

Whoo's News

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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

Happy New Year! The New Year has always been a time of reflection. We have had a successful first semester and continue to make strides increasing student achievement, focusing on our mindset of the month and TRIBES agreements, as well as, giving back to others through service projects.

Our push to increase technology continues with more classrooms using online resources. Students are busy learning to code, improving their keyboarding skills, using digital labs, document cameras, and wireless carts in their classrooms. Our after school student enrichment clubs are very popular. Session 2 begins this month. We have continued our recycling program and continue to help spruce up our building during school clean-ups. We are doing it all!

This year, our teachers continue to shine. Many of our teachers have taken additional hours of inservice. Our students are busy learning the Florida Standards to be college and career ready. We have increased rigor, text complexity, and differentiated centers to meet each child's unique needs.

Thanks to our strong community support, we have organized Family Nights again this year. In addition, the PTA has planned many wonderful activities to help make our school be the best it can be. We are also proud to have strong Partners in Education. As you can see, we are doing an amazing job in **all** areas!

New Year's is also a time for planning and envisioning the year ahead. As a parent, one of the most powerful areas in which you can influence your child is through their education. Here are a few suggestions:

- Have your child to school on time
- Celebrate your child's successes
- Take an interest in your child's homework
- Sign the agenda book daily (grades 1st-5th)
- Read with your child every night
- Remind your child he/she is special

January is a busy month! We will be conducting a vote for mandatory school uniforms for next year. Each household will be allowed one vote per District Policy #5309. You can off drop your ballot that went home on January 9th to school anytime during January 14-18th from 7:00am-6:00pm or bring it to the PTA meeting and Family Math Night on January 16th at Publix from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Implementation requires a 66 2/3 "YES" vote. As soon as the votes are tallied, we will send out the outcome.

Finally, the mindset of the month is **Live to Give** which teaches that to receive love, respect, and financial security, one must learn to give those things and knowing that good things will be returned to you in kind. Service projects help create self-worth and allows us to help others while feeling the great satisfaction of making a difference. At PPE we are involved in many service projects! Thank YOU for your support!

"Seas the Day! Make 2019 Ridiculously Amazing!"

Julie Gittelman

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 7	Planning Day-No School
January 8	Classes Resume
January 8	Begin 3 rd Quarter
January 10-11	Elocution Preliminaries
January 14	SAC/SAF Meeting @ 2:25PM
January 14	Clubs Session #2 Begins
January 14-18	School Uniform Vote
January 16	PTA Meeting-Publix-6:00pm
January 16	Math Night-Publix-6:30pm
January 21	No School/ Holiday
January 22	Spelling Bee 4 th -5 th Grades
January 22-25	No Name Calling Week
January 24-31	Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) Grades 3 rd -5 th
January 30	Report Cards

*January is Caribbean Heritage Month!
The Character Trait for January is Respect!
The Mindset of the Month is Live to Give!*

BROWARD STANDARDS ASSESSMENT (BSA)

Our 3rd-5th grade students will be administered the Broward Standards Assessment from January 24 – January 31, 2019 with additional make-up dates. Look for a separate letter with specific subject and dates. The assessment is used for diagnostic purposes to help the teachers know what standards the students mastered.

MATH FAMILY NIGHT

Experience how math connects to the real world! Families will search the aisles for answers to math questions and apply their math skills on a special grade level activity sheet. Publix will provide refreshments. First come, first served.

January 16, 2019

6:00pm-PTA Meeting
6:30pm-8:00pm-Math Activities
Publix on Peters Road and University Drive

SCHOOL-RELATED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Conscientious educational support personnel are vital to the successful operation of our school. The Broward School-Related Employee of the Year program recognizes exemplary non-instructional support personnel for their significant contributions. The Plantation Park Elementary 2018-2019 School- Related Employee of the Year is Ms. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hagan.

Ms. L. Hagan has been committed to the School Board of Broward County for three years, all at Plantation Park Elementary. She serves as one of our Education Support Personnel in the PreKDG classroom, ESP Union Steward, Breakfast Liaison, and Enrichment Club Sponsor. She is resourceful and a hard worker.

Ms. L. Hagan has excellent relationships with everyone she comes into contact with and is respected by her colleagues for her continued dedication to our school. This is evident by her peers voting for her as Broward School-Related Employee of the Year.

FIELD DAY APPRECIATION

Thank you to our volunteers and Coach Ottens for the Field Day and Jump Rope for Heart events held before Winter Break! The kids and adults all had fun thanks to YOU!

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TAKE NOTE... GENERAL MUSIC NEWS

Happy New Year! In December, general music classes studied music for winter, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and World Peace. We enjoyed reading & playing snowman rhythms on our drumkits. On WOWL, we heard music of the Romantic Era (1825-1900) including Beethoven's Fur Elise and 9th Symphony. In January, all grades will continue learning music theory and begin preparing for our March Concert Series, theme to be announced soon. We will also begin our recorder unit in grades 3-5. **Did you know all PPE students (grades K-5) can access their music songs and curriculum through Canvas** (click the orange circle on your Broward SSO Launchpad)? Canvas is a great way to find out what your child is learning in their music curriculum, so please take advantage! 2019 promises to be an exciting, musical year!! -Nicole Greggs, NBCT.

ELOCUTION

It is time for our annual Poetry in Motion Elocution Contest! The Preliminaries will be held on January 10th and 11th with student judges from South Plantation High School. Poems were sent home on Wednesday, December 19th. Be ready to WOW the judges. Students will be judged on facial expression/eye contact, poise, gestures, memory, voice inflection, diction, and pronunciation. First place class winners will go on to participate in the Elocution Finals on February 12th for Grades K-2, and February 13th for Grades 3-5. If your child makes it to the finals, he/she will be required to pick a NEW poem that they want to put in motion with gestures and facial expression! Thank you for your continued support. Let me know if you have any questions. Mrs. Peterson, Elocution Moderator.

SPELLING BEE

4th and 5th grade students will be participating in their class Spelling Bee. The schoolwide Spelling Bee will be held on January 22, 2019. The top speller will be attending the Miami Herald Spelling Bee and will compete against other countywide winners. If you have any questions or want to see a copy of the Spelling Bee rules, please feel free to contact Mrs. Ross, Spelling Bee Coordinator.



HEARTS FOR HEROES

We will be making Valentines in January for our annual Hearts for Heroes service project. If you have a family member in the military, please let the front office know their address and we will send them special cards/notes. We would need to know by the end of January.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Thank you to those that sent in applications for After School Enrichment Clubs Session #2. Club assignment notices will be going home on January 9, 2019. Clubs will begin on Monday, January 14, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Banos, Enrichment Club Coordinator at georgette.banos@browardschools.com.

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.

CHORUS CORNER

Great job chorus at our winter "Songs of the SEAS- on!" concerts held December 17th-18th! The Plantation Park Singers are happy to be back in the "sing" of things! Since our holiday concert at SPHS, we have begun learning new spring music and preparing for our annual musicianship tests. 2nd quarter Chorus report cards will be sent home this month. Choristers should also soon receive their updated spring practice music, which will include songs from our spring show. Practice music karaoke files will be in the Chorus Canvas course soon. This is an AWESOME resource!

Several chorus openings will be filled this month. Level 3 or better FSA scores, and/or report card grades of C or higher in all subjects with no "3"'s are required to participate. For information or to express interest, email Mrs. Greggs at Nicole.greggs@browardschools.com or visit www.musicmakerscamp.com. Click the link for PPE Chorus. The Spring Sing-a-Thon pledge sheet will soon go home, as well. A percentage of pledges earned by each child may offset costs for our upcoming performances and end-of-year events. Parents, if you have not been receiving Chorus emails, please EMAIL MRS. GREGGS from your correct email to be added to our mailing list. Have a great month! Sing-cerely, Nicole Greggs, NBCT.

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, January 14th at 2:25pm. Our next South Plantation Innovation Zone meeting is February 1, 2019 @ 10:00am at the Helen B. Hoffman library. Both the Plantation and South Plantation Zones will be present, as well as, elected city officials. We look forward to your support. If you have questions, please contact the school.

ESE ADVISORY MEETINGS

ESE Advisory meetings are held monthly. The next meeting is being held on January 16, 2019 from 6:30pm-9:00pm. It will be the 4th Annual Family Resource Fair held at Piper High School.

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 must be returned **by January 25, 2019**. Also, every student must turn in any assignments missed, unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher.

PTA UPDATES

FAMILY FUN DAY

Our annual Family Fun Day is *Saturday, February, 9th*. Mark your calendar! Bring the whole family for fun games, bounce houses, food, music and more. Spend the day with PPE teachers, staff and families. Watch in your Wednesday folder for a flyer with more detailed information soon! We're working very hard to make this event FUN! If you're interested in being on the committee, please email Mrs. Smith at ppeevents@gmail.com.

PTA AUCTION / RAFFLE / DINNER

Our FINAL Fundraising event of the year is always the most fun! We need your participation to make this one a success! Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase technology software programs and enrichment newsprint to help our school. It is important that we have volunteers to help our wonderful Auction Chairwomen to organize the event. We need your help to make it a success! The auction will be held on *Friday, April 12th* and is combined with a dinner for you to enjoy while bidding on fabulous items! If you or the company you work for would like to donate, please send in your items to the front office or contact Alejandra at acruzalejandra26@gmail.com Or if you simply think of a place that you are willing to ask for a donation, contact Alejandra to make sure they are not already on our list and if not, we would love to have you contact them. We will recognize any business that donates in our school newsletter, on our PTA Facebook page, and on our PTA Website at ppe.my-pta.org. No item is too large or too small!

BOX TOPS

Thank you to everyone for turning in your Box Tops. We are collecting again and you have until **March 1, 2019** to turn in Box Tops towards the spring contest. Make sure you write your child's teacher's name on the baggie!

YEARBOOK NEWS

Our yearbook is currently under construction as we move into 2019. This year we have decided to do a hard-cover yearbook again, so the memories will last for a long time! Please continue to upload your photos directly to the yearbook website <https://commpe.pictavo.com>. Remember without pictures, we have no yearbook. Let's make it a book to remember! Look for info soon with details on how to purchase the 2018-19 PPE yearbook.

MEMBERSHIP

It's not too late to join the PTA. We are still accepting membership applications. They are available in the front office. All memberships received to date have been processed. If you have not received your membership card, please contact ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com.

SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY

On January 7th, Aetna Health Insurance and PTA Board Member, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Trinidad, helped to beautify the school. This is a continuation of the work that was performed during the summer. They were busy painting, picking up litter, and doing gardening. Thank YOU very much for volunteering your time to help PPE!

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Check us out on Facebook for updates on upcoming events and reminders: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PPEPTA/>.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Congratulations to all of our December Kindness Kids of Character! Check out the counseling bulletin board to see them! January's Trait is *RESPECT!* You show respect by not calling people mean names, treating people with courtesy, caring enough about yourself that you don't do things you know can hurt you.

January's Mindset of the Month is *LIVE TO GIVE!* Ask yourself what you can do to provide greater value to others and expect nothing in return.

SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION WINDOW

The 2019/20 School Choice application window ends **February 6, 2019**. During the window, parents and guardians may submit three applications, one in each of the following application categories: magnet programs, Nova schools, and reassignments. Magnet Schools are holding their Open Houses through January, so it's a perfect time to preview what they have to offer. PPE has a limited number of reassignment seats open if you have friends that want to come to our special school, let them know the deadline!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANNING

Seminole Middle School is hosting a parent night on Tuesday, *January 15, 2019 at 6:00pm*. You are welcome to take your family to hear the information. A counselor and administrator will be coming to PPE to share information with our 5th grade students about course selection.

TITLE I PARENT SURVEY

Broward County Public Schools is administering the Title I survey at this time to help our school find out how well we are working with you. Your opinion is important to us and we ask that you take the time to complete the survey. In order to complete the survey, go to our website for the direct link: www.browardschools.com/plantationpark.

The survey ends January 18, 2019.

Thank you in advance for supporting our improvement efforts.



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