

# Platte River Elementary School

## February 2017 Newsletter

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### Dear Platte River Families,

It's February, and the second semester has begun here at Platte River. Many of our students were successful in meeting their academic goals for the first semester.

Kindergarten roundup is scheduled for April 17, 2017. If you or someone you know has a child that will be age five by September 1, please call and set up an appointment with Mrs. Gray.



It is difficult with the rigors of today's academics to ensure your child's success if they are frequently absent or tardy. Michigan's Compulsory attendance law requires a parent/guardian to send the child to school the entire school year, except under limited circumstances. As an additional support to the families we serve, automated phone calls are made each time your child's absence is not excused. Please work with us and see that your child is in school and on time.



Many of you are aware of PowerSchool. This tool allows parents and students to readily access student information online, such as daily attendance, weekly grades, missing assignments, progress reports etc. You will need a username and password for each of your children. Please contact Mrs. Gray at Platte River and she will be happy to assist in this process.

We are continuing with our Positive Behavior Support system. Our goal is sustaining safe and effective schools. The emphasis is placed on prevention of problem behavior and the development of successful social skills. In February, we will be helping students to focus on the concept of being courageous.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

Steve Graetz

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You can follow what's happening at Platte River Elementary by going online to our new website at [benzieschools.net](http://benzieschools.net) Click 'Elementary' then click 'Platte River,' then 'Calendar.'

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## Mission Statement:

The school community of Platte River will provide opportunities in a responsible, respectful, and safe environment to empower students to learn and succeed in today's society.

The Character Trait of January was Adaptable. These students showed the ability to adjust to change throughout the month and are being recognized at Character Café on Friday, 2/3/17:

Mrs. Fought's Kindergarten Class: **Samantha B**

Mrs. Noffsinger's First Grade Class: **Lilly G**

Mrs. Rosa's Second Grade Class: **Avery M**

Mrs. Jass's Third Grade Class: **Chloe H**

Mrs. Burch's Fourth Grade Class: **McKai H**

Mrs. Vanderlinde's Fifth Grade Class: **Tegan C**

Mrs. Micinski's Sixth Grade Class: **Gloria S**

Ms. Wynkoop's Sixth Grade Class: **Alyssa H**

Mr. Grimes Sixth Grade Class: **Wyman R**

Mrs. Roeske's Sixth Grade Class: **Kylan S**

You are encouraged to attend meetings and help plan upcoming events with the PTO at Platte River. The next meeting is on February 14 at 6:30pm, in the school library.



**FEB 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a half day of school on February 17<sup>th</sup> and in recognition of Presidents Day, there will be **NO SCHOOL** on February 20<sup>th</sup>.



## **SPELL A THON**

Thank you for your support this year during our Spell A Thon fundraiser. Our final day for turning in pledges and donations is Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **FREE PRESCHOOL**

NMCAA Head Start & BCCS GSRP Preschool Programs are now taking applications for the **2017-18** school year. These are **FREE** quality preschool programs in your area promoting school readiness.

Children who will be **3 and 4 years-old** on or before **9/01/17** are eligible to apply.

**Call now for an appointment:**  
1-231-346-2116 or 1-800-632-7334