

Whoo's News

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PPE → LIFE



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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

The Broward County Teacher of the Year program honors outstanding teachers who inspire students to excel. The 2018-19 Plantation Park Elementary Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Welch. She has been teaching 3rd and 4th grades for 13 years at PPE. Her effective skills have provided an environment where students feel comfortable learning new strategies and instructional ideas. She is consistent, hard working, and provides a positive environment for her students.

Mrs. Welch is certified in Elementary Education and is ESOL endorsed. 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. Welch has positive relationships with everyone she comes into contact with. She is respected by her colleagues, students, and parents for her continued dedication. This is evident by her peers voting for her as Plantation Park Elementary Teacher of the Year. Her peers recognize her as a teacher that represents the highest ideals of education. Some of the comments written on the nomination form include: "Mrs. Welch is general awesomeness, great team leader and friend, and helps anyone in need before helping herself!"

Good attendance and high quality instruction are two important factors to student success and academic achievement. Recently several of our students were recognized for having excellent attendance and grades 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, which has proven to have a positive impact on performance. Special thanks to Mrs. Specht, IMT, for organizing the certificates.

The mindset of December is **Attitude of Gratitude**, which teaches us that we build our lives on either positive or negative foundations. Choose the positives, and you are on your way toward extraordinary success. Practice gratitude regularly. If you want your children to be happy, teach them to focus their energy and attention on the good things in their life and when bad things happen, work with them to understand the good that can come from such experiences.

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.

"Seas the Day! Make This Holiday Ridiculously Amazing!"

Julie Gittelman
Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 3 rd	SAF/SAC Meeting @ 2:25pm
December 3 rd -7 th	Hour of Code
December 3 rd -7 th	PTA Holiday Shop
December 3 rd -7 th	Inclusive Week
December 11 th	Class Pictures
December 14 th	Coffee Talk @ 8:15am
December 17 th	Clubs Session #1 Ends
December 18 th	PTA Holiday Staff Luncheon
December 19 th	Field Day PreK-2 nd
December 20 th	Field Day 3 rd -5 th
December 21 st	Hands-On Science Day Early Release Day @ 12:10pm
December 24 th - January 4 th	Winter Break-No School
January 7 th	Teacher Planning / No School
January 8 th	Classes Resume

Human Rights & Kindness Month
Character Trait: Kindness
Mindset: Attitude of Gratitude

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 Mrs. Miles, Mr. Watson, Mrs. Thrower, and the Student Council students for helping sort and collect the items.

PATRIOTIC DAY/HONOR FLIGHT

November 2nd we held our Annual Kids Do Care Patriotic Event. Special thanks to Mrs. Rogers, Jeff and Sue Pikus, Mrs. Greggs, Mrs. Crawford, South Plantation High School Color Guard and Sign of the Knights, and to all of our guest speakers. The event is one of our many wonderful annual traditions.

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. Rogers, Mrs. Crawford, Mr. Rawls, Mrs. Miles, Mr. Apodaca, Mrs. Barter, Officer Bill, and the PTA for organizing a successful event.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found is located outside the cafeteria. If your child has lost an item this school year, please claim your item by Friday, December 21, 2018. All remaining items will be donated to a local charity.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Our After School Enrichment Clubs Session 1 ends on December 17th. 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 12th and will be due back before Winter Break on December 21st. 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: Afsana Ria, Aidan Fitzgerald, Alex De Armas, Alexander Killings, Anita Miller, Ariana Mars, Ava Vitale Sclafani, Bradley Stevenson, Brady Swatzwelder, Caiden Douglas-Jacques, Caroline Morinelli, Chloe Cave, David Rivera, Derek Brown, Dylan Saito, Ella Pardillo, Ella Staszsky, Emily Pardillo, Grace Boehly, Hailee Alexander, Harrison Robbins, Hunter Zealy, Isaiah Fernandez, Jackson Codd, Jacob Thomas, Jayden Johnson, Jordan Sanders, Jori Collins, Karina Madraymootoo, Kay-Lynn Foster, Khalil Jones, Khayla Chetty, Kyiah Thomas, Krisha Gosine, Leah Jeffers, Leah Millon, Leyla Cruz, Luciano Perez, Mackenzie Barter, Mackenzie Herndon Smith, Macy Sznitken, Madison Quara, Mithila Rahman, Natalia Brown, Nola Morgan, Sarah Ferrer, Sasha Jahangirnezhad, Sebastian Maragh, Sofia Montefusco, Sofia Schafer, Sydney Thomas, Taylor Peterson, and Tyler Hunter

Congratulations to all of our November - Citizenship Kids of Character! Check out the counseling bulletin board to see them! December's Character Trait is **KINDNESS**: You show kindness by being helpful, thoughtful, caring, and compassionate. 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!

December's Mindset is **ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**: You can model this by taking a moment each day to discuss what you're grateful for. Research has shown that this practice can reduce anxiety and sadness significantly.

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, there are 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, 2018 – February 6, 2019**. 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.

STUDENT COUNCIL

I want to thank our Student Council Representatives for helping with the Harvest Drive. We collected and sorted boxes of food that went to families in need this season.

As you enter PPE, you will notice a Welcome Bulletin Board with the Mindset of the Month, where Student Council works hard to motivate their peers to practice the mindset. The next Student Council meeting will be held Wednesday, December 6th at 1:25 p.m. in Ms. Rogers' room. *Mrs. Miles, M.S. School Counselor and Student Council Coordinator.*

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 sing in tune with appropriate tone & expression. Grades 3-5 have been singing songs from notation & learning music theory in preparation for playing recorders. All grades sang patriotic tunes beautifully for our 11/2 "Kids Do Care" Patriotic assemblies. 1st Grade's "Hello to All the Children of the World" program on 11/8 was resounding success! On WOWL "Arts Through the Ages" program, we heard music of the Classical Era (1750-1825) including 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 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, Mr. Adams, as he graduates in December from Florida Atlantic University. We will miss you. Season's Greetings to all! *Mrs. 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 10th or 11th with student judges from SPHS. Poems should arrive home in the December 19th, 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 and 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 11th for Grades K-2 and on Tuesday, February 12th for Grades 3-5. Thank you for your continued support in this annual school event! *Mrs. Peterson, Elocution Moderator.*

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 3rd at 2:25pm. Our next South Plantation Innovation Zone meeting is on December 14, 2018 @ 10:00am at Seminole MS. We look forward to your support. If you have questions, please contact the school.

PTA NEWS

HOLIDAY SHOP

Our annual Holiday Shop is approaching and we are looking for volunteers December 3rd-7th 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, Nov 30th at 1:45pm in the Media Center. If you are interested in helping, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Alejandra Cruz at ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com. We can really use your help.

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 at <http://commpe.pictavo.com>. If you need help call Pictavo Tech Support at 1-800-594-2324.

COFFEE TALK

Our next PTA COFFEE TALK will be held on December 14th at 8:15am in the Media Center. Come and stay informed. Don't forget to check the PTA website www.ppe.my-pta.org for updates.

BOX TOPS

Winners are PK-Hauser K-Pardillo, 1st-Peterson, 2nd-Fiene, 3rd-Zelaya, 4th-Rice-Haines, 5th-Alexander. A popcorn party will be awarded to the winners. 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. Our membership winners are PK-Hauser, K-Banos & O'Quinn, 1st-Nuttall, 2nd-Kirik, 3rd Welch, 4th-Rice-Haines, 5th-Rogers. Thank you very much to everyone who joined the PTA including all of our teachers at PPE. A big THANK YOU goes out to Jessica Trinidad for collecting, counting, inputting and distributing all of the applications.

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.

FAMILY FUN DAY

We are already starting to make plans and looking for ideas for our Family Fun Day on February 9th. If you have any idea or would like to help plan this event, please email Stefanie Smith at ppeptaevents@gmail.com.

Join us on Facebook!

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

**From the PTA Board,
We wish you and your families a
safe and Happy Holiday!**

FIELD DAY

Our annual Field Day events are being held this month on December 19th for PK-2nd and December 20th for 3rd-5th. We will need parent volunteers to help with organizing and monitoring the field events. If you would like to volunteer, contact Alejandra Cruz 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 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.*

TITLE I UPDATE

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 www.browardschools.com/plantationpark. If you would like to review a hard copy of this plan or need translation services, please contact our 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 www.browardschools.com/plantationpark. 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 www.browardschools.com/Page/37523. 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 testing. You can access these reports at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/>. If you would like to review a copy or if translation is needed, please contact Mrs. Crawford, Office Manager at 754 323-7150.

ALL INVITED: Please plan on attending our next SAC/SAF meeting, December 3, 2018. We will be asking parents to review, develop, and give input on the 2018-19 School Improvement Plan with Title I Addendum. *Mr. Apodaca, Title I Liaison.*

HOUR 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 3-7, 2018 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.

Mrs. D. Hagan, STEM Teacher.

CHORUS CORNER

SEAS-on's Greetings! It's time to FA LA LA! Please make note of these festive "**Sounds of the SEAS-on!**" Chorus performances: • **Mon. 12/17- for PPE students** (choristers wear formal uniforms & bring change of clothes; shows are for PPE classes only due to space constraints) • **Tues. 12/18 @ 6:30pm @ South Plantation HS-** for parents & friends (choristers arrive NO LATER THAN 5:30pm in formal uniforms for sound check). House opens to audience at 6:15pm.

Other News:

- **Great Job at Fall Sing-a-Thon!** Chorus raised \$2,867 in one evening on 11/2, & honored our United States veterans in the process. Congratulations on a beautiful show, & to the Junior Choir, who out-pledged the Seniors to win the TOP DAWG award!
- **Uniform Update-** Every chorister should now have a formal uniform with proper hem length, as well as correct black shoes & socks. Formal uniform checks were held in November. Contact Mrs. Sverak or Mrs. Cruz with questions.
- **Calendar Update-** After Thanksgiving, rehearsals will be held Tuesdays until 3:30pm & Thursdays until 4pm, until our winter show. We will meet on one Wednesday 12/12 until 4pm instead of Tues. 12/11. See chorus email for full details. Solo auditions are by appointment. 12/12 & 12/13 till 4 are mandatory dress rehearsals for 12/17 & 12/18 shows. We will have a "Caroling, Cookies, & Cocoa" party on Thurs. 12/20 until 3:40pm. We will compete at Universal Studios in Orlando on March 8.
- **Chorus Website** is www.musicmakerscamp.com. Check out PPSBA minutes & agenda, print copies of the Winter Program Book Ad Form (due December 6), get copies of notices, & print Lyric & warm-up sheets if you lost yours. Also check **CANVAS** for chorus practice music! Kids should be practicing twice a week with Canvas.
- **PPSBA MEETING!** The next PPSBA General Meeting is Thurs. 12/6 at 6:30pm in the PPE Cafeteria. It's a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to share! 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.

FORTIFYFL APP



The state of Florida is pleased to announce that the FortifyFL app is LIVE. Now, any student, educator, parent or member of the public can report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously through the FortifyFL app or www.getfortifyfl.com. The Florida Legislature directed this tool's development in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The app, which is available for download on Apple and Android mobile devices, is critical to ensuring all Florida schools are safe environments where students and educators can experience and share the joy of learning without fear.



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.



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