

Whoo's News

Ms. Julie Gittelman, Principal
Mr. Peter Policastro, Intern Assistant Principal
JUNE 2018



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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

We are very proud of everyone for the hard work performed this year. We have many reasons to cheer:

- Increase in student achievement
- Golden School Apple Award- 34th year in a row
- After School Enrichment Clubs (two sessions)
- Scholastic Reading Counts incentive program
- Focused Professional Learning Communities
- Sight Word Program KDG-2nd
- iReady Reading and Math KDG-5th
- 1st-3rd Place District MyOn Challenge Winners
- CODE RED Drill and increased security protocol
- 3rd Place "How Low Can You Go" Heat Challenge
- Staff of Character District Winner, Mrs. Thomas
- Chorus Awards throughout County and State
- Five Recordex SMART television sets
- \$50,000+ SMART Bond Music Equipment
- One-on-one digital devices 3rd-5th grades
- Increase of student/ teacher computers
- Social Emotional Learning Zone Project
- Daily Language Review Curriculum 1st-5th
- Continued schoolwide agreements and pledge
- Increased tutorials and enrichment sessions
- Whoo's Been Caught Reading
- Cafeteria Behavior Incentive Plan
- Think B4U Post and Digital Citizenship
- Increased recess and choice time (50 total minutes)
- Family Nights: Literacy, Math, and STAMP
- Just Say No, Career Day, GRADE, Spelling Bee, Elocution, Music Bee, Make Your Own Instrument, Math Competition, Chess, and Essay Contests
- Principal's Reading and Math Challenges
- Wonderful PTA activities and fundraisers
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Latino's in Action
- Universal Free Breakfast Program
- Family Nights at our Partners in Education: TCBY, Barnes and Noble, Publix, McDonald's and more
- Service projects: Patriotic Program, Honor Flight, Harvest Drive, Hearts for Heroes, Pink Day, Relay for Life, Jump Rope for Heart, Band-Aid Drive, and Wear Blue for Diabetes and Orange for Gun Violence Awareness.
- Anti-bullying/TRIBES/Peace Week activities
- Human Life Curriculum
- Emailed communication, less paper copies xeroxed
- and more!

This summer we are asking all children to keep their skills fresh by participating in the suggested school activities. Look for a flyer with the report cards on the last day of school. Students that practice their skills will start the next school year with more success.

Congratulations to our 5th graders! Congratulate yourselves for the goals you have achieved and for being someone very special. Celebrate yourself through a future filled with success. We will miss you!

Thank YOU for everything you have done to fill this year with learning and fun! Happy summer!

Be All You Can Be at PPE! Mission Possible!
Julie Gittelman
Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 1	National Gun Violence Awareness Day
June 1	3 rd Grade Awards @ 8:30am
June 1	5 th Grade Orlando Field Trip
June 4	4 th Grade Awards @ 8:30am
June 5	5 th Grade Moving Up @ 8:30am
June 6	Early Release @ 12:10pm
June 6	Last Day of School / Report Cards
June 7	Teacher Planning
August 1	Kindergarten Screening
August 14	Meet and Greet @ 8:00am-9:00am
August 15	First Day of School
August 29	PK-2 Open House @ 6:30pm-7:30pm
September 5	3-5 Open House @ 6:30pm-7:30pm

SUMMER HOURS

The front office will be open during the summer Monday to Thursday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

MEET AND GREET

Mark your calendars for August 14th from 8:00am-9:00am for our annual Meet and Greet. Stop by the school to meet your child's teacher and locate the classroom! We will be passing out student/teacher assignments this day. You can also purchase PPE t-shirts and other Owl Shop items.

AFTERCARE NEWS

Aftercare registration will take place at the JCC this summer. For an application, please call 954-792-6700. Scholarship assistance is available. They will also be at the Meet and Greet to register families.

OPEN HOUSE 2018

Open House grades PK-2 will be held on August 29th and grades 3-5 on September 5th. Open House is a time for the teacher to review their curriculum and instructional focus for the year. More information will be sent home in August.

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS

June 1, 2018 has been designated as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. We are encouraging all of our students, employees, and community stakeholders to wear orange in support of this cause.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Criscuolo, Retirement
Mrs. Gordon, Retirement
Mrs. Heinrich, Retirement
Mr. Kornhauser, Math Coach Oakridge Elementary
Mrs. Tully, Retirement

THEME FOR 2018-2019

The Support Staff and Team Leaders recently voted on the theme for next year. "Seas the Day!" "PPE Life!"

CAFETERIA NEWS

The free and reduced meal application period will begin on July 20, 2018 at www.myschoolapps.com or call 754-321-0250 for a paper application. We will have access for parents to complete the online application at our school if you need additional assistance. We will continue with the Universal Free Breakfast program next year. In addition, the current lunch meal prices will remain the same for 2018-2019.



PTO / SAC / SAF / PPSBA

Thank you to ALL of the parents and volunteers that assisted us with our many activities this year. A HUGE thank you to the officers and committee chairs for their time, commitment, and leadership to our school. You are the BEST! We hope you enjoyed our Volunteer and Partner Appreciation Breakfast!

PTA BOARD 2018-19

Congratulations to our PTA Board for next year!

- PTA President: Amanda Castilla
- Treasurer: Crystal Bond
- Secretary: Brooke Barter
- VP Fundraising: Heather Souza
- VP Technology: Julie Robbins
- VP Volunteers: Alejandra Cruz
- VP Events: Stefanie Smith
- VP Hospitality: Yami Cotilla
- VP Membership: Jessica Trinidad

DONUTS FOR DADS

At PPE we appreciate all of our family members! Donuts for Dad, held on May 24th, was a success! Research shows that children do better in school when dads or male role models are involved with their children. Special thanks to Mr. Apodaca, Mr. Montefusco, Mr. Policastro, and the PTA for organizing this special annual event.

STAFF APPRECIATION ESSAY WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students for winning the Staff Appreciation Essay Contest! They got to eat lunch with administration and the staff member they wrote about! Riley Welch-Mrs. Pardillo (KDG), Aida Anderson-Mrs. Heinrich (1st), Finley Smith-Mr. Kirik (2nd), Lorenzo Barreda-Mrs. Welch (3rd), Lorelei Sverak-Mrs. Rice-Haines (4th), and Jaden Jennings-Mr. Ramsey (5th).

Congratulations to Finley Smith who also won an essay contest at Pediatric Dentistry. Her teacher, Mr. Kirik, won \$250 for his class!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

During the school year I give out supplies to students in need. If you're one of those people who shop the sales for Back-to-School items, I'm always happy to take backpacks, pencils, composition books, and folders!

Worried about your child having too much downtime in the summer? Get them involved in community service! There are plenty of ways to give back right here in Plantation. Visit volunteermatch.org for age appropriate opportunities. Don't forget to take pictures and email them to Carolyn.Miles@browardschools.com and tell her about their volunteering experience.

The Family Counseling Program offers free individual and family counseling over the summer. Call 754-321-1590 to find a location near you. Services are available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.

Stay active, stay safe, and be grateful!

BCPS SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Broward County Schools Public Information Office is excited to announce the launch of the 2018 Summer Online Resource Programs at browardschools.com/summerprograms. There are a variety of summer activities and resources designed to meet the needs of our students and families.

BAND-AID DRIVE

Thank YOU very much for sending in decorative Band-Aids to support Shala Foundation Children's Hospital and the Hearts for Kylee Foundation. At last count, PPE collected 527 boxes of Band-Aids! Special thanks to Mrs. Ross and her class for coordinating this event.

TAKE ACTION

In an effort to assist stakeholders advocacy efforts, the District created the Legislative Education Action and Online Resource. Please keep up to date with the latest issues and visit: <http://www.browardschools.com/school-board/legislative-information>.

COMING TO PPE 2018-2019

Next year we will be starting a Debate Club at PPE! Speech and debate students learn research, logic, organization of ideas, manipulation of language, assessment of audience, self-esteem and engagement in world events.

We are also bringing Zones of Regulation to PPE schoolwide. "Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it." Self-regulation is something everyone continually works on whether or not we are cognizant of it. We all encounter trying circumstances that test our limits from time to time. If we are able to recognize when we are becoming less regulated, we are able to do something about it to manage our feelings and get ourselves to a healthy place. This comes naturally for some, but for others it is a skill that needs to be taught and practiced. This is the goal of The Zones of Regulation.

Having Debate and Zones of Regulation at PPE not only build better students, they build better citizens. Stay tuned for more information!

SUMMER LEARNING

Please check out all of the suggested summer slide prevention activities being sent home with the Report Cards on the last day of school. Many children, especially struggling students, forget some of what they've learned or slip out of practice during the summer months. Just like with playing a sport, Reading and Math are skills that must be practiced. It is important to keep your child's mind engaged over the summer so they will not fall victim to the summer slide.



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