

Whoo's News

Ms. Julie Gittelman, Principal
Dr. Ingrid Osgood, Intern Principal
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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

The Broward County Teacher of the Year program honors outstanding teachers who inspire students to excel. The 2017-18 Plantation Park Elementary Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Criscuolo. She has been teaching for 29 years, 19 at PPE. She has taught ESE Resource, 4th, 5th, and currently 1st grade. Her effective skills have provided an environment where students feel comfortable learning new strategies and instructional ideas. She is consistent, hard working, creative and provides an enriched environment for her students.

Mrs. Criscuolo is certified in Elementary Education, Specific Learning Disability, ESOL and Gifted Endorsement. She has assumed leadership in several positions in our school and has also engaged in many professional development activities designed to bring effective strategies to her position and our school.

Mrs. Criscuolo has positive relationships with everyone she comes into contact with. She is respected by her colleagues, students, and the parents for her continued hard work and dedication. This is evident by her peers voting for her as Plantation Park Elementary Teacher of the Year. Her peers recognized her as a teacher that represents the highest ideals of education. Some of the comments written on the nomination forms included: "hard working, creative, innovating, and has awesome bulletin boards!" We are lucky to have her at PPE! Congratulations, Mrs. Criscuolo!

Good attendance and high-quality instruction are two important factors to student success and academic achievement. Recently 307 of our students were recognized for having excellent attendance during last school year and were invited to attend a Miami Heat basketball game. The District's partnership with the Miami Heat allows schools to recognize students and provides an incentive for the child and family. Increasing awareness of regular attendance has proven to have a positive impact on school performance. Special thanks to Mrs. Specht, IMT, for organizing the tickets. Way to go students with 95% and above attendance!

Our next "Coffee Talk" is on Friday, December 1st after drop off at 8:15am for all parents. It's a great opportunity to hear about our wonderful school if you can't make other meetings.

Finally, as we enter the holiday season, please know you are valued for the wonderful things you do to help make our school a success. It has been a joy to witness the holiday spirit demonstrated among our staff, students, parents, and community. May the gifts we give and receive this season be of love and friendship, hope and joy, caring and sharing. These are gifts without a price tag or fancy wrapping, but are priceless, heartfelt, and require no wrapping.

On behalf of our teachers and staff, I wish you all a joyous holiday and a happy, prosperous New Year.

"Be All You Can Be at PPE!"

Julie Gittelman
Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 1 st	Coffee Talk @ 8:15am
December 4 th	SAF/SAC Meeting @ 2:25pm
December 4 th -8 th	Inclusive Schools Week
December 4 th -8 th	Hour of Code
December 11 th -15 th	PTA Holiday Shop
December 15 th	Chorus Disney Trip
December 18 th	Clubs Session #1 Ends
December 18 th	PTA Fundraiser Magic Show
December 19 th	PTA Holiday Staff Luncheon
December 20 th	Field Day PreK-2 nd
December 21 st	Field Day 3 rd -5 th
December 22 nd	Hands-On Science Day
December 25 th -	
January 8 th	Winter Break-No School
January 9 th	Classes Resume

Human Rights & Kindness Month
Character Trait: Kindness

HARVEST DRIVE

Special thanks to all of our families that donated to the Harvest Food Drive. We helped many families this season. Special thanks to our Coordinators, Mrs. Miles, Guidance Counselor, Mr. Watson, and Mrs. Thrower, Social Worker. Also, to the Student Council students for helping sort and collect the items. Students are learning the importance of helping others during the holiday season. The students were taught, "When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed," Maya Angelou.

WELCOME

Mrs. Amy Moral, Resource Teacher

PATRIOTIC DAY/HONOR FLIGHT

November 6th we held our Annual Kids Do Care Patriotic Event and raised money for the Honor Flight to send World War II veterans to visit the memorial in Washington, DC. Special thanks to Mrs. Gordon, Jeff and Sue Pikus, Mrs. Gregg, South Plantation High School Color Guard and Sign of the Knights, and to all of our guest speakers. The event was amazing.

CAREER DAY

Thank you to all of our parents and volunteers who participated in Career Day to help our students learn about different careers. Special thanks to Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Gordon, Dr. Osgood, Mrs. Crawford, and the PTA for organizing a successful event.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Our After School Enrichment Clubs Session 1 ends on December 18th. A big thank you to all of the sponsors who put their time into running a club. Session 2 applications will be sent out on December 13th and will be due back before December 20th. Session 2 Clubs will begin after Winter Break. Wait listed students from Session 1 will be placed in Session 2 clubs first, but you **MUST** re-apply using the Session 2 application. After all wait listed students have been placed, the remaining spots will be filled by random lottery. Please remember that students who are picked up late or absent more than two times will not be allowed back in the club. Thank YOU for supporting our clubs! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Banos, After School Enrichment Club Coordinator, at georgette.banos@browardschools.com.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to our Principal's Honor Roll students for first quarter:

Alex De Armas, Alexander Killings, Amber Cooper, Anika Perez, Anna Finnerty, Brielle Henry, Caleb Wiggins, Carson Plante, Darian Ramnarine, Dejah Blackwell, Devin Butts, Dylan Saito, Ella Hollaway, Ella Pardillo, Ella Staszkesky, Emma Santacroce, Grace Finnerty, Hans Gallart, Ian Bhalai, Jacob Thomas, Jaimee Canalejo, Jasmyn Smit, Jordyn McCollim, Jori Collins, Joss Collins, Karina Madraymootoo, Kay-Lynn Foster, Kylie Daley, Leah Millon, Leyla Cruz, Mackenzie Herndon Smith, Mia Rees, Nola Morgan, Omar Dixon, Penelope Stiles, Sam Greggs, Samuel Nnadiugwu, Sandhya Rampersad, Sasha Jahangirnezhad, Sofia Montefusco, Taylor Peterson, Terra McMorris, Tyler Hunter, Yasmine Zioui, and Zina Zioui.

Congratulations to all of our November - Citizenship Kids of Character! Check out my counseling bulletin board to see them!

December's Character Trait is **KINDNESS**: You show kindness by being helpful, thoughtful, caring, compassionate, and considerate. Talk to your child about what kindness looks like to you. Small acts of kindness can turn even a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day into the best day ever.

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION PROCESS

Has your child's teacher discussed RtI and interventions with you? If you would like to know more about the RtI process, I encourage you to view the helpful parent Brainsharks from browardprevention.org. Scroll over MTSS/RtI and look for RtI brainsharks for parents.

FAMILY COUNSELING PROGRAM

The *South Plantation High School Family Counseling Center* provides confidential counseling services for children and families of PPE. This is a **FREE** counseling program. The Family Counseling Program provides services that can help families deal with the complex issues and changes that are experienced in everyday life. For appointments and information please call (754) 323-1950 ext. 2082.

SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION WINDOW

The 2018/19 School Choice application window is **December 1, 2017 – February 7, 2018**. During the School Choice application window, parents and guardians may submit three applications – one in each of the following application categories: magnet programs, Nova schools, and school reassignments.

INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

Inclusive Schools Week is an annual international event celebrated the first week of December. At PPE we focus on our students' abilities, not disabilities. We provide equal access to all students. This includes field trips, special grade level activities, and extracurricular events. For more information you can visit: Inclusion Resources at <https://padlet.com/esebcps/inclusionfamily.com>. *Everyone is welcome at PPE!*

TAKE NOTE... GENERAL MUSIC NEWS

AT PPE, WE ARE THANKFUL FOR MUSIC! Grades K-2 have been learning to sing tunes about Native American Tribes, Veteran's Day, & Thanksgiving, with a strong focus on learning to read & write rhythms. Grades 3-5 have been singing songs from notation in their textbooks & learning to read both rhythm & solfege melodic patterns. All grades sang patriotic tunes beautifully for our 11/6 "Kids Do Care" Patriotic assemblies. On WOWL "Arts Through the Ages" program, we heard music of the Classical Era (1750-1825) including favorites by Beethoven, Mozart, and Haydn. December will feature hits of the Romantic Era, including the famous ballet, **The Nutcracker**, by Tchaikovsky. We will be singing music from many different holiday traditions, & we'll continue to improve literacy by discussing the meaning of carols, playing instruments, & adding movements to songs to increase fluency & comprehension. Lastly, best wishes to our outgoing student music teacher, Marie-Antoinette Harvey, as she graduates in December from Florida Atlantic University. We will miss you. Season's Greetings to all! -Nicole Greggs, NBCT.

POETRY IN MOTION ELOCUTION CONTEST

"It's beginning to look a lot like" **POETRY IN MOTION!** Yes, it is almost time for our annual Poetry in Motion Elocution Contest. The Preliminaries will be held either on January 11th or 12th with student judges from SPHS. Poems should arrive home in the December 13th, Wednesday folder. Please keep in a safe place. Winter Break is the perfect time for your child to memorize a poem and put it in motion with gestures and facial expression! Students are judged on facial expressions/eye contact, poise, gestures, memory, voice inflection, diction, and pronunciation. First place class winners will go on to participate in the Finals on Monday, February 12th for Grades K-2 and on Tuesday, February 13th for Grades 3-5. Thank you for your continued support in this annual school event! *Carrie Peterson, Elocution Moderator.*

CONGRATULATIONS FOR MOST PARTICIPANTS AT OUR BARNES AND NOBLE NIGHT

First Place: Ms. Gordon's class

Second Place: Mrs. O'Quinn's class

Third Place: Mrs. Ross's class

ESE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

All District ESE Advisory Meetings are held monthly. This month the meeting is being held on December 20th from 6:30pm-9:00pm at Piper High School, 8000 NW 44th Street, Sunrise, FL.

SAC - SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SAC is responsible for developing and monitoring the school improvement plan. We always want input. Please join us at our next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 4th at 2:25pm. We look forward to your support. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Hendrickx, SAC Chairperson.

PTA NEWS

HOLIDAY SHOP

Our annual Holiday Shop is approaching and we are looking for volunteers December 11th-15th from 10:45am until 2:00pm. This is a fun event where the children shop for holiday gifts for their family members. Our volunteers will help the younger children with their purchases. We also need help setting up for this event on Friday, Dec 8th at 1:45pm in the Media Center. If you are interested in helping, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Stefanie Smith at ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com. We would love to see you there!

YEARBOOK

Please start uploading your class event pictures NOW! Holiday activities are coming up! It's important to take classroom pictures and load the pictures to your classroom page. Help us make this year's yearbook the best ever! Now is also the time to place an ad or upload your 5th grade baby pictures to our yearbook page, www.pictavo.com. If you need help contact Pictavo Community Tech Support at 1-800-594-2324.

COFFEE TALK

Our next PTA COFFEE TALK will be held on December 1st at 8:15am in the Media Center. Come and join our discussion and stay informed. Don't forget to check the PTA website www.ppe.my-pta.org for important updates.

BOX TOPS

Winners are K-O'Quinn, 1st-Peterson, 2nd-Donly, 3rd-Welch, 4th-Ross, 5th-Hartman. A cookie party will be awarded to the winner. Continue to collect for the next contest.

MEMBERSHIP

You can still join if you have not done so already. Forms are in the front office. The cost is \$8 and \$6 per any additional family member.

SHOE DRIVE

We are still collecting used sneakers in any condition, any size, adult and children. The school will receive \$1 per pair. Drop off to the front office. Gotsneakers? A Sneaker Recycling Organization.

Join us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PPEPTA>

FIELD DAY

Our annual Field Day events are being held this month on December 20th for PK-2nd and December 21st for 3rd -5th. We will be in need of parent volunteers to help with organizing and monitoring the field events; jump rope, basketball toss, water carry relay, sack race, tug a war, and 50 yard dash. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Stefanie Smith at ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com. "Jump Rope for Heart" will also be held this year during Field Day. Florida weather during this time of the year is unpredictable and can be either hot, chilly, or even wet. We recommend sunscreen for all students. Please apply sunscreen the morning of your child's participation in Field Day. Additionally, students should bring a hat, towel, and water bottle. We're looking forward to a great Field Day! Hope to see you there! Kent Ottens, PE Teacher

**From the PTA Board,
We wish you and your families a safe and
happy holiday!**

TITLE I UPDATE

The Florida Department of Education and Plantation Park Elementary would like to provide you with valuable information about the School Improvement Plan, School and District Parent Involvement Plan, School Accountability Report, and the percentage of ESPs and teachers that rank as highly qualified. All of this information can be found in the following locations:

School Improvement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. It includes yearly objectives and activities that will be implemented at the school level. You can access this plan at plantationpark.browardschools.com. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or need translation services, please contact Mrs. Hendrickx, SAC Chairperson, at 754-323-7150.

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan: School staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and an evaluation of last year's parent program. You can access this plan at plantationpark.browardschools.com. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or need translation services, please contact Mr. Apodaca, Title I Liaison, at 754-323-7150.

District Parent Involvement Plan: District staff and parents jointly develop the plan. The plan includes the parent activities to be implemented through the school year and evaluation of last year's district parent program. You can access this plan at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/parent-involvement.asp>. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or need translation services, contact Ms. Linda Howard, Specialist at 754 321-1410.

School Public Accountability Report (SPAR), School Grades, FCAT/FSA Reports: The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets the public reporting requirement of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. In addition, the Florida Department of Education publishes school grades and the results of the Florida Standard Assessment (FSA) Tests. You can access these reports at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm>. If you would like to review a hard copy or if translation is needed, please contact Mrs. Crawford, Office Manager at 754 323-7150.

A binder including these items can be found in the Front Office of the school and will be available upon request. Mr. Apodaca, Title I Liaison.

HOOR OF CODE

Many of our classrooms will be participating in the Hour of Code which is an event planned across the world to introduce students to critical thinking through "coding." The event is held during the week of December 4-8, 2017 to show our students that anyone can learn the basics of coding to be a creator and innovator. The one-hour introduction to computer science education is held in conjunction with Computer Science Education Week, which is an annual event across the nation. By participating in this event, we are helping support both Computer Science goals and preparing more students to be computer literate.

FLU SEASON

Flu season has started. Health experts suggest handwashing and covering your mouth when sneezing or coughing can help prevent acquiring the flu. Children should stay home from school when sick. Other helpful tips may be found at www.cdc.gov/flu/school.

CHORUS CORNER

Season's Greetings! It's time to FA LA LA! Please make note of these festive Chorus performances:

- **Thurs. 12/7- "A Swingin' Holiday!" for PPE students @ 8:30am & 9:30am** (choristers wear formal uniforms & bring change of clothes; shows are for PPE classes only due to space constraints)
- **Mon. 12/11- "A Swingin' Holiday!" @ 7:00pm @ South Plantation HS-** for parents & friends (choristers arrive NO LATER THAN 6:00pm in formal uniforms for sound check). House opens to audience at 6:45pm.

Other News:

- **Uniform Update-** Almost every chorister should now have a formal uniform with proper hem length, as well as the correct black shoes & socks. Formal uniform checks were held in November. Contact Mrs. Craddock or Mrs. Cruz with questions.
- **Calendar Update-** Rehearsal hours will be 2:10-3:40pm on Tues. 11/28 & 12/5, & 2:10-4:00pm on Thurs.11/30 and Wed. 12/6 as we prepare for our winter show. 12/5 & 12/6 are mandatory dress rehearsals for the Thursday morning shows on 12/7. Winter Concert is Mon. 12/11, & we will have a "cocoa & cookies" party on Tues. 12/19 until 3:40pm. Disney Trip rehearsal is Thurs. 12/14 until 4:00pm, & we leave at 5:30am on 12/15!
- **Attendance-** If your child misses rehearsal, excusal notes are due within 2 rehearsals of any absence or performance. Children with unexcused absences cannot perform, plus they lose points towards their end-of-the-year awards.
- **Chorus Website** is www.musicmakerscamp.com. Check out PPSBA minutes & agenda, print copies of the Winter Program Book Ad Form (due December 1), get copies of notices, & print Lyric & warm-up sheets if you lost yours.
- **Canvas.** Practice winter show music using Files in Canvas app (through Broward Single Sign-On) at home at least twice a week!
- **PPSBA MEETING!** The next PPSBA Chorus Parents General Meeting will be held Mon. 12/11 at 6:25pm at South Plantation High School Auditorium, just before the holiday concert. Your help is always welcome! Thanks for everything you do, from getting your child to rehearsals to helping with uniforms, props, stage, etc. You are so APPRECIATED! -Nicole Greggs, NBCT.



MISSION STATEMENT

As the PPE community, we strive to provide a safe environment that fosters 21st Century lifelong learners.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to promote an academic foundation that includes technology and life skills for future success. Students will develop critical thinking skills and achieve their highest potential as 21st Century lifelong learners.

REMINDER OF OUR BIRTHDAY POLICY

If you wish to send in a treat for the class to share on your child's birthday we are requiring that you only bring store bought cookies, cupcakes, or donut holes. They will be passed out in the cafeteria. It is not permitted to bring cakes, balloons, presents, etc. Also, please do not plan on taking pictures; not all children are allowed to be photographed



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