



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Pennington is an amazing school with an incredible team.

Show your gratitude with what they enjoy most!

The PTO has collected and published a survey of staff favorites to help assist families with holidays, Teacher Appreciation, and other “just because” moments. We hope that you find this resource helpful. You are also always welcome to reach out to your teacher via Remind or email to see what is of greatest need at the time. This information was collected November 2024. All fields were optional, empty fields were not completed.

Staff Members are organized alphabetically by last name in this document.

If a teacher or staff member is not listed they have either not completed the survey, we haven't yet processed it, or they have chosen not to share. Please contact the PTO with any questions or corrections.



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Adcock, Jaime

Other Teacher/Para

Exceptional Education Teacher

Birthday: November 15

Favorite Beverage: Prime- Strawberry Watermelon,
Coke Zero / Pepsi Max, Diet Dr Pepper

Favorite Candy: , Reese's, Snickers

Coffee: No with

Favorite Healthier Treat: Trail Mix

Favorite Color: Purple

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: no

I really appreciate greeting cards, gift cards

I have way too many mugs

I could always use more kleenex, hand sanitizer, cleaning
wipes

Favorite Pen: Pilot pens

I like to shop at .

I enjoy eating at .

Additional Suggestions: JcPenney, Bath and Body
Works, Amazon



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

Beard, Lisa

Kindergarten

Birthday: April 5

Favorite Beverage: Flavored Sparkling Water,
Coffee, Coke/ Pepsi

Favorite Candy: , Milk Chocolate, Milky Way

Coffee: Yes with Creamer, Caramel

Favorite Healthier Treat: Fruit (berries), baked chips

Favorite Color:Blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: None

I really appreciate Gift card for coffee

I have way too many Anything is wonderful!

I could always use more Anything is wonderful! But I live off coffee!

Favorite Pen: Colored Pens or Sharpies

I like to shop at Target, Walmart, Costco.

I enjoy eating at Chick Fil A, Starbucks, Jimmy Johns .

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Bell, Taryn

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

Kindergarten

Birthday: December 04

Favorite Beverage: sparkling water, Coffee, Water

Favorite Candy: , Reese's, Kit Kat

Coffee: Yes with half and half

Favorite Healthier Treat: chomp sticks

Favorite Color:pink

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: none

I really appreciate card stock

I have way too many glue sticks

I could always use more Crayola markers

Favorite Pen: gel pen

I like to shop at Target.

I enjoy eating at Starbucks.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

Dealy, Kristy

Grade: 3

Birthday: February 19

Favorite Beverage: Zero sugar Gold Peak sweet tea, gatorade zero, Diet Dr Pepper, Coke Zero / Pepsi Max

Favorite Candy: Peanut and Peanut Butter M&Ms , Kit Kat, Milky Way

Coffee: No with

Favorite Healthier Treat: Bananas, all berries, mixed nuts

Favorite Color:Blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: My drinks must be zero sugar, and I do not like any seafood.

I really appreciate Items for class rewards, gift cards to school supply stores or Amazon (Lakeshore Learning, Staples, Target/Walmart, etc.)

I have way too many Pens, mugs

I could always use more Items for class rewards, Airwick plug-in refills for classroom: fresh scent or blue agave and bamboo scent (something light and fresh)

Favorite Pen: Erasable gel pens!

I like to shop at Amazon, Target.

I enjoy eating at Chick-fil-A, Chuy's.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Downs, Grayson

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

4th grade Math/Social Studies

Birthday: August 26

Favorite Beverage: , Coffee, Water

Favorite Candy: , Kit Kat, Reese's

Coffee: Yes with Black

Favorite Healthier Treat: snap peas

Favorite Color:blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: none

I really appreciate pencils

I have way too many

I could always use more pencils

Favorite Pen: ball point

I like to shop at Eastside Music Supply.

I enjoy eating at Smiling Elephant.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Egan, Elizabeth

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

4th grade ELA/Science

Birthday: December 14

Favorite Beverage: , Coke Zero / Pepsi Max, Diet Dr
Pepper

Favorite Candy: , Reese's, Kit Kat

Coffee: Yes with Sugar, Creamer

Favorite Healthier Treat: fruit, hummus, trail mix

Favorite Color:green

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions:

I really appreciate pens, sharpies, expo markers

I have way too many

I could always use more

Favorite Pen: Sarassa

I like to shop at Kroger, Dutch Bros, Costco .

I enjoy eating at Chuys, Olive Garden, Dutch Bros.

Additional Suggestions:



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Related Arts

Farmer, Derryle

Physical Education Teacher

Birthday: October 27th

Favorite Beverage: Gatorade, Sprite, Bottled Sweet Tea

Favorite Candy: N/A , Reese's, Milky Way

Coffee: Yes with Creamer, Decaffeinated

Favorite Healthier Treat: Kwi & Mango

Favorite Color: Navy Blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: N/A

I really appreciate Amazon Gift Cards

I have way too many Mugs

I could always use more Amazon Gift Cards

Favorite Pen: Pentel R.S.V.P. 0.7mm Fine Point

I like to shop at Amazon, Off Broadway shoes, Rack Room Shoes, Nike, Dicks and Academy Sporting Goods..

I enjoy eating at Nectar Urban Cantina, Cava, The Greenery Company, Famous Dave's, Darfons, and Chop House.

Additional Suggestions: N/A



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Finley, Regan

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

Grade: 2

Birthday:

Favorite Beverage: , Diet Coke / Diet Pepsi, Coffee

Favorite Candy: , Reese's, Starbursts

Coffee: Yes with Splenda/Sweetnlow/etc., Creamer

Favorite Healthier Treat: Fruit

Favorite Color:Blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: None

I really appreciate classroom supplies. Ink for the classroom printer (Canon 275 and 276), pencils, sticky notes, pencils, Kleenex, and cleaning wipes are always needed.

I have way too many mugs.

I could always use more K-cups, copy paper, and gift cards to buy classroom supplies and goodies for the students.

Favorite Pen: Papermate Flair Pens

I like to shop at Amazon, Target, Walmart.

I enjoy eating at Chick-Fil-A and Starbucks.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Gascho, Emily

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

Spanish/ EL

Birthday: July 7

Favorite Beverage: Coffee, Water, Coke/ Pepsi

Favorite Candy: , Butter Finger, Kit Kat

Coffee: Yes with Black

Favorite Healthier Treat: Gold fish

Favorite Color:Light blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: No

I really appreciate Gift cards

I have way too many Mugs

I could always use more Words of encouragement

Favorite Pen: G2 .7

I like to shop at Target and amazon.

I enjoy eating at Chickfila, nectar chipotle.

Additional Suggestions:



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Gatwood, Tanya

Office Staff

Secretary / Clerk

Birthday:

Favorite Beverage: , Bottled Unsweet Tea, Coke

Zero / Pepsi Max

Favorite Candy: Peanut M&M , Butter Finger,

Reese's

Coffee: No with

Favorite Healthier Treat: Fruit of any kind

Favorite Color:blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: No

I really appreciate

I have way too many

I could always use more wind chimes / candles

Favorite Pen: sharpies

I like to shop at Target.

I enjoy eating at Logan's .

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Gleason, Jane

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

Grade: 1

Birthday: June 15th

Favorite Beverage: lemonade, Water, Bottled Sweet Tea

Favorite Candy: , Twix, Milky Way

Coffee: No with

Favorite Healthier Treat: pretzels, cheez its, white cheddar popcorn

Favorite Color:blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: I do not eat meat

I really appreciate crayons, markers, and skin color crayons/markers.

I have way too many

I could always use more dry erase markers, tissues, and glue sticks.

Favorite Pen: Paper Mate Flair Medium pens

I like to shop at target, trader joes, amazon.

I enjoy eating at The Goat, chipotle, noodles and co., olive garden, panera, starbucks.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Gonzalez, Raquel

Principal

Birthday: February 12

Favorite Beverage: , Coffee, Coke/ Pepsi

Favorite Candy: , Reese's, Snickers

Coffee: Yes with Sugar, Oat milk

Favorite Healthier Treat: salted nuts

Favorite Color:Blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: Lactose intolerant

I really appreciate I love whimsical graphic T's that are school related

I have way too many N/A

I could always use more Pennington Gear

Favorite Pen: Sharpie

I like to shop at World Market, Home Goods.

I enjoy eating at Rock n Roll Sushi.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Hailey, Tera

Other

STARS Counselor

Birthday: April 1

Favorite Beverage: Lemonade, Bottled Sweet Tea,
Sprite

Favorite Candy: Hershey's Cookies 'n Creme ,
Reese's, Twix

Coffee: No with

Favorite Healthier Treat: Vanilla Greek Yogurt

Favorite Color:Green

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: N/A

I really appreciate Candles, Lavender scents, Eucalyptus scents and anything green

I have way too many Reusable cups and mugs

I could always use more Fuzzy socks

Favorite Pen: Any colored gel pen

I like to shop at Target, Ross and Marshall's.

I enjoy eating at Chipotle.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Hardin, Lindsay

Teacher

Librarian

Birthday: January 5

Favorite Beverage: , Diet Dr Pepper, Coke Zero /
Pepsi Max

Favorite Candy: , Twix, Milk Chocolate

Coffee: No with

Favorite Healthier Treat: popcorn

Favorite Color:Kelly Green

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: No

I really appreciate kind letters

I have way too many

I could always use more post-it notes

Favorite Pen: Papermate Flair

I like to shop at Target.

I enjoy eating at McDonald's.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Hayes, RonDarius

Other Teacher/Para

Classroom Associate

Birthday: February 22

Favorite Beverage: Peach Tea, and Strawberry
Lemon, Water, Bottled Sweet Tea

Favorite Candy: , Twix, Not my thing, I'd rather have
something else

Coffee: Yes with Splenda/Sweetnlow/etc., Creamer

Favorite Healthier Treat: Strawberry chex mix

Favorite Color:black

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions:

I really appreciate Candles and fragrances

I have way too many Socks I love black Nike socks

I could always use more cologne/ Body oil

Favorite Pen: Zebra F -301 Stainless steel black ball point
pen

I like to shop at polo/ Nike .

I enjoy eating at Chop house.

Additional Suggestions: I love tools especially tools that
help me work on cars



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Howell , Nancy

Other

Literacy Coach

Birthday: June 22

Favorite Beverage: , Diet Dr Pepper, Coke Zero /
Pepsi Max

Favorite Candy: dark chocolate , Not my thing, I'd
rather have something else,

Coffee: No with

Favorite Healthier Treat: pretzels or extra toasty
Cheez-its

Favorite Color:pink

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions:

I really appreciate

I have way too many mugs

I could always use more Sharpie chart markers

Favorite Pen: Papermate Inkjoy gel or Pilot G2

I like to shop at Amazon.

I enjoy eating at Starbucks.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

Jackson, Lesley

Grade: 1

Birthday: December 4th

Favorite Beverage: , Dr Pepper, Coffee

Favorite Candy: Almond Joy, Mounds, Twizzlers (red-regular or pull-n-peel) , Not my thing, I'd rather have something else,

Coffee: Yes with white chocolate mocha or peppermint mocha, caramel macchiato

Favorite Healthier Treat: mini bags of "healthy" popcorn, cashews or almonds

Favorite Color:dark pink

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: NA

I really appreciate gift cards

I have way too many mugs

I could always use more sharpie flip chart markers

Favorite Pen: sharpies, colorful markers (regular or fine tip)

I like to shop at Amazon, Target, Bath and Body Works.

I enjoy eating at Chick-Fil-A, Subway.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Jobe, Tondalya

Other

Advocacy Coach

Birthday: June 13th

Favorite Beverage: , Coke/ Pepsi, Sprite

Favorite Candy: Chocolate covered raisins NO Dark ,
Snickers, Butter Finger

Coffee: Yes with Sugar, Creamer

Favorite Healthier Treat:

Favorite Color:orange

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: No sea food

I really appreciate

I have way too many

I could always use more

Favorite Pen: Sharpie

I like to shop at Walmart and TJ Maxx and Home Goods.

I enjoy eating at Chick-fil-A or J. Alexander's or Stoney
River Steakhouse.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

McCarthy, Kathryn

Grade: 1

Birthday: May 4

Favorite Beverage: , Water, Diet Sprite

Favorite Candy: , Twix, Butter Finger

Coffee: Yes with Sugar, Creamer

Favorite Healthier Treat: any fruit and veggie

Favorite Color: bright blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: no

I really appreciate office supplies

I have way too many

I could always use more scented candles

Favorite Pen: sharpies

I like to shop at Target.

I enjoy eating at anywhere I don't have to cook.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

McCormick, Megan

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

5th Grade Reading/Science

Birthday: April 1

Favorite Beverage: , Diet Coke / Diet Pepsi, Diet Dr
Pepper

Favorite Candy: , Reese's, Butter Finger

Coffee: Yes with Creamer

Favorite Healthier Treat: Cheez its

Favorite Color:blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions:

I really appreciate cap erasers, student scissors, student markers

I have way too many sticky notes

I could always use more binder clips, magnetic hangers for the board

Favorite Pen: Paper Mate Ink Joy Gel

I like to shop at Target, Aldi.

I enjoy eating at Dairy Queen, Chili's.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Menchaca, Elizabeth

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

Exceptional Education

Birthday: March 12

Favorite Beverage: , Diet Coke / Diet Pepsi, Dr Pepper

Favorite Candy: , Reese's, Milk Chocolate

Coffee: Yes with Black

Favorite Healthier Treat:

Favorite Color:Pink

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: No

I really appreciate Anything

I have way too many Can't have enough

I could always use more Supplies

Favorite Pen: Flair

I like to shop at Target.

I enjoy eating at McDonald's.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

Montanari, Anna

Grade: 5

Birthday: August 29

Favorite Beverage: Coffee!!, Diet Coke / Diet Pepsi,
Bottled Sweet Tea

Favorite Candy: , Reese's, Skittles Sour

Coffee: Yes with Oak milk creamer (:

Favorite Healthier Treat: Fruit!!

Favorite Color: Pink and Blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: No

I really appreciate Cards - words of affirmation (:

I have way too many Mugs

I could always use more Pencils, color pencils, storage
bins, soft peppermints

Favorite Pen: Flair, 0.38 pens

I like to shop at Target, Amazon.

I enjoy eating at Nectar, Chick-fil-A, Chipotle.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Ryan, Norah

Other

School Counselor

Birthday: October 17

Favorite Beverage: Iced coffee :), Coffee, Coke Zero
/ Pepsi Max

Favorite Candy: , Reese's, Butter Finger

Coffee: Yes with Splenda/Sweetnlow/etc., Creamer

Favorite Healthier Treat: Mandarin Oranges

Favorite Color:Pale pink

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: Just shellfish

I really appreciate Pens!!! Fine point sharpies :)

I have way too many Mugs

I could always use more Books!

Favorite Pen: Fine Point Sharpies

I like to shop at 5 Below .

I enjoy eating at Las Palmas .

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Classroom/Related Arts Teacher

Shull, Abbrissola

Grade: 3

Birthday:

Favorite Beverage: , Sprite, Bottled Sweet Tea

Favorite Candy: Nerds , Twix, Kit Kat

Coffee: No with

Favorite Healthier Treat: Smart popcorn

Favorite Color:Orange

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: Nope

I really appreciate Tissues for the class

I have way too many N/a

I could always use more Tissues

Favorite Pen:

I like to shop at Target .

I enjoy eating at Zaxby's .

Additional Suggestions: N/a



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Smith, Rhonda

Teacher

ES K,1,2,4,5

Birthday: May 11

Favorite Beverage: , Bottled Sweet Tea, Water

Favorite Candy: Almond Joy , Snickers, Kit Kat

Coffee: Yes with Splenda/Sweetnlow/etc.

Creamer

Favorite Healthier Treat: Mixed nuts

Favorite Color:Green

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: No

I really appreciate Notes, cards, drawings

I have way too many Candles

I could always use more Accordion-style Post-Its

Favorite Pen: Paper Mate Ink Joy gel pens

I like to shop at Target.

I enjoy eating at Chick-Fil-A.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Taylor, Melvin

Classroom Teacher

Grade: 3

Birthday: July 6

Favorite Beverage: Sweet Tea, Bottled Sweet Tea,
Water

Favorite Candy: Dove Dark Chocolate and Almonds ,
Not my thing, I'd rather have something else, Not my
thing, I'd rather have something else

Coffee: No with

Favorite Healthier Treat: Planters Nutrition Wholesome
Nut Mix

Favorite Color:Blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: N/A

I really appreciate Gift cards

I have way too many Cups

I could always use more

Favorite Pen: Sharpie S-Gel

I like to shop at Target.

I enjoy eating at Chick fil A.

Additional Suggestions:



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Tripp, Amy

Related Arts

Music Teacher K-5

Birthday: October 10/27

Favorite Beverage: Gingerale, Hot Green/ Herbal Teas, Water, Bottled Sweet Tea

Favorite Candy: Dark Chocolate (with raspberry:), Snickers, Twix

Coffee: Yes with Sugar, Creamer, Usually use honey for sweetener if available

Favorite Healthier Treat: Skinny Pop, fruit smoothies,

Favorite Color: Pink & Blue

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: no

I really appreciate Extra help with any performance prep needs (backdrop, props, costuming, etc), logistical set up for any performances, sound tech help

I have way too many

I could always use more any musicians providing a live demo of an instrument for a class, will update needs as they come up

Favorite Pen: multicolored fine and ultra fine sharpies

I like to shop at Target, Amazon, Marshall's, TJ Maxx, Kohls.

I enjoy eating at Chick Fil-a, Nectar Urban Cantina.

Additional Suggestions: Amazon or Target Gift cards are my favorite :) Since they're easy to use and have lots of options.



Pennington Elementary Staff Favorites 2024-2025

Young-Austin, Wendy

Other

School Nurse

Birthday: March 17

Favorite Beverage: Dr. Pepper Zero, Coke Zero /
Pepsi Max, Diet Dr Pepper

Favorite Candy: , Milk Chocolate, Snickers

Coffee: Yes with Splenda/Sweetnlow/etc., Creamer

Favorite Healthier Treat: Nuts

Favorite Color: Pink

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions: None

I really appreciate anything lavender scented

I have way too many candles

I could always use more

Favorite Pen:

I like to shop at Target, Marshall's, TJ Maxx.

I enjoy eating at Panera, Cracker Barrel, Chick Fil A,
Sonic.

Additional Suggestions: