

Dear Pearson Learning Community,

The staff at Pearson is looking forward to another exciting year as Pioneers. We are very excited about the Pearson community's commitment to the educational development of our students. We have highly qualified, well prepared, dedicated teachers who work together with parents, administration, and support staff to provide a quality education for our students.

Our collaborative team approach to education will help your child realize his/her fullest potential. Communication is crucial in this type of approach. There are many ways that the staff will keep you informed of upcoming events and important school happenings:

**Seesaw** – online digital portfolio

**Twitter**- timely reminders of upcoming events at Pearson. Follow Pearson on [www.twitter.com/slcsPearson](http://www.twitter.com/slcsPearson).

**Facebook**- a place to share dates of upcoming events, to showcase student learning, and to promote home, community and school communication. Like Pearson on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/William-A-Pearson-Elementary-223038081437995/?ref=bookmarks>

**Classroom publications**- newsletters and various notifications that contain curriculum and classroom news. These teacher created publications are distributed throughout the school year.

**Parent/Student handbook**-the handbook can be accessed on the Pearson page of the SLCS website at [www.slcs.us](http://www.slcs.us) or via hard copy by request. The handbook contains current school and district policies.

**SLCS website**-the website not only contains a link to a Pearson page, but it also includes important curriculum information, district dates, and district contact phone numbers.

**Curriculum Night**-parents and children attend curriculum night in September. Parents spend the first half hour of the evening in the classroom hearing an overview of the grade level curriculum. The remaining half hour is dedicated to the children giving their parents a tour of the classroom and school.

**Parent/Teacher conferences**-an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with his/her teacher. Conferences will take place in November. Conferences are scheduled in advance. Sign up sheets for Conferences will be in the cafeteria during Curriculum Night. If you are unable to attend Curriculum Night to sign up for conferences, please contact your child's teacher.

**Skylert**- email communication to share important information.

In addition to the above methods of communication, you can always contact your child's teacher via telephone by calling the main office number at (248) 573-8750 or via email. All staff member email addresses follow the format of [lastnameinitial@slcs.us](mailto:lastnameinitial@slcs.us). For example, I can be reached at [dancerk@slcs.us](mailto:dancerk@slcs.us). Instructional time is dedicated to our professional staff interacting with students and delivering high quality instruction; therefore, phone calls will not be put directly into the classroom during the school day. If you leave a voicemail for a staff member, you can expect to receive a return phone call within 24 hours.

In an effort to promote a safe and healthy environment and to maximize instructional time, we have a **non-food, non trinket birthday policy**. Birthdays are a special day and we look forward to recognizing your child on his/her birthday with an all school announcement. In addition, your child will receive a birthday sticker from his/her teacher to wear at school or to take home. In accordance with the policy and procedures established by the Pearson Shared Involvement Process (SIP) team, children will not be allowed to hand out edible treats or give trinkets.

I am looking forward to #pavingtheway learning at Pearson!

Kim Dancer  
Principal