

2/13/2026

PUE Families,

A big reminder that Monday, 2/16 is a make-up day for Tr. 1, 2, & 3, and also Tr. 2 track-out day. We hope you have a great break! We look forward to Tr. 3 returning on Tuesday, 2/17.

## **New Updates**

- **Intent to Return 2026-2027 School Year**

It is time to start planning for the upcoming academic year!

Please indicate if your child **WILL or WILL NOT** be returning to PUE for the 2026-27 school year

Complete one survey for EACH child currently attending Pleasant Union (Grades K-4)

**Submit no later than Friday, March 13, 2026**

Complete this form: <https://forms.gle/ezLXJpragxgKoAyL6>

- **Kids Heart Challenge**

We just kicked off the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge! Get ready to change and save lives! Sign up today and earn your wristband!

Through Finn's Mission, you'll learn the lifesaving skill of Hands-Only CPR and how to recognize a stroke. Here are the next steps to take today and be one of the first to complete your mission:

[Sign up here](#) or download the free "AHA Schools" app for [iPhone](#) or [Android](#).

Raise funds to help kids with special hearts and start earning thank-you gifts.

[Complete Finn's Mission](#): Learn Hands-Only CPR, earn your lifesavers cape and be entered to win two Super Bowl tickets

Now is the time to join our team! We need your help to reach our goal!

If 50% of our families sign up, our school will earn a \$500 gift certificate for physical activity and recess equipment to support the health of our school community.

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

Our Book Fair begins next Monday! Check out [this letter](#) for more details on the fair and how to create an eWallet so that your child does not have to bring money into school.

We will have two parent events before school:

-Friday 2/13- 8am-8:45am

-Wednesday 2/18- 8am-8:45am

Please note that the parent events are not drop off events; you must remain with your child until the school day begins. The cafeteria will be open and serving breakfast and is cash only (small bills requested). The book fair accepts cash, card, or mobile pay during the parent events. Parents will not be admitted into the book fair after 8:40am so that we can begin our normal arrival process.

More information on the book fair can be found [here](#).

## **Reminders**

- **Girls on the Run- Volunteer Request**

Ms. Gorton, Ms. Fry and Ms. Belcastro will be hosting our Girls on the Run club this spring. More information on signups will be sent home with girls in grades 3-5 in the coming weeks. If there are any parents that would like to participate and assist in coaching or running, please email Ms. Gorton for more information:

[igorton@wcpss.net](mailto:igorton@wcpss.net) . Early bird registration discount has been extended for Pleasant Union to 2/11/2026. The code is SP26EARLYBIRD at <https://www.gotrtriangle.org/>

- **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](#)

- **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**

### **Save the Dates**

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

**2/18-** Book Fair family breakfast event 8am, more details to follow

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

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is in full swing! We had a blast at our first Rise and Read family breakfast event and loved seeing so many students and families shopping together.

If you weren't able to join us, the PUE cafeteria is hosting another Rise and Read event on February 18 from 8:00–8:45 a.m. We hope you can stop by, enjoy time with your child, and explore all the great books available at the fair.

To make shopping easy and cash-free, you can set up your student's eWallet here:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/pleasantunionelemschool>

Thank you for supporting our school and helping us foster a love of reading. We hope to see you there!

Happy reading!

**Yearbooks Are On Sale – Upload Photos in Treering!**

Yearbooks are now available for purchase, and families can personalize their child's copy with **two FREE custom pages**.

 **The PUE Yearbook Team is collecting photos now!**

Families can upload photos **directly through Treering** in the **school folders** within their account.

We're looking for first day of school photos, Panther Dash pics, grade-level moments, snow day fun, field trips, and school events.

 **Custom pages due by April 26, 2026**

 **Softcover:** \$30.52 | **Hardcover:** \$37.66 (*tax not included*)

 **Yearbooks will be delivered directly to the school**

 [treering.com/validate](https://treering.com/validate)

 School passcode: **1016071186223064**

Help us capture the memories that made this school year special!

### **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/guest-view/2PQBRY3V6PRY9?ref\\_=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_apin\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_53NBPX25GNEX28GTW4E6&language=en-US](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-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

Like and follow us on [Facebook](#)

Follow us on [Twitter](#)

PUE PTA [Website](#)

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

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

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

**2/13/26**- SSA Testing Request Deadline for TR. 4- 5pm deadline

**2/16/26**- Make-up Day- Tr. 1, 2, & 4

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

**2/20/26**- Last day of Book Fair

**3/3/26**- No School for Students- Teacher Workday