



# Experience Award Winning Public Education



*PCCS students at  
work and play*





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"I go to a school that is not like other schools, it lets you learn about this world that we seldom see in the city. This world is called Nature. Nature is a place that other schools don't get to see. They don't get to be immersed in this beautiful world that is hidden away behind the trees; they are stuck in a classroom having to learn about it from a book... It's really something this school of mine, I never want to leave." - 7th grader





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**What you should know about  
PCCS:**

**•Small Public School serving  
students in Fremont and  
Woodland Districts**

**•Environmental Charter**

**•Established in 1999**

**•Our School Mission**





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### **What is PCCS?**



- **Integrated Environmental Curriculum**
- **Constructivist teaching style**
- **Hands-on learning**
- **Outdoor education emphasized**
- **360 students**



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## **Accomplishments:**



- **National Charter School of the Year (2007)**

- **2009—96.1% of students at PCCS met or exceeded state standards on the ISAT.**



- **PCCS ranked in the top 11% of elementary schools in Illinois.**



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## Winning Public Education Staff at PCCS



"One of my favorite things (that no doubt will bring euphoria to every student) is just the way PCCS teachers teach. They don't just tell you and expect you to do it, they edge you further and further until you know how it works, and why it works! PCCS teachers will also only teach material that will relate to our future as adults. On top of that, they tell you how it relates, and in this I understand why we need to go to school and learn." - 7th grader





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## **Curricular Offerings:**

- **Art, Music, Physical Education and Spanish Instruction**
- **Special Education Services**
- **Environmental Education**
- **Emphasis on projects, off-site field trips, and group work**
- **Extracurricular Clubs & Teams**





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## **Registration Eligibility:**



- **Residents of Woodland District #50 or Fremont District #79**
- **All students in Grades K-8**
- **Out-of-District Students**
- **Lottery Process as regulated by Illinois Charter School Law**





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## **Registration Procedure:**



- **Complete Registration Form (including proof of residency and child's birth certificate)**
- **Fax or mail Registration Forms to PCCS**
- **Registration Forms due by March 1, 2010 at 5pm**
- **Live Lottery results given on March 1, 2010 at 7pm**





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## **Important PCCS Policies:**

- **Transportation Policy**
- **Fee Waiver Policy**
- **Volunteer Policy**





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## **Important PCCS Services:**

- **Special Education Services**
- **LEP Services**
- **Financial Assistance**





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"At PCCS, the students feel more like family, and you don't get lost in the crowd. They gave me the opportunity to make friends, earn respect, and shine my brightest. This isn't just a school, this is an opportunity. When I came here, I was like an uncut stone. Within was great value, but I needed work. At the end of the year, I was shining as bright as a star." - 7th grader



"We came in as classmates, left as friends, and had the time of our lives." - 8th grader



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