



# TURTLE e-TALES



Perquimans Central School  
 Melissa Fields, Principal  
 September 10-14, 2018

<h2>September 2018</h2>	<b>Character Trait of the Month – Respect</b> <b>Attendance Awareness Month</b> <b>Reading 3D and iReady BOY Testing – September 4<sup>th</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Grandparent’s Day – September 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Constitution Week – September 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>10</b> Reading 3D and iReady BOY Window Book Fair	<b>11</b> <hr/>	<b>12</b>  Fall Pictures	<b>13</b>  PCS Parent Preview Night @ 6:00	<b>14</b> <hr/>
<b>17</b> Reading 3D and iReady BOY Window	<b>18</b> <hr/>	<b>19</b>  Birthday Celebration 2:30 in Cafeteria	<b>20</b> <hr/>	<b>21</b> <hr/> <b>PBIS Main Event</b> 8:20 – 9:25 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade 10:05 - 11:10 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade 1:10 – 2:15 – Kindergarten No Intervention Groups!!

## Things to Consider:

**Cafeteria Charges** - Please remember that Perquimans County Schools has a No Charge Policy for meals in the cafeteria. Students and adults should have money in hand or a pre-paid account set up. Accounts can be set up on-line at [www.K12Paymentcenter.com](http://www.K12Paymentcenter.com) or in person at the individual school cafe's. Please stop by the school cafeteria ASAP if you need to complete free and reduced lunch paperwork. **Every family must re-apply for free/reduced meals each school year! A new application needs to be completed for all students by September 15, 2018.**

**Pick Up Changes** – Beginning Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, PCS will be implementing new procedures for car riders. Each family will receive 2 car tags to be hung on their rearview mirror. This will add a layer of safety and accountability to our procedures. You must display a car tag to go through the pick up line. If you do not have a car tag, you will have to go to the office, show a photo idea, and be listed on the child's emergency contact list.

**Kiss and Go** – The Kiss and Go policy will begin for Kindergarten on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We ask that all students walk unescorted to class in the mornings unless the parent has a scheduled appointment with a teacher. If a parent has a meeting with a teacher before school, they must sign in at the office using Lobby Guard before walking down the hall. Visitors will not be allowed in the hallway without a Lobby Guard badge. This helps us ensure safety by accounting for all individuals in the building. It also helps preserve instructional time and encourages our children to become independent learners.

**Attendance Awareness Month** – September is Attendance Awareness Month. We are working hard to help educate families about the importance of developing positive early attendance habits. Did you know that only 17% of students who are chronically absent in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are reading on grade level in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade!!! Every day in school matters!! This is the main reason that Perquimans County Schools has recently revised the Attendance Policy 4400. For a complete overview of the policy, visit:

<https://boardpolicyonline.com/bl/?b=perquimans#&&hs=161285>.

**Marker Recycling** - We are recycling old markers this year through Crayola. There is a blue tub outside of the library in the hall. There is a sign above it indicating to put old markers in it. Please use this instead of throwing away old, dried up markers. It can be any brand, doesn't have to be Crayola! Thanks for helping us do our part to save the earth!

**Mental Health Support** - Our school district is committed to providing resources to all students and families to ensure emotional well-being, healthy living, and wellness in all aspects of one's life. We are pleased to inform our community of a partnership with Integrated Family Services that provides a Crisis CHAT line that is available for all staff, students, parents, family, and friends that will offer online emotional support 24 hours a day. Trained chat specialists are available to assist individuals who are depressed, going through a hard time, need to talk, or having thoughts of hurting themselves. Any life issues may be discussed utilizing the Crisis CHAT line. The goal of Integrated Family Services' Crisis CHAT line is to help you and others reduce stress and feel empowered to make healthy decisions. To utilize this free service, simply go to [www.integratedfamilyservices.net](http://www.integratedfamilyservices.net) and click the "chat with us" icon at the top of the page.

**Bright Ideas Grant** – Do you have a great instructional idea but no money to make it happen? Consider applying for the Bright Ideas Grant through Albemarle EMC. The deadline for the grant is September 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com). Grants can be written for up to \$1000. We have already had several staff members apply. Best wishes to all applicants!

**PBIS Model School** – Congratulations to PCS and the PBIS team. For the third time, Perquimans Central School has been recognized as a PBIS Model School for the state of North Carolina!

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## **Positive Behavior Support Updates**

*Be Safe, Be Cooperative, Be Responsible, Be Respectful!*

-Please remember to give Turtle Bucks as a reward to classes for positive reinforcement. Please be consistent! Turtle Bucks should not be given to your own class. Turtle Bucks will be collected on Thursdays. The class with the most Turtle Bucks each week will get to hang the PBIS Class of the Week banner. The class with the most Turtle Bucks each month will receive the Turtle Buck trophy.

- Class Goals for Turtle Bucks:
- \$250 turtle bucks = PBIS Stickers
- \$500 turtle bucks = PBIS Pencils
- \$750 turtle bucks = Class has PAJAMA DAY
- \$1000 turtle bucks = PIZZA from Tommy's pizza
- \$1250 or more turtle bucks = Class is invited to movie and Popsicle party in Multi-purpose Room

-Turtle Shells should be used to reward individual student behaviors.  
-Please put the child's name on the Turtle Shells and place them in the correct raffle drums in the foyer. Turtle Shells will be drawn daily on Turtle TV and winners will receive a small prize. Once a month three winners and the staff members could win a special lunch prize!!

-PBIS Main Events will be held each month to celebrate students who have no bus referrals and no discipline referrals documented in Educator's Handbook.

**Motto:** Where Readers are Leaders and Leaders are Readers

**Vision:** Perquimans Central School will prepare students to be productive learners for today and tomorrow.



**Mission:** Perquimans Central School will provide a safe and nurturing environment where each student can be his/her best.



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