



Polaris Charter Academy

Integrity ★ Compassion ★ Critical Thinker ★ Active Citizen ★ Explorer

Monthly Newsletter

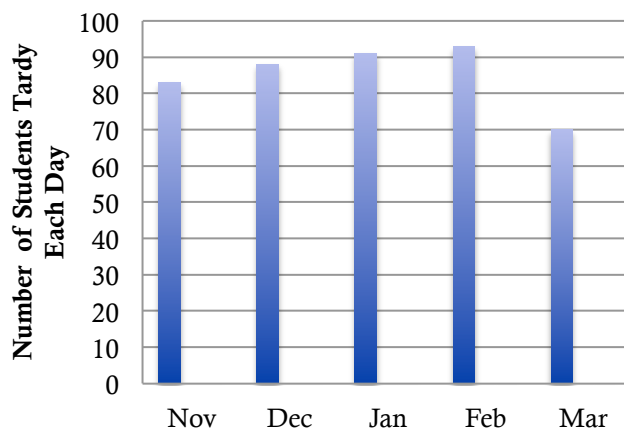
APRIL 2018

Tardy Numbers Improve!

Month of March averaged approximately 70 tardy students per day. While reducing tardies by 20% is a great improvement, we can do better.

*Let's set the goal of reducing tardies by 50%.
Less than 35 in April & May! #WEARECREW*

PCA Average Daily Tardies



Why did the chicken cross the road? To come to POLARIS!

Have you heard the news? Third grade crews started incubating chicken eggs on Monday. Ask a third grader all about what's happening inside their incubating eggs.



Student Activity Fees

Spring is arriving. Do you know what that means? OVERNIGHT fieldwork season is just around the corner too! Activity fees must be paid in full in order for students to register for overnight fieldwork.



Reminder....

To cover the cost of school supplies, fieldwork, and other expedition expenses, if your child(ren)'s activity fee is not paid, your child(ren) will have to pay a \$20 fee each time he/she goes on fieldwork to cover the cost of transportation and admission. We will track payments- each \$20 payment will be collected and recorded in your account until the full fee is paid off.

Activity Fee: \$200 for 1st child
\$125 for each additional child

*We accept cash, money order, or credit card.
Payable in PCA main office.
Contact PCA main office for details.*



Now Accepting Student Applications for 2018-2019 School Year

Great families know other great families. Might you know any families looking for a great school?

Referring successful student enrollment will earn your family a student activity fee discount!

Receive 50% off your student activity fee when you refer a successful enrollment.

Each successful student enrollment you refer earns you a 50% off your student activity fee.

Contact PCA main office for details.

EL Education presents...

**The 1st Annual
BETTER WORLD DAY**

The countdown is on! On Friday, May 4th, join more than 50,000 EL Education students and teachers for Better World Day, a time to honor the power of students across the country to shape a more just future through their learning. School communities will share student work that has contributed to a better world and connect with fellow citizen scholars across the country in acts of service.

In conjunction with EL Education's Better World Day project, Polaris Charter Academy is excited to announce "Our Day to Play" march and rally on May 4th. Our eighth grade students are planning a day to promote "Peace & Unity in our COMMUNITY."

Seventh and eighth graders will kick off the event with a beautification of Sawyer Avenue, from Chicago Avenue to Franklin Street. The initiative includes a "Sweep and Greet" to clean up garbage and gifting potted plants to our neighbors.

In the afternoon, following the "Sweep and Greet," all students K-8 will have an opportunity to come together in unity and participate in a Peace March. The Peace March will begin at Polaris. We will march to Franklin, then head west on Franklin to Homan, Homan to Chicago, then Chicago back to Sawyer. Police will escort us as students, staff and community members chant and hold signs promoting peace in our community.

PCA's Better World Day culminates into the "Our Day to Play" Peace Rally at Kells Park, on the corner of Chicago and Sawyer. Kells Park will have music, speakers, food, play and connections to community organizations.

Join us in this work!

PCA's Better World Day Event Schedule

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Sweep & Greet Beautification Project

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Peace March

4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Our Day to Play Peace Rally @ Kells Park

Dismissal Reminder

Help us transition students home quickly and safely.

There are no early dismissals between 3:30 – 4:00 pm

All students must be picked up and off school grounds by 4:10 pm

\$1 per minute late fee will be charged for students in main office after 4:10 PM payable at pick up.

We appreciate your cooperation.



**5th & 6th Graders
Take On
ALABAMA!**

May 1 – May 4

5th & 6th grade students have embarked on a year long expedition on the topic of the Civil Rights Movement, investigating what it means to be equal by studying the perspectives of others, context of historical events, and examining of media/artwork.

Students have spent the year analyzing primary and secondary sources throughout history to determine the perspective of others during the experience of school integration of the Little Rock 9, The Great Migration, & The Children's Crusade.

From May 1 – 4, 5th & 6th grade students will head to Birmingham, Alabama on overnight fieldwork to investigate the sites that were pivotal to the Civil Rights Movement. As historians they will walk where many great civil rights leaders have walked to experience first-hand what it was like to be part of the movement. In partnership with the Foot Soldiers (those who participated in the Children's March) students will tour the site of the march (Kelly Ingram Park), the 17th Street Baptist Church and the Civil Rights Institute.

PBS NewsHour will follow our students and do a story featuring their learning.