

# Peirce Clubs and Activities 2019~2020

**ART CLUB** runs for 7<sup>th</sup> graders every Day 1 during 7<sup>th</sup> grade lunch in D110 for the first and second marking periods. The club will then be offered for 6<sup>th</sup> graders during 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> marking periods during their lunch. Contact Mrs. Cantwell with any questions.

**ASTRONOMY CLUB** is a group where we learn more about our solar system and explore our universe.

We do projects to educate our members about the world beyond our own. Meetings take place during 7<sup>th</sup> Grade lunch in B113 on Mondays and every other Friday after school. Please see Mrs. Valitski in Room B113 for more information.

**BEST BUDDIES** is open to students in all grades. The mission is to create opportunities for one-to-one friendships for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It operates as a student-run friendship club, which creates buddy pairs and friendships for students with various abilities. Best Buddies helps to create an inclusive school climate for students early on in their educational development. We will have after school events every 1-2 months but you can be involved ongoing throughout the school day! Please see Mrs. Stolnis for more information.

**CHAMPS CLUB** All students have an opportunity to do current or make-up assignments, complete projects, get extra help in areas where they are struggling, and/ or get assistance with organizing their materials. CHAMPS meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm in the IMC from mid-September until the beginning of June. Teacher supervisors, Mr. Kolby Gonzalez and Mrs. Diane Squeri as well as various student teachers are available for assistance.

**COMPUTER CLUB** is open to all Peirce middle school students. The purpose of the club is to provide students an opportunity to explore computer applications in a fun, relaxed environment. The club meets every Wednesday from 3-4 pm in B122. Students are welcome to come weekly or drop in when they want. It is ideal for students who love computers or just want to explore something new. (Mrs. McElvenny)

**CONCERT CHORALE** is Peirce's award-winning auditioned choir directed by Mrs. Boyd. The Concert Chorale is comprised of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade auditioned students that rehearse every morning before school. The Chorale performs choral literature from all musical genres, and specializes in a cappella singing. The Vocal Ensemble is also a community outreach ensemble representing our school through many local performances. Auditions occur at the end of every school year in May for the following year. For more information see Mrs. Boyd.

**DRAMA CLUB** is open to all students in grades 6-8. Each year the drama club rehearses and performs a Broadway musical showcasing the many talents at Peirce Middle School. Students involved learn everything from choreography to technical theater elements. This year, auditions are in March and the show is in May. For more information see Mrs. Boyd Schoology Access Code for Drama Club : **VWTF5-QX4HR**

**DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB** is a fantasy role playing game, where students can create their own character and act as their character in fantasy situations. It is open to all students, meetings are held on Mondays after school in the library from 3-4:15pm, see Miss Gendall or Mr. [Cheung](#) for more information.

**THE EQUITY STUDENT UNION (ESU)** is a voluntary club open to Latino/a, Hispanic and African American students and uses the protocols and agreements from the WCASD Equity program, *Beyond Diversity* which is an offset of the Pacific Ed Group's *Courageous Conversations*. Besides discussing issues of race using the *Courageous Conversations Compass* and protocols, our ESU students also take part in leadership opportunities throughout the school and participate in ESU sponsored field trips and leadership programs throughout the year.

The **PEIRCE GSA** is open to 6-8<sup>th</sup> graders as a means to support LGBTQ students and their allies. The club will provide a safe space for students and allies and will act as an anti-bullying and anti-suicide safe-zone. All three middle schools are aligning the club's structure to the GayStraight Alliances at the three WCASD high schools. We encourage acceptance and understanding for all and are here to support the well-being of LGBTQ students and their allies. Please see Ms. Rathman, [Mrs. Bergey](#), [Mrs. Demarco](#), or [Mr. Jenkins](#) for further details.

**GUITAR CLUB** We are hosting a guitar/ukulele club at Peirce! We will be working on chords, songs, and generally sharing our enjoyment of playing guitar and ukulele. It will be very informal and fun. Your child is encouraged to bring his/her own instrument since we may not have enough to share. Ukuleles are small enough to fit in a locker. Guitars may be stored in F105 on Wednesdays, but must be taken home each Friday at dismissal. We will be meeting in room F105 on Wednesdays and Fridays during 6th period lunch, and any time between at 7:15 AM and homeroom (8:00) on Wednesdays and Fridays on the stage (LGI). As always, respectful behavior is expected and required as a club member. A spirit of cooperation and camaraderie will be fostered and upheld by all students. See Mr. Fosco or Mr. Jenkins for information.

**JAZZ BAND** is an extracurricular ensemble that functions as an extension of the regular band program; however, students enrolled in orchestra that play a band instrument are also eligible.

Additionally, any Peirce student may audition on piano, bass or guitar. The jazz band rehearses weekly before school and performs a variety of jazz styles, including swing, Latin, and rock.

Auditions are held at the beginning of each year and the ensemble performs at various concerts in the West Chester area. There are additional opportunities to learn improvisation techniques and styles. See Mr. Shollenberger for information.

**JOURNEYS** is a 6th grade literary magazine that comes out 3 times per year (Fall, Winter & Spring Editions). Each issue will contain short stories, poetry, and artwork by 6th grade students. Students can submit their work either by school email, or they may drop off a hard copy to Mrs. Halligan Room A101.

**KIDS "4" KIDS** is based on a charity garage sale that Henderson High School 9<sup>th</sup> grader Molly Dolan hosts every year. The proceeds from the garage sale go to a local charity. This year there is a club so many people could help and get involved with doing fundraisers and other charity events. The website is <http://kids-4-kids.org/> The Kids "4" Kids club meets during homeroom in room A104 every other Tuesday morning! See Mrs. Crilley or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student sponsors Ella Kratz and Ava Dimino for more information.

**KINDNESS CLUB** is open to all Peirce middle school students. The purpose of the club is to spread love and kindness throughout the school and community. The club meets every other Tuesday at 7:30am in room B132. This club is ideal for students who are compassionate and wish to extend kindness to others. See Hannah Guidotti or Ms. Bowman if you are interested.

**LATIN CLUB** is open to all students interested in the culture, history and mythology of the Romans. During the meetings students play ancient Roman games, learn about mythology and its influence on literature and art, and cook from ancient Roman recipes. The club meets monthly, but the day varies, so please listen to the announcements. Contact Ms. Sweeney for more information.

**THE LIFE SYSTEMS CENTER CLUB** is an afterschool activity open to all grades. The students learn about the gardens, ponds and the on-site wind and solar systems through hands-on experiences. See Mr. Dumas for information.

**MATH COUNTS** In Math counts club, the students work on challenging and exciting math problems. There is also an emphasis on games and activities that promote strategic thinking. One of the main goals of the club is to prepare for the annual competitions held in February and March. At these competitions, the students compete against the other middle schools in Chester County. We start in October and continue through February. The club meets in Mr. Dummeldinger's room B102 and it is open to students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE** Peirce students will have the opportunity to participate in the annual National Geography Bee. The preliminary competition is held in social studies classes,

grades 6-8 during November. The top 10 finalists will compete in the January school-wide competition. The winner will take an online test to qualify for the state-wide competition. (Mrs. Diffendall)

**NEWSPAPER CLUB** is open to all Peirce students who are interested in writing. We will practice our journalism skills and share our writing within the club for revising and editing help before going to publication. The Herald, our school newspaper, is written entirely by Peirce students. We publish four issues per school year. Each issue includes a variety of articles, ranging from current events and editorials to seasonal recipes and puzzles. We also need artists to submit cover designs for each issue. Our club meets on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:00 in room B106. See Mrs. Haggerty for more information.

**PEIRCE PAW PALS** is a service club. Our mission is to promote a thoughtful and healthy relationship between students and animals and to enrich the lives of animals through service. We meet the first Friday of every month from 7:55am-8:15am. We also have events after school and on the weekend. Check out our schoology page for updates. See Miss Gendall Mrs. Obie, Mrs. Grab, Mrs. Kummerer , Mrs. Phethean, Seniorita Busch or Miss Mckendrick for more information.

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**READING OLYMPICS** The purpose of this club is to encourage students to read more, to read a great variety of books and to enjoy the challenge of reading and discussing books. See Mrs. Rosenberger and Kevin Liebsch if you are interested.

**SKI CLUB** Please see the Ski Club Schoology Page for information or contact Mr. Atkins (jnatkins@wcasd.net), Mr. Brandon, or Mrs. Fratinardo .

**THE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM** is an extracurricular to which all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are welcome. There are 23 different events that use skills of building, problem solving and learning in specific fields of science and technology. Starting in early November, the team meets in D102 on Mondays from 3:00 to 4:15. We will be preparing for the regional competition which is held at Neumann University in March. Our regional score determines whether we advance to the state competition in April or May at Juniata College. Come for great Science fun! See Mr. Kimberling in room B125.

**STUDENT COUNCIL** provides students opportunities to share ideas and interests with the school community and is the voice of the student body. The Council plans school-wide activities and fundraises to support its activities as well as those of other school groups. Planning events to promote school spirit and community support allows students to develop leadership skills and collaborative participation. Student Council is open to students in all grade levels, with the exception of officer position which are open only to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. See Mrs. Hoopes Myers or Mrs. Weaver for more information.

**THE TENNIS CLUB** is for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Practices are held at Henderson High School and run by the Henderson tennis coaches. There is a fee for bus transportation and equipment. The Peirce tennis club takes place in May. Mr. Virgilio coordinates the club with Henderson HS tennis coaches.

**THE TV STUDIO** is a club that meets every morning throughout the year. Our primary goal is to create and execute the morning announcements by broadcasting them throughout the school. Students will be involved by being live anchors, correspondents, technical support, and by generating video productions to be aired throughout the year. The TV Studio club is open to any interested 7<sup>th</sup> or 8th grade students. See Mrs. Weaver or Mrs. Estrada for more information.

**VOCAL ENSEMBLE** is Peirce's elite 6th Grade auditioned choir. The Vocal Ensemble is comprised of 6th grade auditioned students that rehearse Thursday mornings before school each week from 7:30 am to 8:00 am in F109. Auditions will occur after the start of the school year. For more information see Mrs. Boyd.

**THE YEARBOOK CLUB** is a fun way to get involved! Students have the option to sign up for one or more of the following cool aspects of the yearbook: photography, cover design (8th grade only), artwork, layout, and editor. Photographers will take pictures of engaging lessons, extracurricular activities, music performances, sporting events, and student life at Peirce Middle School! Eighth graders will be given the opportunity to design a cover for the yearbook. The student body will then be able to vote on their favorite designs! If different types of artwork are a favorite pastime, then show off your work in the yearbook! Students that sign up for layout will be able to work with the online and interacting yearbook program! Editors will then make sure the yearbook is flawless! Mrs. Chronister and Mr. Jenkins.