

# The Plastic Predicament



## Plastic: Drastic or fantastic?

Dear Parents, Teachers, and PEAKers,

These next two weeks will have an accommodated PEAK schedule so that all students can be at their regular schools the week of their Winter Programs. **This week, we will see Four Georgians, Smith, and Bryant PEAK students on Wednesday, and Jim Darcy, Warren, and Rossiter students on Thursday.** We'll see the other schools' students the following week.

This week, students will be creating a plastic holiday-themed item to bring home (sorry, the rest of the details are secret!) It will be festive and fun, and will celebrate the spirit of giving.

We have an amazing opportunity over these next two weeks to visit the Chemistry Dept. at Carroll College to learn about the chemistry of plastic! What is it? How is it made? Why does it do what it does? Carroll Professors will be on hand to guide us through some hands-on experiments and help us to learn the answers to these questions and much more! Thank you so much to John Rowley and other Carroll staff; we can't wait to get our lab coats on!

### PEAK Parent/Teacher Conferences

PEAK Parents, please see the calendar on pg. 2. We will offer time slots for Parent/Teacher Conferences on four days in December. Please see my emails for a sign-up link.

## This Week's Activities: Dec. 8 - 12

<b>Research: Expert-led</b> I can listen to, learn from, and actively ask questions of an expert in a specific field..	<b>Plastic Chemistry Lab</b> Students will visit the Carroll College Chemistry Department and work with Carroll staff in several scientific activities related to plastic.
<b>Creativity: Product Development</b> I can utilize proper design choices with expert help to improve the aesthetics of my projects.	<b>Seasonal Plastic Creations</b> Students will use plastic chemistry to create projects with a seasonal focus.

Exploring the Science of Plastic,

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# PEAK GT3-5: Winter 2025-26

December 8 PEAK Middle School and High School Classes	9 <b>PEAK Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>	10 4Gs Smith → <b>Bryant</b>	11 Jim Darcy Warren <b>Rossiter</b> ←	12 <b>PEAK Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>
15 PEAK Middle School and High School Classes	16 Broadwater Central	17 <b>PEAK Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>	18 Jefferson <b>Kessler</b> ←	19 <b>PEAK Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>
22	23	24	25	26
<b>Winter Break No School</b>				
29	30	31	<b>January 1</b>	2
<b>Winter Break No School</b>				
5 PEAK Middle School and High School Classes	6 Broadwater Bryant Central	7 Four Georgians Smith	8 Jefferson Jim Darcy Warren	9 Kessler Rossiter
12 PEAK Middle School and High School Classes	13 Broadwater Bryant Central	14 Four Georgians Smith	15 Jefferson Jim Darcy Warren	16 Kessler Rossiter
19 <b>Martn Luther King Jr. Day No School</b>	20	21	22	23
<b>PEAK Middle School/ High School Week No Elementary PEAK Classes</b>				