

Pittsburgh Fulton PreK-5 School
Reading Curriculum Night
Special Guest Kate Blank
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
4:30pm-6pm

PSCC Meeting Agenda:

- Overview of Reading Curriculum
- Special Presentation by Kate Blank, Literacy Academic Coach
 - Introduction to New Reading Curriculum: Open Court
 - Last curriculum was used for 5 years, this is new curriculum
 - Why was the Curriculum chosen?
 - A selection committee with many stakeholders decided that this was the best curriculum for PPS
 - The curriculum is built on the science of learning
 - Unit Themes Overview
 - K-5 all have unit themes
 - 6 overarching themes of work
 - 3 colored bands that represent focus areas in every lesson
 - Green: Foundational skills
 - Red: Reading and responding
 - Blue: Language Arts
 - K-1: 12 units, each unit is about 3 weeks long
 - 2-5: 6 units, each unit is about 6 weeks long
 - This is for deeper learning and understanding
 - Instructional Emphasis
 - Designed to build mastery in reading
 - Explicit Systematic Instruction
 - Classroom Environment/ Home-School Connection/ Student Experience
 - 1 page newsletter for each lesson
 - Conversation starters about lesson so you can talk to your child about what they are learning
 - Suggested questions to ask your child which act as an entry point for deeper conversation
- Additional Reading Resources (Learning Games)
- The Way Behind the What of the Learning Resources

PTA Meeting Agenda:

- Treasurer's Report and Budget
- Upcoming Events and Volunteering
 - Election Day bake sale
 - November 7
 - Baked good donations accepted at Fulton
 - Volunteer to sit at table
 - Holiday shop planning/execution
 - LOTS of support needed- contact Rebecca at Rebecca.maclean@gmail.com to help support the PTA
 - The PTA doesn't necessarily make money on this, but provide students a "Holiday Shop" to buy gifts for their loved ones
- Open discussion

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2023-2024 PSCC/PTA MEETING DATES & EVENTS

Pre-Event: 5:30-6:00pm

PSCC Meeting: 6:00-6:30pm

PTA Meeting: 6:30-7:00pm

****All meetings will be In-Person
AND broadcasted virtual/online**

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- **Tuesday, November 21, 2023: Math Night ****4:30-6:00pm******
- **Tuesday, December 19, 2023: Holiday Activity / Book Fair**
- **Tuesday, January 16, 2024: Family Game Night**
- **Tuesday, February 20, 2024: Black History Month**
- **Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Mardi Gras**
- **Tuesday, April 16, 2024: Spring Activity**
- **Tuesday, May 21, 2024: TBD**

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