

PCFC E-News

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Emergency Drill, Wednesday, October 21

We will conduct a full-scale emergency drill at the end of the day on 10/21 in order to test the emergency procedures detailed in our safety plan and to provide staff an opportunity to practice their assigned role(s). We have selected students to feign injury in order to test our Search and Rescue Team, and we have elicited parent volunteers to come pick up their students in order to test our Parent-Student Reunification procedures. The drill will last approximately 45 minutes.

Student Health and Absences

As the days turn shorter and cooler, our list of student absences for illness is on the rise! Please remember to take precautions regarding your student's health. If your student has a fever, keep him/her home. If your student is home, remind him/her to e-mail his/her teachers early in the illness. Teachers will send home work missed during the absence.

Also, remember that in order to carry ANY over-the-counter drugs at school (including cough drops, Tylenol, etcetera), students must have a permission form on file in our Health office.

We are in the process of putting Purell in all classrooms, and WE ARE ACCEPTING PURELL DONATIONS IN OUR FRONT OFFICE.

Worried about the 10-day absence rule? Please don't let this rule prohibit your students from staying home when they are sick! Once a student accrues 11 absences, they will have an opportunity to appeal to the Attendance Appeals Committee for credit. Illness is considered an excused absence, and we want our students to stay home when they are sick.

How many is One Million?

That's what Science Teacher John Lynn wants to find out! Our Science team has taken on the incredible challenge of collecting **one million** pennies in order to demonstrate to students how many one million of something actually is. Please send any and all pennies from your piggy banks, couches, and purses to school with your student. Science teachers are collecting pennies in their classrooms until our Engineering students make a container to hold them all. The container will be on display soon in the Commons! All pennies collected will be donated to our Loose Change to Loosen Chains fundraiser which will be held in April.

What's happening outside of school? Check out [Pacific Cascade's Community Fliers](#) electronic bulletin board.

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