

Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8

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welcome!

OUR VISION

At Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8 our vision is to provide students in kindergarten to eighth grade a continuum of learning with consistency from one grade to the next. Science and technology are integrated throughout the school day to prepare students for our ever-changing world. We strive to provide a place where all children can learn when expectations are set to the highest level and commitment to high student achievement is uncompromising. Our commitment for a safe and caring environment is characterized by positive interpersonal relationships. Honesty, integrity, truthfulness and respect are valued as vital components of personal growth for everyone.

Our administrators and teachers recognize that developing high self-esteem is critical to the success and well being of all students. We will enforce adherence to the rules and regulations that foster a sense of responsibility such as the Code of Student Conduct.

Our staff will work collaboratively to address instructional issues and to create a climate where our students are actively engaged in meaningful relevant learning. We will strive to be responsive to the individual needs of students and to monitor student achievement regularly with student performance assessments.

Our high expectations and goals for the entire school community will be communicated and ultimately supported in order to sustain this vision of every student becoming a lifelong learner and a responsible citizen in this century.

SCHOOL COLORS: Black and Gold

SCHOOL MASCOT: The Dragon

OUR BELIEFS

- All children can learn when expectations are set at the highest level and commitment to student achievement is strong.

- Honesty, integrity, truthfulness, and respect are valued as vital components of personal growth in Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8.
- The school encourages all members of the community to share in the responsibility for the total education of all students.
- The school provides an environment where a diverse population is respected and positive interpersonal relationships are fostered.
- The school prepares the students to meet the demands of a changing society.
- The school provides a safe and caring environment that is conducive to learning.
- Education has to be meaningful and relevant to everyday experiences for the development of lifelong learning skills.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Bell Schedule

Bell schedules were not available at the time these materials were printed. Please visit our website at www.pps.k12.pa.us or contact our Parent Hotline at 412.622.7920 for the bell schedule for your child's school.

Admissions

Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8 is a Magnet school. In order to apply, parents must register during board designated registration periods in person. Preference is given to siblings and walkers. There is a lottery in December.

Absences

When a student is unable to attend school, parents/guardians should call in between 8:30 a.m. and 8:55 a.m. Parents/guardians should give the student's name, teacher's name, and reason for the absence. School messenger will begin calling homes after 3 p.m. to alert parents/guardians of their child's absence. When students are absent from school for legal reasons, a written explanation of the absence must be provided to the homeroom teacher upon return to school.

Regular attendance to school and classes will almost ensure your child's academic and social success. However, it is understandable that a student will miss school due to illness or other emergencies. It is recommended that if your child is to be absent from school, a parent/guardian will:

- Contact the school and give reason for the absence.
- On the day of the student's return, provide a written excuse indicating the dates and the reason for the absence and a working telephone number for contact purposes.
- Make arrangements with the child's teachers to make-up any missed assignments.

A student must attend 95 percent of the report period to receiving a passing grade

Cancellation or Delay of School

Cancellation or school delays take place only during circumstances such as extreme weather, equipment failure, or public crisis. The school board administrators are aware of the hardship which can be caused by an abrupt cancellation. Therefore, school will not be cancelled unless a significant safety risk has been created by unusual circumstances.

Every practical means is used to notify parents of a cancellation, including radio, television, and newspapers. In the unusual circumstance where school must be cancelled during the school day, teachers will determine that all students have satisfactory transportation and supervision before releasing them.

In case of a school or system-wide (for example snow, gas, leak, etc.) emergency, we would like permission to send your child home. You will be asked to fill out a form to permit us to send your child home or to whatever place you want in case of a school or system-wide early dismissal. This does not include illness, suspension, or any other individual problem. Middle school students should have a house key. We will try to get your children home before they are stuck in the snow and traffic for hours.

Arrival/Dismissal

A.M. – All students must enter through the cafeteria. If they are eating breakfast, they must stay in the cafeteria and sit at their designated table. All other students will report to the gym and sit at a designated area. No one is to report to the playground or to enter through the front doors. Please, do not drop your child off before 8:45 a.m.

All arrivals after 8:55 a.m. must report to the main office to be signed in.

P.M. - Vehicles may not enter the school driveway. Please park on the street. If you should have any changes to your child's regular dismissal routine, you must notify the school by 2 p.m. Changes after 2 p.m. will not be made.

Attendance in Class

Students are expected to arrive to all classes on time and to be in an assigned seat when that late bell rings. Teachers are accountable for every student assigned to them each period.

Tardiness

Prompt arrival at school is expected of all students. Late arrival disrupts class and causes loss of instruction time. Any student who arrives at school after 8:55 a.m. is considered tardy. A note must accompany all late students. All late arrivals must report to the main office to be signed in. Late arrivals without a note will be assigned a lunch detention for that day.

Early Dismissals

An early dismissal will be granted for the same reasons that are given for legal absences. Medical appointments for your child should be scheduled after school hours whenever possible.

A written note with the name and telephone number of the parent or guardian making the early dismissal request is required and must be brought to the main office. A follow-up telephone call may be made by the office staff to verify and confirm the early dismissal. All early dismissals are verified before a child is issued the early dismissal pass. A parent/guardian must come into the school to pick-up the child for an early dismissal. No student will be called to the office until a parent arrives. Early dismissals will not be permitted after 3 p.m.

Doctor and Dentist Appointments

Parents/guardians are expected to make every effort to schedule doctor and dentist appointments outside of school hours. However, when this is not possible, students will be excused for these special appointments. Please do not make appointments on Monday if your child is in the gifted program or during any testing weeks.

Make-up Work

The school is obligated to provide make-up work for excused absences. Students or their parents

are responsible for requesting make-up work immediately upon that students return to school. If dates of a student's absence are known in advance, the teacher should be notified and planned assignments may be given. At least 24 hours notice is necessary to gather work for the absent student.

Loitering

Students should leave the school and school grounds promptly after classes or activities are dismissed. There is to be no unnecessary 'hanging around' before school or after school. Non-students are not permitted on campus at any time unless they have been registered as an official guest in the office.

Withdrawals or Transfers

If a student is going to withdraw or transfer to another school, the parent or guardian must inform the school in writing of the date of the intended withdrawal and the new school the child will be attending. Prior to the student's last day of attendance, a check-out sheet should be obtained from the main office. This sheet should be signed by each of the student's teachers and the librarian to verify that all books and supplies have been returned. The student should return the check-out sheet to the main office for final clearance. All books, property, or money obligations must be met at the time of withdrawal before school records can be sent to the new school.

School Dress Code

Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8 Academy of Science and Technology's dress code is as follows:

- Shorts/skorts and skirts cannot be shorter than three inches above the knee.
- No bare stomach-short shirts that cannot be tucked in, halters, tube tops, spaghetti strap tops, wide-armed or net t-shirts. No see through clothing. Shoulders must be covered.
- No low cut tops exposing chest.
- No pants pulled down. Pants are to be worn at the waist.
- No clothing that advertises, suggests, or symbolizes illegal substances.
- No unnatural hair color, sprays, or dyes of an unnatural hue.
- No inappropriate slogans or offensive statements on any items.
- No clothing designed to be worn as undergarments or pajamas are to be worn.

- No hats, coats or jackets are to be worn in school. Hats are to be removed before entering the building.
- No bandanas or scarves.
- No clothing with hoods will be permitted to be worn during school.
- No shoes with wheels.
- No flip-flops/sandals

Cafeteria

Breakfasts and lunches are served daily in the cafeteria. The Cafeteria is the heart of the school. A strong insistence on good conduct occurs in the cafeteria. The students eat with their homerooms in assigned seats. They have time to interact during the recess. At the end of lunch, students return to their assigned areas and await their teacher to escort them back to class—safe and calm.

Lunch Rules

- When an adult raises his/her hand – be quiet.
- No one eats until his or her table is allowed.
- You must throw out your garbage when you are finished.
- Do not stand up.
- Do not talk loudly or yell.
- Do not touch anyone.
- When you hear a whistle – be quiet!
- No running.
- No pushing or cutting in front of people.

Food and Drinks

Food and drinks are not to be carried throughout the school. Food and drinks are restricted to the cafeteria. Our school has three-part policy, which governs the use of gum during school hours: 1. NO GUM! 2. NO GUM! 3. NO GUM! Students are expected to comply with all aspects of this policy.

Medications, Illness and Injury

Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8 has a full-time nurse available to all students. A student must have a hall pass to see the nurse.

Medications

If a student must bring medication to school, the following requirements must be met. Prescriptions, inhalers, over-the-counter medications (such as aspirin or cough drops):

- Must be clearly identified as to the name and type of medication.
- Must carry a prescription label with the child's name, drug identity, dosage instructions, doctor's name, and prescription date.
- A note dated and signed by the parent and doctor giving the child's name, dosage amounts, specific dosage times, and other instructions if necessary.
- Medication must be left in the nurse's office and will be administered by the nurse.
- Any exceptions must be made by the school nurse.

In case of illness or injury, a student will be cared for temporarily by the school nurse or a member of the school staff. School personnel will render first-aid treatment only. An alternate name and emergency telephone number of the student's family doctor must be on file at the school. Contagious illnesses will require a parent/guardian to pick the child up from school.

Books and Supplies

Students are responsible for all books and supplies assigned to them, including library books, musical instruments, etc. If books/supplies are damaged or lost, the student will be charged accordingly. Delinquent book/supply accounts may cause students to be withheld from field trips and programs.

After-school Activities

A variety of after school activities for 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will be provided. Information will be sent home about each activity and students may register for the one(s) of their choice. Permission slips are required for participation and a material or usage fee may be charged. After-school activities may be cancelled without prior days notice on days when participation is low. There are no after school activities on bad weather days, when there are school delays, or during testing days. Students may be removed from an activity for failure to comply with rules and guidelines. Proper behavior both in the after-school activity programs and on the after-school bus is necessary to remain in the program.

Announcements

An activity calendar will be sent home monthly and a copy is posted in the main office. Visitors, parents, or students may place school/student-related notices on the office bulletin board after obtaining permission from the principal.

Field Trips

It is often beneficial for students to be exposed to environments outside the school. Field trips provide cultural and educational enrichment for students in a supervised off-campus setting. While these trips are educational, they involve risks that are different from the normal school day. Teachers, with the approval of the principal, may exclude any student if that student's behavior has been unacceptable on prior occasions. Students may also be excluded for poor academic progress and/or prior attendance.

Fundraisers

Our school will be holding major fundraising campaigns. Selling will be voluntary and no minimum sales will be required. No personal checks will be accepted – cash or money order only. Classroom or club fundraising projects must be approved by the principal.

Homework

Homework is an essential part of the educational process. It is an extension of the learning that takes place in school. Homework can provide practice and drills that reinforce classroom learning and can provide opportunities for independent study, research, and creative thinking. Students are expected to complete all assignments promptly and to the best of their ability. Parents are encouraged to supervise the completion of homework. The Board of Education Policy states that if a student does not complete 80 percent of his/her homework in any subject, his/her grade may be lowered one grade.

• Science Curriculum

Grades 6, 7 & 8: All Students are mandated during the second report period to submit a long term science fair project. Non-submission of the assignment will result in an E on the student's report card.

Lockers

A locker is issued at the beginning of the school year. The locker is property of the school. Students are not to bring in anything other than books, pencils, and notebooks to school. The school is not responsible for valuables left in the locker. If a lock is used, give the homeroom teacher a spare key or the combination. If valuables must be brought, please give them to the office at the beginning of the school day.

It will be each student's responsibility to keep the locker in order. No stickers or markings are permitted in or on the lockers. If you chose to use a lock, do not give your locker combination or key

to anyone, other than your homeroom teacher. Do not attempt to open a locker other than the one you have been assigned or disciplinary action will be taken. Students are not permitted to change lockers unless the change is authorized by the principal. Notify your homeroom teacher of any problems. The school administration has the right to search your locker if there is probable cause for a search.

Lost And Found

All clothing found on campus, regardless of its value, is placed in the lost and found boxes in the cafeteria. Money, jewelry, glasses, or any other articles of value are turned into the office. Students may claim them after proper identification.

Playground Supervision

School staff will supervise the playground. Supervised playtime is during lunch. Lunchtime is very structured. The playground is not supervised before and after school. Students are expected to leave for home immediately following dismissal.

Recess

Weather permitting; students are given recess at lunch. Decisions to have outside recess during cold weather depend upon the temperature and the wind chill factor. Shorter outside recess times are scheduled on very cold days. Students should always dress for outside recess. Students will have supervised free time in the cafeteria on inclement days.

School Messenger Service

School messenger service is an automatic telephone system, Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8 Academy of Science & Technology will be utilizing. This service notifies parents/guardians of a student's absence and will activate a system wide telephone calling service for emergency notifications, such as school delays.

Social Worker

One professional developmental advisor will be part-time at our school. The social worker is available to assist students with questions, career choices, social problems, and crisis situations. Students are encouraged to make use of this professional by arranging for an appointment through the team leader or counselor.

Student of the Month

Every month, a student from each homeroom for each grade level and a student from the art, science, physical education, computer, library, and music classes will be recognized for

outstanding classroom performance, academic achievement, and appropriate behavior.

Study Skills

The following are student guidelines for achieving good study habits:

- Come to class prepared with pencil, paper and other needed materials.
- Be an active participant in class. Listen well and take part in class.
- Ask questions to clarify problems.
- Plan your day and schedule time for homework.
- Use what is learned and apply it to new situations.
- Strive to do the very best work possible. Just 'getting by' is not a worthwhile goal.

What Work Requires of Schools

In February of 1991, The Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS) of the U.S. Department of Labor completed its long-awaited report What Work Requires of Schools. The report explains that workplace know-how is made up of five competencies and a three-part foundation of skills and personal qualities that are needed for solid job performance.

As a parent, you have a significant role. Parents must insist their sons and daughters master this know-how. Unless you do, your children are unlikely to earn a decent living. To master this know-how:

- Children must come to school every day ready to learn.
- Children must do all of their homework and long-term assignments (individual responsibility and self-management are two of the significant personal qualities). Make sure this work is done by your child, not you, and never copied from another student (this is cheating), because integrity is another of the important personal qualities. Moreover, these assignments help your child enhance his/her thinking skills.
- Children must be held accountable when they do not complete assignments, cheat or misbehave. Do not become your child's enabler by making up excuses for absenteeism, repeated tardiness, deadlines not met, homework not done, poor behavior or cheating. We must make sure our children do not view these behaviors as acceptable!

By comparing the workplace with school, you can push your child to excel. We can do this together—schoolwork is real work! Grades are pay, and we are helping to prepare your child for the world of work. Moreover, if parents and teachers together hold children accountable for their work, we are both doing our jobs.

Substitute Teachers

Every student will be periodically be taught by a substitute teacher. The most common reason for using substitute teachers occurs when the regular teacher is ill. However, substitutes are also used when regular teachers are on leave for personal business, professional training, or family emergencies. Students are expected to be extra courteous to substitute teachers. Any misconduct in the classroom will be dealt with immediately.

Telephone

The office telephones are for school business only and are not to be used by students. Students are not allowed to use the telephone to make personal arrangements. Please, do not ask us to get a student out of class. We are sorry, but we cannot call students to the office to receive personal phone calls. In urgent situations, a message will be relayed to the student before they are dismissed.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We want to increase the meaningful involvement in the daily life of the children at Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8 Academy of Science and Technology. Adult volunteers working with students must obtain both Act 34 (Criminal History Background Check) and Act 151 (Child Abuse History Background Check). The cost is \$20. Approved forms are kept on file in the school office and with the Office of Communications and Marketing at the Board of Education. Applications are available online at <https://epatch.state.pa.us>.

Parent School Community Council/ Parent Teacher Student Association/ PSCC/PTSA Meetings

Our Parent School Community Council meets once a month to discuss school and community issues. It is an open forum to discuss and receive school, Title I reports, and PTSA updates. All stakeholders for this school are welcome to attend as we endeavor to build positive relationships among all of the entities that service our school. Notification of all meetings is in the monthly calendar given to students to bring home each month.

All parents are urged to become members and to actively participate. Meetings will be held monthly, starting in October.

The PTSA will sponsor several money-making projects that will allow the PTSA to fund many important activities at the school. With the help of all parents/guardians, these projects can be very successful.

Conferences

Parent conferences are encouraged and can be arranged at any time during the school year. An appointment is necessary for all parent conferences.

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Teachers have the authority and responsibility to maintain discipline in the classroom. School discipline policies will be established and consistently enforced. When a student is having a problem, the teacher may conference with the student, conference with the parent/guardian, uses classroom disciplinary procedures, or refer the situation directly to the principal or assistant principal.

Each parent is to sign the discipline rules for Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8 Academy of Science and Technology. The behavior expected from students at the school is a combination of common courtesy and safety consideration.

At Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8 Academy of Science and Technology, we want to provide the best environment for all our children to learn. This means that we want a structured and calm school so that every child has an opportunity to benefit from our excellent teachers and curriculum. We want you to express the necessity of following the school rules with your child.

At Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8, we do not permit:

- Lack of respect for authority (defiance) (suspension)
- Fighting/pushing/spitting (suspension)
- Destruction of school property (suspension)
- Derogatory racial/ethnic/sexual remarks (suspension)
- Dangerous weapons (all guns – toys guns can be dangerous!) (suspension/expulsion)
- Repeated school violations (suspensions)
- Alcohol/narcotics/cigarettes (suspension-possible expulsion)
- Disturbing a class (in-school, writing assignment)

- Disorderly Conduct (suspension)
- Cutting a class (suspension)
- Refusing to work in class (in-school, writing assignment)
- Loud talk in the halls and cafeteria (in-school, writing assignment)
- Running in the halls and cafeteria (in-school, writing assignment)
- Profanity – children cannot spell the word out loud or on paper, either (suspension)
- Cheating/copying (in-school, writing assignment)
- No throwing objects (suspension)
- Pagers or cell phones (suspension)
- No electronic devices: CD players, gameboys (confiscation of item)
- Bullying (suspension)

All school personnel assist the principal with all discipline. As a school we work together and have consistent consequences for behaviors. Therefore, no mixed messages are sent out. School and home must work together. Threats of any kind to the school, staff or students will not be tolerated.

For more information, please refer to the *Code of Student Conduct*.

community Resource Guide

Attending a Pittsburgh Public School has many advantages. In addition to the education and guidance that your child will receive while in school, there are also many resources available to you and your family. In coordination with 3 Rivers Connect, the Pittsburgh Public Schools created a general listing of services and activities city-wide that you may find helpful. The following page highlights organizations in three categories, including Family Resources, Children's Services and Cultural Organizations.

We hope that this guide will help you become more familiar with all of the opportunities available in Pittsburgh, and that you find activities that you and your family can use and enjoy as part of the Pittsburgh Public Schools' community.



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FAMILY RESOURCES

Allegheny County Respite Care Coalition (ACRCC) 1.800.876.7607

ACRCC is a collaborative network of families, providers, community members and advocates who work to ensure the availability of quality respite care.
www.acrcc.org

Allegheny Family Network (AFN) 1.888.273.2361

Supports and partners with families raising children with emotional and mental health needs to improve their quality of life.
www.alleghenyfamilynetwork.cfsites.org

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh 412.622.3114

The Carnegie Library has multiple branch locations offering special services such as job/career and educational centers.
www.clpgh.org

Child Care Information Services – CCIS of Allegheny County – City 412.255.1281 or 1.800.392.3131

CCIS serves as a primary resource to assist families with child care referrals, emergency childcare, subsidized care for qualifying families, and promotes quality child care by offering training in subjects such as early literacy.
www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/ChildCareEarlyEd/003670483.htm

Children's Health Insurance Program – CHIP 1.800.986.KIDS

Pennsylvania's program to provide health insurance to all uninsured children and teens who are not eligible for or enrolled in Medical Assistance.
www.chipcoverspakids.com

Humanservices.net

HS.net is a community resource directory of social services programs.
www.humanservices.net

The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania 412.281.2535

Helps mentoring programs by providing training, recruiting, quality assistance, and support to increase the number of mentors in the community.
www.mentoringpittsburgh.org

Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership (PEAL) Center 412.281.4404

The PEAL Center is an organization of parents of children with disabilities reaching out to assist other parents and professionals.
www.pealcenter.org

Pittsburgh Public Schools 412.622.7920 (Parent Hotline)

The Pittsburgh Public Schools believes in regular, two-way, meaningful communication connecting student academic learning and other school activities; to this end the Parent Hotline is one of a number of resources to assist parents and families in engagement.
www.pps.k12.pa.us

Southwestern PA Afterschool Resource Collaborative (SPARC) 412.392.1006

SPARC provides information about out of school time programs throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania.
www.SwpaAfterschool.org

United Way of Allegheny County 412.255.1155 (HelpLine)

United Way of Allegheny County provides information to families through their online resource Help Connections; agency funding, planning, and community problem solving for health and human services agencies operating within Allegheny County.
www.unitedwaypittsburgh.org

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Achieva 412.995.5000

A world-renowned leader in the field of disabilities, known for its innovative programs, and dedication to children with disabilities and their families.
www.achieva.info

Alliance for Infants and Toddlers 412.885.6000

This program provides service coordination, screenings, assessments, family support services, and early intervention service coordination to families with children between the ages of birth to three years of age.
www.afit.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh 412.363.6100 or 1.877.937.2447

Big Brothers Big Sisters increases the self-confidence of children and the probability that they will become fully integrated members of society, leading productive and rewarding lives through mentoring and enrichment programs.
www.bbbpittsburgh.org

Beverly Jewel Wall Lovelace (BJWL) - Family Resource Centers 412.363.1702

Family Resources offers many services to help parents and children improve their relationship along with youth enrichment activities at its centers.
www.familyresourcesofpa.org

Boys and Girls Clubs 412.782.5710

The BGC is a unique organization consisting of 8 Club facilities, a Charter H.S., Outlet Connection retail venture, Campfire USA, and extension programs. Our goal is to provide every child with the essential tools needed for a successful & bright future.
www.bgcwpa.org

Catholic Charities, Child Care Support Services 412.456.6985

Catholic Charities provides counseling, refugee resettlement, respite care, utility assistance, emergency relief, tangible assistance services and makes referrals for clients. In 2007 it expanded services by opening a Free Health Care Center.
www.ccpgh.org

Children's Institute 412.420.2400

The Children's Institute is a nonprofit pediatric rehabilitation facility which provides education services for children ages two to 21 with cognitive or physical disabilities with in-home services for children and families with special needs.
www.amazingkids.org

Girl Scouts – Trillium Council 412.566.2570 or 1.800.248.3355

The Girl Scouts inspires girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens.
www.gswpa.org

Greater Pittsburgh Council Boy Scouts of America 412.325.7940

The Boy Scouts trains young people in citizenship, service, and physical fitness through the Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing programs, & more.
www.gpc-bsa.org

Junior Achievement of Southwest PA Inc. 1.800.522.6957

JA's purpose is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise and understand business & economics to improve the quality of their lives.
www.pittsburgh.ja.org

Parental Stress Center 412.361.4800

The Parental Stress Center provides comprehensive services for abused and neglected children and their families.
www.pscfamily.net

Parks and Recreation 412.255.2539

Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of recreational programs and facilities for use by the citizens of Pittsburgh.
www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/parks/html/citiparks_events.html

Pittsburgh Toy Lending Library 412.682.4430

The Pittsburgh Toy Lending Library, a cooperative run by volunteers, is an indoor play-space for children, birth through kindergarten, and their caregivers.
www.pgtoys.com

Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh 412.227.4802

The Urban League is the largest social and educational service provider and advocacy agency devoted to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream community in Pittsburgh through its diverse programs.
www.ulpgh.org

YMCA 412.227.6457

YMCAs serve America's children, families and communities by "building healthy spirit, mind and body for all."
www.ymcaofpittsburgh.org

YouthPlaces 412.434.0851

YouthPlaces promotes the positive cognitive, social, physical, emotional and moral development of youth by providing a safe place for them to engage in a range of activities.
www.youthplaces.org

YouthWorks Inc. 412.281.6629

YouthWorks builds a community solution to help young people whose potential might be overlooked to pursue employment and career development opportunities.
www.youthworksinc.org

YWCA Greater Pittsburgh 412.391.5100

YWCA works to improve our community by increasing the status of women, girls, families and advancing racial justice by tackling homelessness, childcare needs, unemployment, fair housing and civil rights issues.
www.ywcapgh.org

CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh: Natural History & Art 412.622.3131; **Science Center** 412.237.3400; **Andy Warhol** 412.237.8300

Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh has a fascinating history dating back 111 years. But the story of who they are today—a collection of four dynamic, distinctive museums, and the Pittsburgh region's home for great art and science exploration—is the real page turner.
www.carnegiemuseums.org

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh 412.322.5058

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh provides innovative museum experiences that inspire joy, creativity and curiosity.
www.pittsburghkids.org

Fort Pitt Museum 412.281.9284

Through exhibits and programs, the museum addresses the important role of Fort Pitt during the American Revolution and the early development of the city of Pittsburgh.
www.fortpittmuseum.com

The History Center 412.454.6000

The Senator John Heinz History Center is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in the state of Pennsylvania.
www.pghhistory.org

National Aviary 412.323.723

The National Aviary is America's only independent indoor nonprofit bird zoo. It is home to 600+ birds of more than 200 species.
www.aviary.org

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens 412.622.6914

Encounter the wonders of the natural world. Tour through the jewel-like Conservatory and visit exotic lands and ancient worlds with vivid colors, natural oddities, and surprises around every corner of the botanical gardens.
www.phipps.conservatory.org

Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium 412.665.3640 or 1.800.474.4966

The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium is a 77-acre facility that is home to thousands of animals representing hundreds of diverse species. It is one of only six major zoo and aquarium combinations in the country.
www.pittsburghzoo.org

