

1/23/2026

PUE Families,

We hope everyone stays safe and warm during the impending winter weather event. Please make sure to check [www.wcpss.net](http://www.wcpss.net) for school closure updates. Also, for tracks 1, 2, & 4, make sure you have read the email that you received from me yesterday regarding possible remote learning days.

## New Updates

- **Odyssey of the Mind- Judge and Volunteer Request**

Calling All Problem-Solvers, Helpers, and Adventure-Seekers! 

Pleasant Union parents, friends, and community members, we have an exciting mission and we *need you!*

Our **Odyssey of the Mind** team is headed to the **North Carolina Eastern Regionals (Division 1)** on **March 7, 2026**, and part of this amazing creative competition is giving back. To participate, our team must provide **one volunteer** and **one judge**, and that's where you come in!

### **Volunteer for a Few Hours, Make a Big Impact**

- Serve a **2-3 hour shift** on competition day: March 7, 2026 | 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm.
- Choose your **preferred role and time slot**
- Support students as they showcase creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving

### **Be a Judge & Shape the Future of Creativity**

- **Online training:** February 21, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **Competition day:** March 7, 2026 | 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Lunch is provided** (fuel for all that brainpower!)

No Odyssey of the Mind experience? No problem! Training is provided, curiosity is encouraged, and the experience is unforgettable.

 Be sure to check out the **attached flyers** for more details on each role.

If you're interested in **volunteering, judging, have questions**, or know someone who would be a great fit, please reach out to Kathryn Pier: [kathryn.b.pier@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.b.pier@gmail.com). Help us turn creativity into competition success—and make this Odyssey one to remember! 

[Volunteer Interest Flyer](#)

[Judge Interest Flyer](#)

- **Single Subject Acceleration (SSA) Testing**

Single Subject Acceleration Testing is right around the corner. For those interested in learning more, here is a link to the WCPSS [Parent Information Presentation](#).

**\*\*\*Please note that the testing request deadlines are strictly enforced by the district. Requests for testing after the deadline will not be accepted.**

### **SSA Test Request Window**

- T1,2,3: January 5 - 23
- Track 4: January 23 - February 13

### **Testing Windows**

- Track 1: February 17 - March 2
- Track 2, 3, and 4: March 16 - 27

### **SSA Resources:**

- [SSA Testing Request Form](#)
- [WCPSS Parent Information Presentation](#)
- [PUE's Acceleration Website](#)
- [WCPSS Single Subject Acceleration Page](#)
- [WCPSS Parent Presentation](#)
- [WCPSS One Pager](#)

## **Reminders**

- **Next Tennis Time and Chess Time After-school Classes**

The next round of Tennis Time and Chess Time will begin January 27th. Checkout the [flyer](#) or the [website](#) for more information on how to sign-up.

- **New Kidz Art Session Coming Soon**

KidzArt drawing classes Session 3 will begin on Feb 5 (Track 3 starts on Feb 19). Class meets on Thursdays from 4-5 in the art room for K-5th grades students. Every week is a new project and returning students are welcome. Your child will bring home a finished artwork that he/she will be proud of each week! For more info contact Chen the owner at [cjiang@kidzart.com](mailto:cjiang@kidzart.com). To register please visit [www.northraleigh.kidzart.com](http://www.northraleigh.kidzart.com). Checkout the flyer [here](#).

- **Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for our incoming Kindergarteners for the 26-27 school year has begun! If you have a child that will be 5 years old by 08/30/26, they are eligible to begin Kindergarten in the 26-27 school year. Please go to <https://www.wcpss.net/enroll> to

begin the enrollment process. Additionally, if you have neighbors with a child that will be entering Kindergarten next year, please encourage them to also begin the enrollment process as soon as possible.

## PTA Updates

**Pleasant Union Elementary**

**Wednesday, January 28th, 2026**  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

Join us in supporting Pleasant Union Elementary School at Chick-fil-A Six Forks & Strickland on January 28th from 5-7pm. Mention 'Pleasant Union' when ordering, or enter code '27614' at checkout on the Chick-fil-A® App for 10% of sales to be donated.



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### Save the Dates

**1/28-** Chic Fil A Spirit Event, 5:00-7:00 pm, Six Forks & Strickland location. Mention PUE when ordering or enter code 27614 at checkout on the app.

**2/9-2/20-** PUE Scholastic Book Fair

**2/13-** Book Fair family breakfast event 8am, more details to follow

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**2/22-** Parents Night Out winter playdate, 4:00-6:30 pm, Pro 3:5 Sports

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

It's almost book fair time!

The PUE PTA is excited to host our annual **Scholastic Book Fair** from **February 9–20, 2026.**

You can visit our Book Fair homepage [here](#).

#### **What to expect:**

- All students will have a **preview day** to explore the fair
- Each class will also have a designated **shopping day**

Families can start **browsing the Scholastic catalog** and **populating eWallets** right now [here](#).

Parent volunteer opportunities will be shared in the coming weeks—stay tuned!

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to get these Panthers reading!

### **PUE Parents Night Out Winter Playdate**

Save the date **Sunday, February 22, 4:00-6:30pm** at the *NEW* Pro 3:5 Sports location.

This will be an awesome drop off event with other PUE friends. There will be pizza, drinks, dessert, and 2.5 hours of organized fun! Cost is \$25 per student. Sign up [here](#).

### **Spirit Rock**

Rent the PUE Spirit Rock- share birthday messages, [congratulations](#), and celebrations in a fun way while supporting passive fundraising for our school. Rental is \$35 for one week. Please make sure you follow the instructions carefully.

- 1) Check to see if your date is available on Sign-Ups [here](#).
- 2) *Make your payment within 24 hours and make sure you read the fine print instructions [here](#).*

### **Teacher Appreciation and Support**

We are continuing the teacher lounge support this year. The PUE teachers and staff work hard to create the amazing community and learning environment for our students. To show our gratitude, the PTA has created a wishlist of items to

stock our teachers' lounge.

[https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/quest-view/2PQBRY3V6PRY9?ref\\_=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_apin\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_53NBPX25GNEX28GTW4E6&language=en-US](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/quest-view/2PQBRY3V6PRY9?ref_=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_53NBPX25GNEX28GTW4E6&language=en-US)

Click the link above if you would like to donate. Thank you to all of the families who have already donated! We appreciate your contributions!

#### Membership

If you would like to get involved with the PTA, you can join us [here](#) (\$10 individual, \$20 family membership).

#### Donation Links

[Harris Teeter](#)-link your VIC card online with PUE

[Lowes](#)- link your Lowes Food Fresh Rewards card with PUE

[Giveback](#) in MemberHub gives amazing deals that donate back to PUE

#### Social Media

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PUE PTA [Website](#)

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

**1/23/26**- SSA Testing Request Deadline for Tr. 1,2,3

**1/23/26**- Track-out Day- Tr. 3

**1/26/26**- Track-in Day- Tr. 4

**2/9/26**- Book Fair Begins

**2/13/26**- Track-out Day- Tr. 2

**2/13/26**- SSA Testing Request Deadline for TR. 4

**2/16/26**- Teacher Workday- No School for Students

**2/17/26**- Track-in Day- Tr. 3