event @ ALC 4-5:30pm

Oct 31st

Monthly Reports Due

CLC Update: students will no longer regularly attend the CLC. There will be regular hours for student academic support in which students may come to the CLC for help with classes. The hours are as follows: M-Th 1-3pm and Fridays 1-2pm. If you have any questions please feel free to call the CLC at (907) 826-3274.

Please remember to create a separate purchase request for each vendor. Having multiple vendors on the same PR will slow the reimbursement process.

When uploading reimbursement receipts to MyPACE, please make sure they are in the PDF, JPEG or screenshot formats. MyPACE does not recognize Word documents. Uploading receipts in any other format will delay your reimbursement.

Teacher Tip of the Month

By: Howie Daggs, Craig Teacher

Some of us are just getting going and some have been homeschooling for a month or two now. I thought I would take a moment to share some interesting brain research that I've picked up over the years. I like to keep them in mind as I teach.

- Retention rates of curriculum are very low for materials that are only heard, read or seen. Material and skills are more likely to be remembered if students interact with them in some way. For example, you are much more likely to remember what happened in a book if you answer questions or participate in discussion about it than if you just read it. You are also more likely to remember how to do a math problem if you have tried some yourself before watching someone else do it. The research shows that performance goes up from $\approx 30\%$ to $\approx 80\%$ using this interactional model.
- Differentiated practice also helps students remember what they've learned. Be sure to sprinkle in some material or questions on topics you have already taught.
- Grouping together common topics or ideas make them easier to remember and learn.
- The emotional part of your brain "overrides" the logical portion and is responsible for emotions closely tied to survival. For example, if you are scared or frustrated, your ability to think logically is greatly hindered if not shut off.

While there is vast brain research out there for education, most people naturally know and do most of the best practices. The best part of homeschool is we can do what is best for our student without 20-30 other students to worry about at the same time.



Happy Birthday to.....

Silje

Sydney P.

Tabitha

Maximus

Silas

Christopher

Sophia

Hannah

Erik

Sydney W.

Jessup

Amelia

