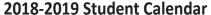


2018-19
Student & Parent School Handbook Calendar

# **Pershing Elementary School**

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Pershing Elementary is a community working together to educate life-long learners.



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- First and last days of class for students
- PLC days-early dismissal (Plan Days and PLC Days are subject to change)

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- Students in elementary schools NOT in attendance (Plan Days)

### **Graduation Dates**

**Thursday, May 23, 2019**Bryan Community Focus Program (at East)

Sunday, May 26, 2019
East, LSE, LNE (at Devaney) | LNS, LHS, LSW (at Pinnacle)

# Dear Student and Families,

Welcome to Pershing Elementary School! This handbook has been prepared for all students and parents/guardians in hopes that it will be helpful in answering questions you might have about the policies and practices of our school. Please carefully review the contents with your child. The "Important Information" booklet provided by Lincoln Public Schools also gives critical parent/student information. Note that dates for school events are subject to change. If you have questions or concerns regarding these publications, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 402-436-1160.

On behalf of the entire staff, we look forward to working together to make this a successful year of learning and growing.

Jamie Cook, Principal and Pershing Staff



### 2019-2020 Student Calendar

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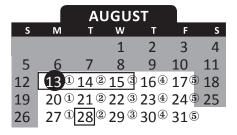
The Lincoln Public Schools District understands and appreciates that our community has a wide variety of rich and varied religious celebrations and observances. In the event families recognize these holidays, parents should notify schools. Students will be given excused absences and allowed reasonable opportunities to make up any schoolwork missed.

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Au	12	First Day of School  1/A  K-5 Early Release @  1:33 p.m.  No Preschool	2/B K-5 Early Release @ 1:33 p.m. No Preschool	3/C K-5 Early Release @ 1:33 p.m. No Preschool	4/D First Day for Preschool	<b>17</b> 5/A	18
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	26 C O L N	1/C 1st Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	PLC Day Dismiss 80 minutes early 2/D K-5 Early Dismissal @ 1:33 p.m. No Preschool 1st Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	3/A 1st Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	4/B 1st Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	5/C	A S K A

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# 2018-2019 Specialist Day 5 Rotation Schedule (3rd & 5th Grades)

# **Pershing Elementary School**



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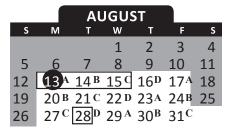
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# 2018-2019 Specialist ABCD Rotation Schedule (K-2nd & 4th Grades)

# **Pershing Elementary School**



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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2018		5/C Office Newsletter by email	1/D	2/A  Benson's class to Heritage School	3/B 3:00: Fundraiser Pick Up Scheffler's class to Heritage School	4/C Bergman's class to Heritage School	Pumpkin Run
October 2	7	5/D 3:15-6:45: Parent-Teacher Conferences Sorenson's class to Heritage School No CLC Clubs	1/A	2/B 3:15-6:45: Parent-Teacher Conferences No CLC Clubs	3/C Last Day of CLC Clubs	End of Qt. 1  No School for Elementary Students	13
Oct	14	Schools a	16	4/D	5/A	19 1/B	20
	21	2/C Picture Retakes Sock it to Drugs: Wear crazy socks	3/D Pershing Says No to Drugs: Wear Pershing shirts or purple  10:30 a.m12:00: Grade 5 to Sheldon Museum	4/A Team Up Against Drugs: Wear sweats	5/B Team up Against Drugs: Wear favorite team clothing 2nd Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	1/C Run Away from Drugs: Wear red Red Ribbon Run 2nd Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs 6:30-8:00: Fall Festival	27
	28 C O L N	2/D 2/D 2nd Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	PLC Day Dismiss 80 minutes early 3/A K-5 Early Dismissal @ 1:33 p.m. No Preschool 2nd Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	4/B 2nd Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs			er 11th (No

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# **Important Information Handbook**



Lincoln Public Schools has developed an important information handbook intended to be used by students, parents and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Lincoln Public Schools. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained in it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a

resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although the information found in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, the handbook is not intended to be all encompassing so as to cover every situation a that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a "contract." The administration reserves the right to make decisions and make rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should a situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable School District policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations. The information provided in this book is subject to change without notice. On the right you will find the table of contents from this informative handbook.

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November 2018	4	2/A 2nd Qt. CLC Clubs begin	3/B 6:00: PPTO	<b>4</b> /C	5/D	1/A Grandparents'/Veterans' Day	10
Nov	11	2/B	3/C	4/D	5/A Holiday Meal @ Pershing	16 1/B	17
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# **Important Information Needed**

Families will receive the LPS Important Information Booklet before school starts. The Census form will be available to complete on Safe Walk to School night. For the safety of your child, it is necessary to give the school the name of a person to contact in case you can not be reached.

It is very important that parents/guardians notify the school of any change in address and/or telephone number. The office must have a current telephone number on file in case we must contact you in the event of an emergency.

# Creating Success Through Partnership

Students are responsible with the support of our staff, to conduct themselves in a manner that will create a safe learning environment at Pershing Elementary School. All appropriate behaviors are included in Pershing's three simple guidelines for success. We will work together to help our children to:

# **BE SAFE**

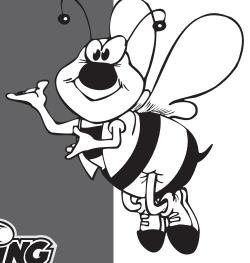
We help everyone feel physically and emotionally secure.

### BE RESPECTFUL

We value and are considerate of others.

### BE RESPONSIBLE

We are accountable for all of our actions.



# **School Improvement Goal** The goal for continuous school improvement at Pershing Elementary School is to increase academic achievement for all Pre-K through 5th grade students. K-2 Students will focus on oral reading and 3rd-5th grade students will focus on reading comprehension.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b> </b>		Instrumental & Music Concert: 1:30 & 6:00				Last Day of CLC Clubs	
	16	17	PLC Day Dismiss 18	19	20	21	22
		3/C	80 minutes early 4/D K-5 Early Dismissal @	5/A	1/B End of Qt. 2	Schools are Closed- Winter Break	
			1:33 p.m. No Preschool		Classroom Winter Parties @ 2:15		
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	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Schools are Closed - Winter Break					
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# Join us for Breakfast or Lunch!

# 7:45 Breakfast

Students \$ 1.30 Reduced Price \$ .30 Adults and visitors \$2.10

# **Lunch scheduled by class**

Students \$2.45 Reduced Price \$ .40 (Ask for an application in our office). Milk only \$ .50

Prices subject to change.

# Recess and Lunch Times Kindergarten 10:40 - 11:15 1st Grade 11:40 - 12:15 2nd Grade 11:20 - 11:55 3rd Grade 11:00 - 11:35 4th Grade 12:20 - 12:55 5th Grade 12:1500 - 12:35

# **Lunchroom Procedures**

**POS** is the name of our cafeteria cash register system. With the POS cash register system a parent/guardian deposits money into an account. Students will access funds by using the finger scanner. Money in an account can be transferred from one school to another if a student changes schools within Lincoln Public Schools.

# **Negative Account Balances**

Students who do not have sufficient funds to pay for lunch will receive a call from the district when the negative balance is \$10.

# Free/Reduced Lunch and Breakfast

If your child received free/reduced lunch and breakfast **last** year, your application is valid for the first 30 days of school **this** year. **All families must complete a new application online**. Eligibility for the free/reduced lunch program is determined by federal guidelines.

The United States' Department of Agriculture and the Nebraska Department of Education competitive Foods Policy states that "no food may be sold or served that competes with the national School Lunch and/or Breakfast programs one half hour prior to the serving period." This means that no food may be sold (i.e. pop, snack machines, fund raisers). No Food may be brought in as treats for class rewards, or class parties one half hour prior to the serving periods. Also, parents may not bring in food for children other than their own.

# **Arrival**

# **Arrival Times**

The Pershing campus will be closed until 8:00 a.m. for the safety of students.

- Breakfast—Served between 7:45-8:00 a.m. Enter at Door #2.
- Early Childhood a.m. will enter Door #10 and Early Childhood p.m. will enter Door #1.
- Earliest arrival (unless entering breakfast, instrumental music, or before-school CLC services) is signaled by the bell at 8:00 a.m.
- Students not eating breakfast will enter the building between 8:00-8:10 a.m. at door #2 and will wait in the gym until 8:10 a.m.
- Students will go to their classrooms through the building at 8:10 a.m.
- School begins at 8:15 a.m. After 8:10 a.m., all students use the main entrance and must check in with the SEM para. Once the school day begins, please use the main entrance. All other doors will be locked.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	MAP Testing \ January 14-25	Window: 5 (Grades 3 & 5)	1	2	3	4	5
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Jan	13	2/D 3rd Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	3/A 3rd Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	4/B 3rd Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	5/C Report Cards go home 3rd Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	1/D 3rd Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	19
	20	21	2/A 3rd Qt. CLC Clubs begin	<b>23</b> 3/B	4/C 6:30-7:30 Nature Learning Night	<b>25</b> 5/D	26
		Schools are Closed					
	27	1/A	PLC Day Dismiss 80 minutes early 2/B K-5 Early Dismissal @ 1:33 p.m. No Preschool	3 <b>0</b>	4/D		
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# **Dismissal**

# **Dismissal Times**

- Teachers will escort all students out their designated exit door at 2:53 p.m. (See Exceptions)
- All students must go directly home, to daycare, or to a school sanctioned activity after dismissal.
- Campus (including playground) is closed until 6:00 p.m. except for use with school activities or CLC services.

# **Dismissal Areas**

- Students participating in CLC will meet staff in the classroom hallway.
- Participants in school sponsored activities will meet their supervisor at a designated door.
- Parents should arrange to pick up their child(ren) outside at the same location each day.
- Students staying after school must exit with the class and return with their teacher.
- Students staying after school for longer than 10 minutes will notify parents by phone.
- Students will not be allowed to play on the playground while waiting for rides after school.

# **Drop Off and Pick Up**

- USE CROSSWALKS AT ALL TIMES.
- To ensure children do not cross in the street, pick up and drop off your child(ren) on the passenger side of the car.
- Follow flow of traffic when dropping off and picking up your child(ren). (See map insert)
- Do not use the parking lot or the bus loading zone to drop off or pick up your child(ren).
- Students plan to meet each other outside the building.
- Older students go to meet younger siblings at their designated door.

# **Exceptions**

### **Early Childhood**

Morning 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Afternoon 11:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

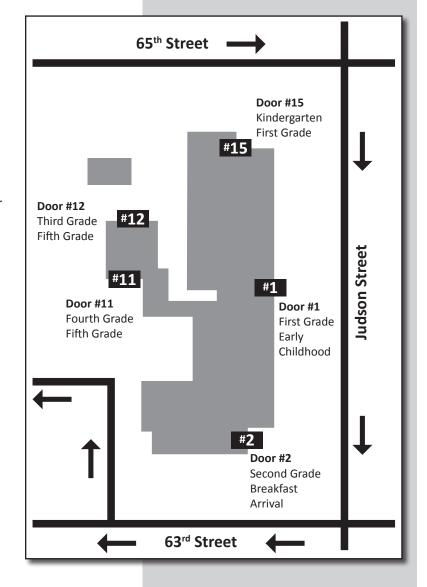
# **Student Use of Telephone**

Students will be permitted to call home regarding school matters after getting permission from the classroom teacher. Calls by students must be kept to a minimum, as there are a very limited number of phone lines in and out of school. Students are asked to make arrangements for participating in after-school activities or going home with a friend before arriving at school. Cell phones and other electronic devices have been found to be disruptive to learning. If a student brings them to school they must remain in the child's backpack. If the student takes an electronic device out during the school day, it will be kept in the office until a parent/guardian can pick it up. Most students check their phones in at the office for safe keeping during the day.

# **Dismissal Areas**

Depending on their teacher:

First Graders will dismiss out doors 2 or 15. Fifth Graders will dismiss out doors 11 or 12.



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	3rd Qt. CLC Cl ELPA 21 Asses	lubs: January 22nd - N ssment window: Febru	larch 1st (No clubs on uary 4 - March 1	Tuesdays)		5/A Office Newsletter by	2
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February 2019	3	4 1/B	2/C Grade 4 Young People's Concert	6 3/D 11:00 a.m-11:45 a.m. Grade 4 to The Quilt Museum	<b>7</b> 4/A	5/B 6:30: Movie Night	9
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Feb	10	11 1/C	2/D	3/A	4/B Friendship Parties	<b>15</b> 5/C	16
	17	18	19 1/D	20 2/A	<b>21</b> 3/B	4/C	23
		No School for Elementary Students					
	24	<b>25</b> 5/D	PLC Day Dismiss 80 minutes early 1/A K-5 Early Dismissal @ 1:33 p.m. No Preschool	<b>27</b> 2/B	3/C District Science Fair		
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# Methods of Communication

# **School Newsletter**

The Pershing newsletter contains announcements, information, school events, etc. This newsletter is sent monthly through (SchoolMessenger email).

# Weekly Communication Folders

Typically, school news will be sent home via Thursday folders. Please return the folder the next day including any notes to your child's teacher. General information will be sent with the oldest child in the family attending Pershing School.

# **Community News**

"Community News" is a newspaper distributed by Lincoln Public Schools, free to all elementary students the first week of every month from September through May. "Community News" replaces most informational flyers and can be used as a guide to community activities for students. The monthly school lunch menu is included in each issue of "Community News."

# **School Website**

Information is regularly updated on our website: *pershing.lps.org.* 

# **ParentVue**

Parents may access communications, attendance information and more for their child through ParentVue. A "button" linking you to ParentVue can be found on our school website.

# **Visitors**

Parents/guardians and community members are encouraged to visit school. Children not enrolled at Pershing may not visit unless accompanied by an adult. It is recommended that visitors limit their visit to 30 minutes. When visitors do come to school, we ask that they come to the office, sign in using the computer and wear the badge provided for you. Wearing this badge will assure all staff that approval has been given by the office to visit. This is an important step in our security plan.

# **Pets at School**

Pets are an important part of many students' lives and can provide many good learning experiences. The teacher or principal must approve a visit by a pet in advance. Pets should be brought for a school visit by a parent or guardian and in suitable carriers. The staff will ask for verification that the pet is up to date on vaccinations. **During arrival and dismissal no pets are allowed on school grounds.** 

# **Reporting Absences**

If your child is unable to attend school, call the office at (402) 436-1160. If the school has not been notified, a call will be made to your home or work. If you can't be reached, emergency contacts will be called.

# Make-Up Work

We appreciate parent/guardians' conscientious regard for picking up homework for their child.

- If your child will be absent only one day, work may be made up or taken home upon return to school.
- If your child will be absent for an extended period of time, please contact the classroom teacher to plan for completion of work and notify the office.

Please call the school in the morning to request homework to be picked up after school.

# **Parent Teacher Organization**

The Pershing Parent Teacher Organization (PPTO) is a vital part of Pershing's success with children. As an organization, they represent parents/guardians and organize events and projects that serve children and families. Scheduled PPTO meetings are listed on the calendar. All teachers and families are encouraged to attend PPTO meetings and activities.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19	NSCAS Testing	g window March 18- Ap	oril 26 (Grades 3-5):			4/D Office Newsletter by email Last day of Qt. 3 CLC Clubs	2
<b>March 2019</b>	3	5/A 3:15-6:45 Parent-Teacher Conferences No CLC Clubs	1/B 6:00: PPTO	2/C 3:15-6:45 Parent-Teacher Conferences No CLC Clubs	7 3/D	4/A End of Qt. 3	9
Σ	10	11	12	Schools are Closed	14	15	16
	17	5/B	19 1/C	2 <b>0</b>	3/A 4th Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	4/B 4th Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	23
	31 C O L N	5/C 4th Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	PLC Day Dismiss 80 minutes early 1/D K-5 Early Dismissal @ 1:33 p.m. No Preschool 4th Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	2/A 4th Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	3/B Report Cards go home 6:00-7:20: Around the World in 80 Minutes 4th Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	4/C 4th Qt. Enrollment for CLC Clubs	30 A S K A

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# **Bullying**

If you feel that your child is being bullied by peers, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal. All reported incidences of bullying/unsafe behavior will follow the protocol outlined in Lincoln Public Schools Board Policy 5482: Anti-Bullying Policy.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must include:

- Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.
- Hurtful aggressive physical and/or verbal behavior.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

As an added prevention piece, please discuss with your child adults in the building who they can talk to if they feel that they are being bullied or are in an unsafe situation. These people may include, but are not limited to, their teacher, the administrator, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker or any other adult in the building that they have built a positive relationship with.

Students are taught about what bullying looks like and sounds like, along with how to advocate for themselves through the District's Second Step program.





# Before & After School Care

Before—and—after school care is available to families at Pershing School through the Pershing Community Learning Center (CLC). CLC provides before—and—after school care for kindergarten through fifth grade students. Please call 402-434-9262 for registration and fee schedule.

# Community Learning Center (CLC)—YMCA

CLC services are available between 6:45-8:10 a.m. and after school until 5:30 p.m. on school days. Pre-registration is required, call: 402-434-9262.

# After School Clubs and Activities

Throughout the school year, a variety of interest clubs and activities are sponsored by the Pershing Community Learning Center. Club and registration information will be sent home with students. Additional activities available to students (some for only designated grade levels) include: Chorus, Band, and Orchestra. Other clubs and activities may be organized to address special interests of students and staff.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6.		5/D Office Newsletter by email Qt. 4 CLC Clubs begin	1/A	2/B	3/C	4/D	6
April 2019	7	5/A	1/B	2/C	3/D	4/A	13
Α	14	5/B Instrumental & Music Concert: 1:30 & 6:00	16 1/C	2/D	3/A	Schools are Closed	20
	21	22	4/B	<b>24</b> 5/C	1/D	26 2/A	27
		No School for Elementary Students					
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Pershing Elementary Title 1 School Parent Involvement Policy

Communication with Parents

• Parent and family events are offered at a variety of times. For example, parent/teacher conferences are offered before, during, and after school, when both the staff and parent are available.

 Parents will receive general information about the Title 1 program through parent meetings and school newsletters.

Specific information is provided to parents about their child's participation in Title 1 services through letters
notifying them that their child's qualifies for the services and a descriptor of the services provided. Updates
on progress are provided at parent/teacher conferences, written communication, and/or personal contacts.

• Curriculum events are scheduled by each grade level to give families the opportunity to become familiar with grade level curriculum and expectations. Links to curriculum supports are on the Pershing website.

 Family Learning Nights are scheduled during the school year to provide parents with skills in parenting, technology, and academic support. Some events provide guidance for parent/child interaction in an academic task, and some provide separate opportunities for parent and child as appropriate.

Written notification of assessments and School Messenger calls are used to inform parents of
specific assessment such as the State Writing Exam and NeSA. Parents are mailed results of these
standardized assessments that include an explanation of the child's score. Quarterly report cards
give parents cumulative grades in all subject areas. Current levels of performance are noted on
report cards based on rubrics to determine if proficiency has been met. Parent/teacher conferences provide time to review progress and explain to parents what is required for proficiency at
that grade level.

• Newsletters, events, and school news also appear on the Pershing website. Translated documents are provided to families as needed and bi-lingual liaisons assist with this communication.

• Student Assistance Teams (SAT) include parents, teachers, and other parties directly involved with a student meet to develop plans for student success. These plans are shared with staff supporting that student. Progress is closely monitored and the team meets periodically to determine next steps. This support can be initiated by either the parents or school staff.

• Parents are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the Parent Involvement Policy and the Family/Student/Pershing Staff Compact at our Annual Parent Meeting where they will be informed of the Building's Title I participation.

A minimum of 1% of Pershing Title 1 funds are set aside to support parent engagement in school sponsored events including childcare, meals, and transportation when reasonable and necessary needs arise.

Parents of students participating in Title 1 interventions will receive updates regarding their child's progress after each session is completed.



	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6				5/D Office Newsletter by email	1/A	2/B	Mayor's Run
May 2019	5	3/C	<b>7</b> 4/D 6:00: PPTO	5/A	9 1/B	2/C Last day of Qt. 4 CLC Clubs	Color Run @ 10:00
Σ	12	3/D	4/A	5/B	1/C	2/D	18
	19	3/A	4/B All School Picnic	5/C Field Day	Last Day of School  1/D  12:45: Move up Day  1:45: 5th Grade Recognition Report Cards go home	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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# **Pershing Family Compact**

# Student's Pledge

### I WILL

- Give my best **effort** and expect to learn everyday by working hard.
- Be at school each day, ready to learn, with an adequate amount of sleep (9-12 hrs) and needed materials.
- Complete my work and return homework.
- Ask for help from my teacher and family if I am having trouble doing my work.
- **Read** on my own and with my family for 15-30 minutes every day.
- Learn, practice, and carry out the **three guidelines for success**:
  - Be Safe.
  - Be Respectful.
  - Be Responsible.
- Remind my parents about the **family learning events** and attend with them.

# Signature

Date

# Parent's/Caring Adult's Pledge

### I WILL

- Encourage and expect my child to give their best effort to learn everyday.
- Bring my child to school each day on time and ready to learn, with an adequate amount of sleep (9-12 hrs).
- Provide a place and time to do homework each day.
- Monitor my child's progress and let the teacher know right away if I notice any problems with their schoolwork.
- Read to/with my child or monitor independent reading for 15-30 minutes every day.
- Teach, model, and provide practice for my child to carry out the three guidelines for success:
  - Be Safe.
  - Be Respectful.
  - Be Responsible.
- Participate in family learning events such as parent teacher conferences, Safe Walk to School, Literacy and Technology Nights.

### Signature

Date

# Staff's Pledge

### I WILL

- Encourage and expect all students to give their best effort to learn everyday.
- Welcome students and families to school each day and expect students to be ready to learn.
- Provide adequate homework instructions for families and students.
- Keep family informed of their student's progress and needs with their schoolwork.
- Teach students how to choose a "Just Right Book" and teach reading strategies to parents and students.
- Hold students accountable to the three guidelines for success by teaching, modeling, and providing practice.
  - Be Safe.
  - Be Respectful.
  - Be Responsible.
- Participate and provide information for family learning events to encourage student and family attendance.

Date



# **Intent of Student Handbook**

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Pershing Elementary School. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained within it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although information found in this handbook contains detailed and specific information on a variety of topics, the handbook is not intended to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a "contract." The administration reserves the right to make decisions and rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should the situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.







Pershing students benefit from participating in Junior Achievement.

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