



October 2019 Newsletter

Communication using ALMA



PBCCS uses a communication tool called Alma. Parents can use Alma to check the school calendar, email teachers, get updates on the bulletin board, check student work and progress in their classes.

PBCCS also uses Alma for emergency notification messaging. The system defaults to an automated phone call, however you can set your account to receive text messages. Please do this by hovering over your name in the upper right hand corner, and selecting "My Account."

Log in to your Alma account by following this link, <https://powellbutte.getalma.com/>. New users will receive an email to activate your account.

For assistance please contact Mrs. Newton or Mrs. Townsend in the office at info@powellbuttecharterschool.org

Place Based Learning

We are excited to have Fall trips on our calendar! These trips connect students with their study of **community** in an authentic and meaningful way, bringing context to the classroom learning.

When students have a place-based trip they are spending the day outside. It is important that they wear and/or bring the following items:

- Warm clothing, including a jacket and hat
- Boots or hiking shoes
- Sack lunch & snack
- Pants
- Water bottle
- Backpack

We always appreciate parent volunteers! To make these trips a success we need your support. If you would like to participate in any of the upcoming trips, please contact your child's teacher.

School Board Vacancy

The PBCCS School board has member vacancy. If you are interested in becoming an active member of the PBCCS governing board, this is your opportunity to get involved. Board member positions are open to any community member with a vested interest in the success of PBCCS. Board terms are two years, and require a commitment to the participation in monthly board meetings, committee work and advocacy.

Board applications are available on the PBCCS website (www.powellbuttecharterschool.org) or in the front office. All board meetings are open to the public. Please join us for our upcoming meeting on October 17 at 7:00 PM in the PBCCS library.

For more information or questions, please contact info@powellbuttecharterschool.org.

Traffic Safety

Student safety is a top priority at PBCCS. Please support our efforts by:

- Using designated parking spots and areas
- Backing into the front parking lot
- Using the crosswalk **with** your student
- Driving **around** the church and into the circle for drop-off/pick-up
 - From Williams Road, turn right into the church parking lot.
Drive all the way around the church to turn right into the circle for drop-off and pick-up
- Driving **slowly** through the church and drop off circle
- Ensuring that buses are not blocked from entering or exiting the loading zone on the west side of campus on Williams Road.



Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and the traffic flowing!

PBCCS Recognizes POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

👉 Be respectful 👉 Enthusiastic 👉 Safe 👉 Take responsibility

October Virtues: Self-Control & Self-Discipline

At the end of each month PBCCS hosts a **BEST Assembly**. This month it will be held on October 24th at 1:30 PM. At the assembly teachers and staff members recognize students that have exemplified the virtues of the month. The virtues for October are **Self-Control** and **Self-Discipline**. We hope you will join us for this monthly celebration!



We encourage families to practice the virtues of the month at home and throughout our community. Practice self-control and self-discipline by knowing and following expectations, pushing yourself to achieve more, and trying your best.



Did you know? There's a close connection between school attendance and student success. Students who are chronically absent (missing 10 percent of the school year) are much more likely to struggle in school and have trouble graduating. If your child misses school two days a month, they are at risk!

It makes sense because every school day and every lesson builds on the one before, making it easy for absent students to fall behind. Get tips on how to improve your child's attendance at www.every-day-matters.org.



NEWS FROM PTO

Highlights for October:

- **IMPORTANT MEETING CHANGE:** PTO monthly meeting will be on **October 1** this month! Meet after school in the library. There will *not* be a meeting on the 8th.
- Oct 4 @ 6:00 -Family Movie Night featuring The Rookie. Rated G, this based-on-a-true-story film highlights our October virtue of Self-Discipline. Running time is 2 hours.
- Trunk-or-Treat! Mark your calendars! October 25 from 4:00-6:00 | Dinner service starts at 4:00. Watch for flyers for more specifics. Contact Lucinda Hollis if you'd like to host a trunk or trailer: hollislucinda@gmail.com

Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Foley at; mfoley@powellbuttecharterschool.org for ways to be involved at PBCCS this year!

Next meeting: October 1st @ 2:45 PM in the Library



October 1st	Middle School Field Work, Willow Creek
October 4th	PTO Movie Night @ 6:00 PM
October 7-9	7th Grade Overnight Trip - Camp Hancock
October 8th	PTO Meeting @ 2:45 PM
October 14th	No School Professional Development
October 17th	School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
October 23rd	Middle School Field Work, McKay Creek
October 24th	B.E.S.T. Assembly @ 1:30 PM
October 25th	Trunk or Treat 4:00 - 6:00 PM
October 30th	Middle School Field Work, McKay Creek Popcorn Wednesday
October 31st	Happy Halloween