



# COUGAR NEWS



October Parent Newsletter 2020

**THE PARENT RESOURCE ROOM:** As a Title I School, we are fortunate to have a Parent-Resource Room! This room is located in the main building next to the Assistant Principal's Office, Room 110. The Parent-Resource Room is loaded with games, books, study materials, and instructional materials for parent use. The room is open to parents daily from 8-3 pm.

## Important Things to Remember:

- Please join and become involved in our school APT! You can contact the office or your child's homeroom teacher for more information. **APT dues are \$5.00. Our first APT meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2020.**
- **INOW Parent Portal** is on sale through your child's homeroom teacher. The cost is **\$10.00.**
- **Students should be checked out before 2:30 p.m. each day.**
- Car-riders will be allowed to enter the building at 7:15 a.m. Afterschool car-rider parents please have a sign in your window with the color and number of the child or children you are picking up. **Please keep the crosswalk clear of vehicles.**
- Please check out our school website:  
<https://pisautaugaal.schoolinsites.com/>
- **Parents, when your child turns 11, he/she should receive a Tdap shot. The State requires this mandatory shot to attend school. You must submit the updated shot record to the nurse immediately. Contact the school nurse if you have any questions.**
- Please contact our counselor, Mrs. Preyear, if you are concerned about how your child is adjusting to school or if you would like to talk with her. October's large group counseling topic will be **Drug Education and Prevention.**
- Character First Word: **Boldness**-Having the courage to say or do what is true, right, and just.
- **HOUSE Reveal will be in the month of October!**

### WHAT IS THE HOUSE SYSTEM?

The House system is an idea adopted from Ron Clark Academy. This system is a dynamic, exciting, and proven way to create a positive climate and culture for students and staff. Houses give students the opportunity to connect with students across classes and grades that they may not normally have a chance to interact with. This helps students gain more friendships and create a family-like culture at our school. We currently have over 600 students at Prattville Intermediate School! The house system will make our school seem a little bit smaller and more personal, while providing opportunities for our students to shine.

### What does the HOUSE System create?

The HOUSE system creates unity, a change in culture, opportunities for students to connect across grade levels, promotes core character traits, a sense of pride, and creates leadership opportunities for students.

### What is a HOUSE family?

A house family is a group of students assigned within Houses. Students are assigned to PIS teachers and staff as their "house parents". Houses will meet on the first Wednesday of every month to work on team building activities.

- To learn more about HOUSES check out our school website.

## Prattville Intermediate is a Title I School

### for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

Being a Title I school means receiving federal funding (Title I dollars) to supplement the school's existing programs. These dollars are used for the following:

- Identify students experiencing academic difficulties and provide timely assistance to help these students meet the State's challenging content standards
- Purchase supplemental programs/materials and instructional supplies
- Conduct parent and family engagement meetings/trainings/activities
- Reduce class size

Being a Title I school also means parent and family involvement. We will continue to provide opportunities for Parent and Family engagement through workshops, presentations, and family nights planned for this school year based on parent surveys.

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it is already October?! Time is flying by as we learn and have fun! This month is full of exciting events. The second week of October is Fire Prevention Week. Be on the look out for further information on what to expect for that week, including kitchen safety and ways to stay safe near a fire. The last week of October is Red Ribbon Week! We will focus on keeping our students Drug Free and Bully Free! Red Ribbon Week is drug education week in the state of Alabama. Students will participate in several activities to encourage and promote a drug free lifestyle. Details to come!

Below is a schedule of dress up events for each day:

- Monday: Wear Red
- Tuesday: Put a "cap" on drugs! Wear your favorite hat.
- Wednesday: "Sock it to drugs" Wear your wacky socks
- Thursday: "Team up against drugs" Wear your favorite team T-shirt or jersey.
- Friday: "Drugs are scary! Don't do drugs!" Wear your Halloween costume or shirt. Remember you must still be in Dress code.

## 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2 Free Friday Spirit Day
5 Fire Prevention Week	6	7 HOUSE Day HOUSE Spirit Gear Sale	8	9 Frio's Friday
12	13	14	15	16
19 Absentee/ Virtual Pictures	20	21 Unity Day Wear orange	22	23
26 Red Ribbon Week	27	28	29	30