



PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

35 Eagle Drive

# The Eagle Edition



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## December

- ◆ **5**  
**Winter Band  
Concert 6pm**
- ◆ **10**  
**End of 3rd Six  
Weeks**
- ◆ **11**  
**Spelling Bee  
7pm**
- ◆ **13**  
**Geography Bee  
7pm**
- ◆ **17**  
**Martin Luther  
King Jr. Day  
NO SCHOOL**
- ◆ **20**  
**Report Cards**

## GENERAL HOMEWORK TIPS FOR PARENTS

### **Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.**

Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.

### **Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary, are available.**

Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.

### **Help your child with time management.**

Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.

### **Be positive about homework.**

Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

### **When your child does homework, you do homework.**

Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.

### **When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.**

Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.

### **When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.**

Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.

### **If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.**

Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

### **Stay informed.**

Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.

### **Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration.**

Let your child take a short break if she is having trouble keeping her mind on an assignment.

### **Reward progress in homework.**

If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park) to reinforce the positive effort.

[http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/homework/part\\_pg2.html#2](http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/homework/part_pg2.html#2)

### AFTER SCHOOL

This year the middle school has been using the 21st century grant to provide after school math and reading tutoring to students. On Tuesdays and Thursdays students who attend tutoring on Mondays and Wednesday can stay after school for a variety of activities. The activities for the month of November included swimming at the YMCA; playing board games; creating different beaded crafts; reading and acting out plays; and fitness activities. Every month the recreation activities will change. Attendance has been great!

### Lost and Found

There are many coats, hats, gloves, and other personal items that have been placed in the lost and found. Please stop by and claim your missing items in the cafeteria.

### Seventh Grade

**English**— Mrs. Eanes’ class will be getting a student teacher, Ms. Jamrozy. Her classes will be comparing and contrasting foods from various countries while reading Seed Folks. Mr. Scialdo’s class has just finished The Watson’s Go To Birmingham

**Science**—Our science classes are investigating genetics and classification.

**History** - We will start our journey through The Great Depression and the New Deal.

**Mathematics**—Students are working with one step and two step equations as we continue our algebra strand.

## Yearbook News

Yearbooks are on sale for only \$12.00! Students may purchase yearbooks during their Lunch Periods. Yearbooks may be purchased with cash or checks made payable to Prince Edward County Middle School. Please contact Mrs. Landis. ([Stacy.Landis@pecps.k12.va.us](mailto:Stacy.Landis@pecps.k12.va.us))

### Middle School Basketball 2010-2011

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 1	Central	Home	5:45
Dec. 6	Powhatan	Home	5:45
Dec. 8	Amelia	Away	5:45
Dec. 9	Cumberland	Home	5:45
Dec. 13	Nottoway	Home	5:45
Dec. 15	Lunenburg	Home	5:45

