

# Whoo's News

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PPE → LIFE



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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- 35<sup>th</sup> year in a row
- After School Enrichment Clubs (two sessions)
- Added Debate and Owlbots Robotics Clubs
- Scholastic Reading Counts incentive program
- A Day of Service and Love on February 14, 2019
- Focused Professional Learning Communities
- Sight Word Program KDG-2<sup>nd</sup>
- iReady Reading and Math KDG-5<sup>th</sup>
- CODE RED Drills and increased security protocol
- Chorus Awards throughout County and State
- \$50,000+ SMART Bond Music Equipment
- One-on-one digital devices 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Increase in student/teacher computers
- Internet Safety Zone and Stop the Bleed trainings
- Daily Language Review 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>
- 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
- BIGS, Pathways, and Latino's in Action mentors
- Universal Free Breakfast Program
- Family Nights at our Partners in Education: Barnes and Noble, Publix, 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, Soda Tab Drive, Wear Blue for Diabetes and Orange for Gun Violence Awareness
- Anti-bullying/TRIBES/Peace Week activities
- The 7 Mindsets monthly focus/book study
- Human Life /FLASH Curriculum
- Holocaust Survivor guest speaker 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> graders! Congratulate yourselves for the goals you have achieved and for being someone very special. Celebrate yourself through a future filled with success. I will miss you!

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

*"Seas the Day! Make Each Day Ridiculously Amazing!"*  
Julie Gittelman  
Proud Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

June 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up @ 8:30am
June 4	Early Release @ 12:10pm
June 4	Last Day of School / Report Cards
June 5	Teacher Planning
July 31	Kindergarten Screening
August 13	Meet and Greet @ 8:00am-9:00am
August 14	First Day of School
August 28	PK-2 Open House @ 6:30pm-7:30pm
September 4	3-5 Open House @ 6:30pm-7:30pm

## SUMMER HOURS

The front office will be open during the summer Monday to Thursday.

## MEET AND GREET

Mark your calendars for August 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2019

Open House grades PK-2 will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup> and grades 3-5 on September 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 2, 2019 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. Gross, Retirement

## THEME FOR 2019-2020

The Support Staff and Team Leaders recently voted on the theme for next year. We are going with a sports theme! "All Star School!" "One Team, One Dream!"

## CAFETERIA NEWS

The free and reduced meal application period will begin on July 17, 2019 at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://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 2019-2020.



**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 2019-20**

*Congratulations to our PTA Board for next year!*

- PTA President: Stefanie Smith
- Treasurer: Dave Cave
- Secretary: Brooke Barter
- VP Fundraising: Jessica Trinidad
- VP Technology: Julie Robbins
- VP Volunteers: Michelle Livingston
- VP Events & Hospitality: Amanda Martin
- VP Membership: Brittany Mohler

**DONUTS FOR DADS**

At PPE we appreciate all of our family members! Donuts for Dad, held on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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, 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! Rosie Perez-Mrs. Greggs (KDG), Kayleen Jaramillo-Mrs. D. Hernandez (1<sup>st</sup>), Remy Mohler-Mr. Kirik (2<sup>nd</sup>), Sunita Melgoza-Ms. Holmes (3<sup>rd</sup>), Yalitzta Acevedo-Mr. Edwards (4<sup>th</sup>), and Valyncia Gordon-Mrs. Specht (5<sup>th</sup>).

**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](http://volunteermatch.org) for age appropriate opportunities.

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

There are a series of 18 videos that are available to parents of K-12 students on talking to youth about sexual health. Each video is 2-3 minutes in length. The email below takes you to each of the videos. [www.browardschools.com/Page/45860](http://www.browardschools.com/Page/45860)

*Stay active, stay safe, and be grateful!*

**2019 SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Exciting summer fun is just around the corner! Check out the 2019 summer programs at [browardschools.com/summerprograms](http://browardschools.com/summerprograms). This valuable resource provides a wide variety of exciting and fun-filled camps and programs that unlock curiosity, inspire engagement and promote learning throughout the summer. From Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, there is something for everyone.

**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 349 boxes of Band-Aids! Special thanks to Mrs. Ross and her class for coordinating this event.

**ROBOTICS**

Congratulations to Ms. Smith and Mrs. D. Hagan for receiving a \$750 Adapter Grant for Navigating the Vex-ing World of Robotics Competitions. This grant will go toward the PPE Owlbots Robotics Team next year. This was the first year our students participated in robotics competitions. They did amazing! Special recognition goes to our Owlbots Team and their leaders, Ms. Smith and Mrs. D. Hagan.

**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 your child will not fall victim to the summer slide.

**FORTIFYFL APP**

As a reminder, the state of Florida FortifyFL app is LIVE. 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](http://www.getfortifyfl.com). 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.



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