

Whoo's News

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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

We have a busy February at PPE! Broward County Public Schools has designated February 1, 2019 as "Take Your Child to Work Day." This event is designed to help children between the ages of 8-18 learn about job possibilities. Your child is excused if you filled out a field trip form by the deadline.

The Principal's Reading Challenge begins this month on February 1, 2019 and ends on March 15, 2019. The theme is "Reading is Magic!" Help your child meet his/her individual reading goal in order to participate! See page two of this newsletter for more information.

The PTA is hosting our annual Family Fun Night on February 8, 2019 from 5:00pm-8:30pm at Pop Travers Field. They have planned fun activities and will have food trucks at this annual family event!

National School Counseling Week, "School Counselors: Providing Lessons for Life," will be celebrated from February 4-8, 2019. We appreciate everything Mrs. Miles does for our school. She will be moving to Martin County in April and will be deeply missed. Please take the time to thank her during this special week for everything she has done for PPE!

Regular student attendance is important for learning and progress throughout the school year. The state's financial support for schools is directly linked to attendance. To ensure our attendance records are counted for maximum state funding, please have your child attend school from February 4-8, 2019.

On February 14, 2019, Broward County Public Schools will invite the entire community to participate in "A Day of Service and Love." At PPE we will be encouraging members to wear maroon and silver or red in honor of the MSD one-year commemoration. We will also be making Hearts for our City Fire and Police Heroes as part of a service project extension from our Hearts for Heroes for the military. Stay tuned on social media to see pictures.

On the last page of this Whoo's News, you can find important internet resources. It is important to reinforce and practice skills children are learning at school at home. Time spent on these programs is time WELL SPENT! The programs will help your child(ren) be successful on the upcoming assessments.

Finally, the mindset of the month is **Passion First**. "Passion First teaches that we are each a unique expression of human existence and that our lives should be focused on finding our unique genius and sharing it with the world to the maximum extent possible. You will learn to make your dreams authentic, and of such critical importance that you'll find the fuel to overcome the obstacles you're certain to face along the way."

"Seas the Day! Make February Ridiculously Amazing!"

Julie Gittelman
Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1	Reading Challenge Begins
February 1-8	BSA Make-Ups 3 rd -5 th
February 1	National Wear Red Day
February 1	Take Your Child To Work Day
February 1	PTA & Coffee Talk @ 8:15am
February 4-8	School Counselor Week
February 4	SAC/SAF @ 2:25pm
February 6	Seminole MS visits 5 th grade
February 6	Internet Safety SPHS @ 6:00pm
February 7	NAEP Select 4 th graders
February 7	PTA Smencil Sale ends
February 8	PTA Family Fun Night
February 11	Elocution Finals KDG-2 nd
February 12	Elocution Finals 3 rd -5 th
February 12	Interim Reports
February 14	MSD Day of Service & Love
February 18	No School/President's Day
February 19	Health Screenings (K, 1 st , 3 rd)
February 21	Early Release @ 12:10pm
February 21	Hands-On Science Day

*February is African American History Month!
Character Trait for February is Honesty!
The Mindset of the Month is Passion First!*

ELEMENTARY TESTING SCHEDULE

January 28– March 21, 2019
ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELL)

Current - February 8, 2019
Grades 3-5 BSA Make-Ups

February 7, 2019
NAEP Select Students Grade 4

March 18-19, 2019
2nd Grade CogAT

April 2, 2019
Grades 4 and 5 FSA ELA Writing

April 2-3, 2019
Grade 3 FSA ELA

May 1-2, 2019
Grade 4th-5th FSA ELA

May 3 & 6, 2019
Grade 5 Science

May 7-8, 2019
Grade 3rd-5th FSA ELA

May TBA, 2019
Grades 1 and 2 Primary End of Year Reading

HELP US GET THE WORD OUT

April 16, 2019 @ 8:30am will be our time to have prospective new families look at our wonderful school at our "Hey Look Us Over" event for kindergartners and new families within our boundaries. Help us get the word out! Thank YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. Kirik
for winning Staff Character of the Year!



READING ACROSS BROWARD

Just a reminder, the Reading Across Broward forms are due Tuesday, April 2, 2019. This list should include all books read since April 2, 2018. Students in K-2nd grades need to read 100 different books on their level. Those in 3rd-5th grades need to read 50 different books. All forms need to include five award books. Award books in our school's collection are labeled with a sticker on the spine. The students who complete these goals will receive a trophy at their end-of-year awards assembly.

ELOCUTION

PPE's Elocution "Poetry in Motion" Finals will take place on Monday, February 11th at 8:30am for Grades K, 1, 2 and on Tuesday, February 12th at 8:30am for Grades 3, 4, and 5. Finalists, please practice your poems and be ready to WOW our judges with your poetic interpretations. Students are judged on facial expressions, eye contact, poise, gestures, memory, voice inflection, diction, and pronunciation. We look forward to another dazzling display of POETRY IN MOTION at the ELOCUTION FINALS. All parents are welcome to attend. *Thank You, Mrs. Peterson, Elocution Moderator.*

SPELLING BEE

On January 22nd, the top spellers from each 4th and 5th grade classroom competed for the 1st place spot in the PPE Spelling Bee. Nola Morgan, a 4th grader, took 1st place and will continue on to the Script's National Spelling Bee in March. Way to go super spellers! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact *Mrs. Ross, Spelling Bee Coordinator.*

TAKE NOTE... GENERAL MUSIC NEWS

PPE is proud to present... the 2019 Music In Our Schools Month Classroom Concert Series- ALL MUSIC, ALL CHILDREN: 'SEAS' THE POWER OF MUSIC!- to be held March 15-20, 2019 in the music room! Each class will present a 30-minute concert during their regular music time, to include musical presentations of classic children's literature. Students will continue singing, playing instruments, moving, thinking critically, and creating music, as they prepare to dazzle you. Parents and friends are invited to attend this entertaining celebration (see flyer going home soon for exact dates/times)! The class in each grade with the highest parent attendance percentage will receive a popcorn party. **Also, 3rd-5th grade students will soon receive their recorder order forms, which are due back by February 15, 2019 to Mrs. Greggs for a homework grade.** Having a recorder in class is part of your child's music grade this spring, so every child must either purchase, or borrow a free instrument by February 15, 2019. Last, mark your calendars NOW for the **PPE STAMP FAIR on March 13, 2019 from 6:30-8:00pm**, where science and the specials programs will be featured during a hands-on parent night. Hope to see you at all these events, and have a fabulous February! -*Nicole Greggs, NBCT- EMC Music.*

IMPORTANT

PRINCIPAL'S READING CHALLENGE

The Principal's Reading Challenge will run February 1 to March 15, 2019! This is a schoolwide challenge to increase independent reading. The theme for this year is "Reading is Magic!"

Pre KDG and KDG: 25 (ten minute) sessions

All students are responsible for tracking their own time on a reading log that was specially designed for the challenge. Parents should initial the log nightly. **Logs are due March 15th.**

1st-5th Grades: SRC Data

All students are responsible for meeting their individual Scholastic Reading Counts student goal that was set with your child's homeroom teacher. **Scholastic Reading Counts data will be pulled on March 15th.**

The top reader at each grade will attend a pizza lunch with administration and our Literacy Coach. A closing activity will be held on March 21, 2019. If your child meets his/her individual reading goal, he/she will get to participate in a special magic show and assembly. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

ROBOTICS TEAM

Congratulations to our Robotics Team for placing 5th place out of 20 schools during their first competition on January 19, 2019. Special thanks to Ms. C. Smith and Mrs. D. Hagan for leading the team!

CHORUS CORNER

Plantation Park Singers have begun learning new spring music and preparing for our annual **Musicianship Tests**, which will be given on February 19, 2019. Our Spring Sing-a-Thon is February 22, 2019 from 2:10pm-6:30pm. This fun fundraising event raises needed funds for our choir and general music program and provides performance opportunities for our developing singers. Spring Sing-a-Thon pledge sheets will go home soon. 50% of pledges earned by each child this spring may be used to fund a child's Spring end-of-year event. Also, this month, signed 2nd quarter Chorus report cards are due back from every chorister by February 22, 2019. Choristers should soon be able to **access spring practice music through their chorus course in Canvas, Looking ahead:** we will compete in Orlando, FL on **March 8, 2019 in the MUSIC USA Festival** for a rating and prize; our annual "Hey Look Us Over" performance will be April 16, 2019, and our spring show "PIRATES- THE MUSICAL!" will be held May 17, 2019 at SPSHS (PPE date TBA). In May, we are also looking forward to the Broward County Elementary Music Performance Assessment Festival. Watch for emails regarding all of these events.

Parents, if you have not been receiving Chorus emails, please EMAIL MRS. GREGGS from your correct email address, so that you don't continue to miss important information. Thanks! The next PPSBA General Chorus parents meeting will be held February 22, 2019 at 5:45pm in the cafeteria, in conjunction with the Sing-a-Thon Concert. We GREATLY NEED AND APPRECIATE your input and help. Hope to see you there! Sing-cerely, -*Nicole Greggs, NBCT- EMC Music.*

PTA

Our next Coffee Talk is scheduled on February 1, 2019 at 8:15am in the Media Center. Please join us to find out more about the great PTA sponsored events and activities at PPE.

Join PTA on Facebook!

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

VALENTINE SMENCILS

Valentine Smencils sales run from January 30th - February 7th. **Deadline is February 7th no exceptions.** An order form will be sent home with your child. If you need more order forms, they will be available in the front office. Smencils are ideal for parents to purchase for their kids or kids to purchase for their friends. They cost \$1.50 each. Please send in the exact amount. No change will be provided; any left over money will be used as a donation to the PTA. Don't wait....limited supplies available!

BOXTOPS

Our current Box Tops contest ends February 27, 2019. Collect your Box Tops and bring them in a Ziploc bag with your child's teacher's name on it. The class in each grade with the most Box Tops will win a cookie party. Bring in your Box Tops now! They will go towards the end of year totals.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us on Friday, February 8th at 5:00pm-8:30pm, for our Family Fun Night at Pop Travelers Field. You don't want to miss it! Bring the whole family to have some FUN! Activities include: playground, movie, slime lab, face painting, bounce houses, Food Trucks, a craft station and more. We're working hard to make this NEW event the BEST Family Night ever! Enjoy the evening with PPE teachers, staff and families and celebrate PPE! We hope to see you there! **Park in the back of Seminole Park and walk over the bridge. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket!**

PPE VOLUNTEERS

Calling all PPE volunteers! We need your help! We are looking for volunteers to join the Family Fun Night Committee. The event runs from 5:00pm-8:30pm. We need help setting up and picking up. We also need student volunteers for this event. They can help with set-up, clean-up, selling popcorn, cotton candy, waters, etc. If you are interested in volunteering or have children interested in volunteering, please email ppeptaevents@gmail.com. Students will receive volunteer hours for this event.

PTA AUCTION / RAFFLE / DINNER

We are looking for items for the Auction and Raffle to be held on April 12, 2019. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year that supports many of our school programs. No item is too large or too small! Every item helps! If you or your company would like to donate, please send in your items to the front office or contact Alejandra Cruz at atcruzalejandra26@gmail.com. Or, if you simply think of a place you are willing to ask for a donation, contact Alejandra to make sure they are not already on our list. We would love to have you contact them. We will recognize your business in our school newsletter, Facebook page and our PTA website www.ppe.my-pta.org. Thank you for your support! More information will be coming home soon, as well as, raffle tickets to purchase and grade level specific baskets.

YEARBOOK NEWS

YEARBOOKS are on SALE now! They are for \$26, after March 1st they will be \$31! Yearbooks can be purchased from our PTA Website www.ppe.my-pta.org You will receive a flyer in your child's Wednesday folder and an email was sent as well with info about ordering. The yearbook is a BIG project! We need pictures. We are looking for pictures from all grade levels. If anyone has pictures, please email them to ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com Attn: Yearbook Staff or upload them directly to the yearbook site. Details can be found on the PTA website www.ppe.my-pta.org on how to upload pictures and how to create an ad. Time is running out...so get your pictures in! Deadline to pay for your ads, 5th grade baby pictures and well-wishers is February 1, 2019. Upload your ad onto our yearbook site www.commpe.pictavo.com.

ESE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

All District ESE Advisory Meetings are held monthly. This month the meeting is being held on February 20, 2019 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, February 4, 2019 at 2:25pm. We look forward to your support. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Jones, SAC Chairperson.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

Broward County Public Schools has designated Friday, February 1, 2019 as "Take Your Child to Work Day." This event is designed to help **children between the ages of 8-18** learn about the array of job possibilities for their future. In an effort to ensure that students benefit from this experience, a curriculum packet has been developed for elementary, middle and high school students. You may pick up a copy at the front office and/or on the District website. This is considered an approved field trip and is not considered an absence. However, the District Field Trip forms were due **by January 25, 2019**. Also, every student must turn in any assignments missed, unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher.

HEARTS FOR HEROES

We will be giving Valentines to men and women in the military this month. It is the perfect time to make a positive gesture to those who are helping others. We appreciate our armed services!

ONLINE INTERNET SAFETY NIGHT

South Plantation High School is hosting an informational session about Online Safety on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 6:00p.m. It's hosted by Plantation PD and we highly recommend attending. You will learn what to watch out for, how to monitor your kid's online activity, and how to talk to them about it.

REMINDER OF SCHOOL POLICIES

Please be reminded that the school office closes at 3:10pm. The JCC Aftercare is not allowed to remove your child from afterschool programs (chorus/clubs/etc.) or allow you access/entry into the school. If you need assistance, please arrive **PRIOR TO 3:10pm**, as JCC staff cannot assist you with anything related to school business.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



RESOURCES

CONGRATULATIONS to our Principal's Honor Roll students for the second quarter: Afsana Ria, Aidan Fitzgerald, Alex De Armas, Alexander Killings, Amina Swain, Anita Miller, Ava Vitale Sclafani, Ayaan Khan, Ayman Khan, Bradley Stevenson, Brady Swartzwelder, Caiden Douglas Jacques, Chloe Cave, Derek Brown, Dontae Young, Dylan Saito, Ella Pardillo, Ella Staszsky, Emily Padillo, Grace Boehly, Hailee Alexander, Harper Souilliard, Harrison Robbins, Hunter Zealy, Isabella Corbett, Isaiah Fernandez, Jackson Codd, Jacob Thomas, Jayden Johnson, Jordan Sanders, Jori Collins, Karina Madraymootoo, Kastani Whittington, Kaydence Russell, Kay-Lynn Foster, Khayla Chetty, Krishna Gosine, Leah Millon, Leyla Cruz, Lorelei Sverak, Lucas Rodriguez, Luciano Perez, Mackenzie Barter, Macy Sznitken, Madison Barter, Madison Quara, McKenna Henschel, Michael Fleitas, Natalia Brown, Nathaniel Madraymootoo, Nicolas Paul, Nola Morgan, Penelope Stiles, Rebecca Held, Sarah Ferrer, Sasha Jahangirnezhad, Sofia Montefusco, Sofia Schafer, Sydney Thomas, Taylor Peterson, and Tyler Hunter.

February's Character Trait is HONESTY. You show honesty by being truthful, trustworthy, and sincere. Honesty is a unique character trait because while you can be rewarded for it, you can also be punished for it. Talk to your child about a time you had to choose between telling the truth and telling a lie. Explain the advantage of being a truth-teller. It's much easier to tell the truth than to live a lie! Congratulations to all our January Respect Kids of Character! Check out the counseling bulletin board to see them!

National School Counselor's Week is February 4-8, 2019. If everyone had the chance to experience all of the positivity and growth I witness everyday, the world would really be a better place. Your children make my job the best job in the school!

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 that are experienced in everyday life. For appointments and information please call 754-323-1950.

MSD ANNIVERSARY

On February 14, 2019, we will remember the tragedy that struck our community just a year ago. I ask that you be aware of what your child watches on TV if he/she is sensitive to the reporting. Please reach out if you need support.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANNING

A counselor and administrator from Seminole Middle School will present to our 5th graders on February 6, 2019. Even if your child will not attend Seminole Middle School, they will receive valuable information about middle school years.

SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION WINDOW

The 2019/20 School Choice application window ends **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. PPE will have open reassignment seats! Help spread the word.

I-READY

All KDG-5th graders have been enrolled in i-Ready reading and math to assess and provide individualized instruction based on each student's unique needs.

[SBBC student single sign-on](#)

Username: Given by the teacher

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FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT (FSA)

Up to date information, practice tests, answers to frequently asked questions, etc. can be found at:

<http://www.fsassessments.org>

FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Your source for Florida Standards. This site is new! You will find resources located from all over the web to support learning in language arts, mathematics, science, civics, and more.

<http://www.floridastudents.org>

BEEP

Utilize online textbooks, databases, games, software tools, etc. Check out the many resources beep.browardschools.com/ssoPortal/index.html

Username: Student #

Password: Birth Date

MATH ACTIVITIES

Teaches K-6 math using hands-on and interactive mini-games. These immersive bite-sized apps for tablets and personal computers are based on a modular and spiral learning system.

matific.com

BRAIN POP

Brainpop engages students through animated movies, learning games, interactive quizzes, primary source activities, concept mapping, and more. Check it out!

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KHAN ACADEMY

Khan Academy is a great way for your child to get help with what they're learning in school or to learn something completely new.

www.khanacademy.org



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