

# Philip Michael Pennington School

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Happy June, Blue Jays and families!

We hope you all are busy enjoying your summer – getting lots of screen-free time and making incredible memories! Here at Pennington many of us are still hard at work, wrapping up this crazy school year and preparing to welcome you in the fall. We are very excited that this year we will be offering grade-level orientations in August! These days will be a chance for families to come in, meet the teachers and each other, learn a bit about what to expect in that grade level, and give our Blue Jays a chance to have a little fun together! The orientation dates and times are below. It is not required that you attend, but we would love to see you!

Grade 1 – Monday, August 9, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Grade 2 – Wednesday, August 4, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Grade 3 – Monday, August 9, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Grade 4 – Wednesday, August 11, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Grade 5 – Wednesday, August 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Grade 6 – Wednesday, August 4, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Grades 7 & 8 – Wednesday, August 4, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Although individual teachers and schedules will not be announced by these dates and classrooms will not be set up, you will be provided with the opportunity to tour the school, see the classrooms, and meet the teachers, counselors, and administration! Uniforms are not required for participation in these events and they will be a combination of family time and then break-out sessions for students and families.

Teacher assignments and student schedules will be released Thursday, August 19, prior to SummerFest that evening! SummerFest is our back-to-school block party, complete with food trucks, playground fun, and great community interaction! This event will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will officially run until 7:00 p.m. It is a lot of fun and it's a perfect way to kick-off the year!

We know everyone is looking forward to these events, but we do want you to take time to enjoy your summer. We want you to spend time away from your computer screens. It is our truest hope that you all take a much-deserved rest and spend time with people you care about while doing things you love. However, we also want you to make sure you think about school and your academics from time-to-time, too! We have not released any required summer reading or math, but we do have the following suggestions and we encourage you to create a practice schedule that works for your family:

Reading – Lexia (found in Clever) – individualizes reading practice for all grade levels  
Reading – [Mrs. Lahann's Summer Reading Resources](#) – Reading lists by grade level  
Math – IXL (found in Clever) – individualizes math practice by standard/grade level

And of course, we want you to read, read, read and write about your reading! Feel free to send an e-mail or an old-fashioned letter or postcard to the school – we would love to read it and hear from you! Our address is 9305 Stonewall Rd, Manassas, VA 20110. Throughout the summer, the school is open Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. except on Thursday, July 1 and Monday, July 5. If you should need assistance when we are open, you can call (703-369-6644), stop in, or send an e-mail to administration or the help desk ([pnsc-helpdesk@pwcs.edu](mailto:pnsc-helpdesk@pwcs.edu)). If you should need assistance when we are closed, please e-mail administration or the help desk and someone will work with you as quickly as possible.

Thank you for all of your support throughout this past year and WELCOME to our new Blue Jays and their families! We are so excited to bring our Pennington community together in August and we hope you have a wonderful and safe summer!

Take care!

Mrs. Johnson

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