

Whoo's News

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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

The SMART Bond has allocated \$100,000 towards School Choice Enhancement projects at each school to improve the condition of the educational environment. The projects are chosen in a collaborative effort with the School Advisory Council (SAC), staff and the school community. Once the SAC has approved the proposed projects, they will be presented to the school community and staff for a final selection by way of a vote. Voting is by basic majority. Please attend the March 4th SAC meeting at 2:25pm to provide input. A District liaison will be in attendance to provide lessons learned and to help build our ballot.

Broward County Public Schools will be administering customer surveys this month in an effort to improve system practices in our school and District. Your opinion is important to us and we ask that you take the time to complete this survey. Your feedback is valued and appreciated. Thank you for your support!

March 13th will be a busy night at PPE. We will have our Spring Book Fair Family Night, PTA meeting, and our STAMP night. Stop by to see the hands-on science projects your children have been working on and learn about our special area classes.

The Principal's Reading Challenge is also this month on March 21st. Pay careful attention to the requirements on page 3 of this newsletter. I know the students' that earn the reward will enjoy the magic show and prizes.

The annual PTA Auction, Raffle, and Dinner will be held April 12th. The auction committee is busy planning the event. We need YOUR help! Please send in items to auction off, purchase raffle tickets, and plan on attending that evening. Help fund the many wonderful programs PTA helps support. Check out the details on page 3 of this newsletter! It's one of my favorite events! ©

STANDARDIZED TESTING begins next month! Mark your calendars now so you can be sure your children are present for their grade level assessments. It is important to communicate with your child's teacher any special needs your child may have. *Keep Calm and Believe! Achieve! Succeed!* Please continue to practice skills children are learning at school at home. Time spent on these programs is time well spent! See the last page of the newsletter for more information.

Finally, the mindset for this month is "**The Time is Now!**" It teaches us that all our power exists in the moment. We cannot change the past, and the future hasn't happened; the only thing to do is take purposeful action in the present to ultimately create the life of our dreams."

"Seas the Day! Make March Ridiculously Amazing!"

Julie Gittelman
Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4	SAC/SAF Meeting @ 2:25pm
March 5	GRADE Graduation-5 th grade
March 8	Chorus Orlando Field Trip
March 10	Day Light Savings Begins
March 11-15	Spring Book Fair
March 13	PTA and STAMP Night @ 6:00pm
March 15-20	General Music Concert Series
March 15	Principal Rdg Challenge Data Due
March 15	Wear Blue Day for Diabetes
March 18	Enrichment Clubs #2 End
March 18-19	CogAT Grade 2
March 21	Principal Reading Challenge
March 21	Early Release Day @ 12:10pm
March 21	PTA Chili's Day @ 11:00am-11:00pm
March 22	Planning Day-No School
March 25-29	Spring Break

*Women's History and Music in our Schools Month
Character Trait for March is Self-Control
The Mindset of the Month is the Time is Now!*

ELEMENTARY TESTING SCHEDULE

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

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 Math

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

COGNITIVE ABILITIES TEST CogAT

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be given this month to all 2nd graders as our universal screening for gifted services. The test will provide information regarding students' learning strengths and styles. If you have questions, call Mrs. Miles, Testing Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS

Adult Volunteer of the Year - Jessica Trinidad
Senior Volunteer of the Year - Judy Eason
Student Volunteer of the Year –
Savannah and Kaylee Kirik

GOOD-LUCK, WE WILL MISS YOU

Mrs. Miles, Moving to Martin County



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

Congratulations to the 2019 Elocution Winners: Kdg: Tommy Landis, 1st: Jacob Moscovitz, 2nd: Elijah Carrasquillo, 3rd: Jackson Codd, 4th: Taylor Peterson, and 5th: Sofia Montefusco. Many thanks to Ms. Gittelman, Mrs. Specht, Mrs. Crawford, and Mr. Watson for their assistance. A heartfelt thank you to our amazing judges, Mrs. Laurie Rich Levinson, Mrs. Denise Horland, Mrs. Teri Acquavita, Mrs. Betsy Roberts, Mrs. Keshia Mack, Mrs. Christine Henschel, and Mrs. Kathy Marlow. Also, thank you to our PTA for their generous support! Special thanks to Mrs. Peterson, Chair.

TAKE NOTE... GENERAL MUSIC NEWS

Spring Greetings! Did you know March is celebrated nationally as MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH (MIOSM)? At PPE, we are celebrating with a **CLASSROOM CONCERT SERIES** held 3/15-3/20 during general music classes in the music room. Every class is preparing a 30-minute concert with the theme "All Music, All People: SEAS the Power of Music!" Each grade level has composed an original musical production of classic children's literature! Check the flyer with your child's performance time & date (going home on 3/6)! Also, all children in grades PreK-5 are invited to enter our annual MAKE YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT CONTEST, deadline Early Release Day March 21. Because of its correlation with science & math, the contest is 33% of the 4th quarter Music grade for grades 3-5, & is optional (extra credit) in grades K-2. 1st/2nd/3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each grade. For ideas, Google-search "homemade musical instruments" and see what you find! The required entry form (on the emailed flyer, and posted in Canvas under Assignments in your child's music course) MUST be attached to each child's entry for credit. Good luck! FYI- All 3rd-5th graders should now be bringing recorders to class daily; not having an instrument in class lowers the daily participation grade. Special thanks also to Kara Boehly for her help in filling recorder orders! Flyers for March music events will go home soon! Have a magical, MUSICAL March! -Nicole Greggs, NBCT-Early/Middle Childhood.

STAMP AND SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT

We will host our next Family Night on March 13th, which is also the night of the Spring Book Fair. Stop by to see the hands-on science projects your children have been working on and learn about our special area classes. Our teachers have planned some very fun and informative presentations to help parents understand how critical thinking and integrated curriculum are implemented in PPE specials classes. Come out to see the fantastic things going on at PPE!

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found is located outside of the cafeteria. If your child has lost an item, please claim your item by Thursday, March 21st. All remaining items will be donated to a local charity.

CHORUS CORNER

Mrs. Greggs appreciates our wonderful PPSBA Board, donors, and volunteers for all of their help in implementing another successful **February Sing-a-Thon!** The Chorus sang beautifully & raised over \$1,800! Congrats to top pledge earners: 1st place- Katie Russell; 2nd Place- Lyla Young, & 3rd Place- Tiana Ortiz. Seniors stole the "Top Dawg" title from the Juniors by raising the most \$ per member! Parents critiqued the choir in preparation for our **3/8 MUSIC USA Competition trip**, and the Chorus earned a Superior rating of 91%! Check back next month to hear how we place in Orlando... All Choristers attending the 3/8 trip should bring their formal uniform for hem checks on 2/28, and there will be a PPSBA Board meeting at 5:30pm, followed by a chaperone meeting at 6:30pm, on Mon. Mar. 4. Rehearsal on 3/7 is only for those attending the trip, and will be held until 4pm. • **Musicianship tests** were given on 2/28 for all levels. Retakes will be announced after spring break for those who do not earn at least 90%. • **Chorus practice music is available on Canvas**- kids should log in and sing along at least once a week! • **Penny Wars are ongoing through 3/21**- so send in your spare change! Proceeds benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America. • **"Hey Look Us Over" performance is 4/16**- wear formal uniforms to school & bring a change of clothes for afterwards. We sing from 8-8:45am. • Our exciting & fun **spring show, "PIRATES- THE MUSICAL!"** will be held 5/15 at 8:30am & 9:30am at PPE, & 5/17 at 6:30pm at SPHS (choristers report by 5:30pm). Solo/speaker auditions will be held Fri. 3/1 & Wed. 3/6 until 3:10pm. • Our **end-of-year celebration is planned for 5/30** from 2:30-5:00pm at Heritage Park. • Parents- Remember to check email often- contact me if you are not receiving our weekly update. • The next PPSBA General meeting is Thurs. 4/11 at 6:30pm. Sing on! -Nicole M. Greggs, NBCT- Early/Middle Childhood Music.

ROBOTICS TEAM

Congratulations to our Owlbots for winning the most efficient and effective robot award during their 2nd competition on February 2nd. Special thanks to Ms. Smith and Mrs. D. Hagan for leading the team! Check out the robots at our STAMP Night on March 13th! Members of our team will be in the Computer Lab showing off their skills!

FLORIDA PANTHERS TICKETS

Congratulations to the students that had less than two full-day absences during the first semester! The District Attendance Office and the Florida Panthers provided them FREE hockey tickets for good attendance!

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

The PPE School Safety Committee is commissioning student artists to create posters encouraging students to notify an adult when they notice concerning or suspicious behavior or objects both in and outside of school. See the flyer that went home for details about this schoolwide poster contest. Posters are due April 2, 2019 to the front office. Winners will have their designs displayed throughout the school campus and will win awesome art kis!

PTA MEETING

Please join us for our next PTA Meeting, Family Night Book Fair, and STAMP Night on March 13th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. This will be an exciting meeting. If you would like to get involved with the board next year, please come to the meeting or express your interest by email at ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to adding new members to our amazing PTA board.

PTA SPRING BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Book Fair is scheduled March 11th-15th! We have the Book Fair to encourage our children to find books they love and to keep them reading. Students will be able to purchase books during their assigned time. The schedule with the day your child will attend will be sent home. Please consider volunteering! If you are able to help out for an hour or two, please email Stefanie Smith at ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com. *We also need help on Friday, March 8th @ 1:45pm for set-up if you are available.*

YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbooks are available online. Purchase your yearbook by going to our PTA website <http://ppe.my-pta.org>. Don't miss out, order your book today before it's too late! We will only be taking pre-orders. We are working hard to complete this year's amazing book and we are in need of classroom pictures! If you have pictures from any class parties, activities, field trips or field day please email them to ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com Attn: Yearbook Staff or upload them directly to the yearbook site. Upload your pictures and ads at <http://pictavo.com>.

PTA AUCTION / RAFFLE / DINNER

Alejandra Cruz, Yami Cotilla, and the Auction Committee have been working hard all year asking companies for donations of products and services to be auctioned off. **We need your help as this event is fast approaching.** The Auction, Raffle and Dinner will be held Friday, April 12, 2019 @ 5:30-8:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to assist at the event. This is an evening event and a great way for parents to get involved. Childcare activities are available for children ages five and older. Contact Alejandra Cruz at acruzalejandra26@gmail.com to volunteer to set-up, work from home, donate, or get more information.

The Auction and Raffle is our last major fundraiser of the school year. **We are looking for more items!** If you or your business would like to donate, please send in your items to the front office or contact Alejandra! 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 and on our PTA website at <http://ppe.my-pta.org>. For an updated list follow us on Facebook, www.Facebook.com/groups/PPEPTA.

GRADE LEVEL DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

The class that brings in the most basket items in each grade will win raffle tickets. Please send anything related to the theme by April 5, 2019.

- PreK and KDG: Girls want to have Fun!
- 1st Grade: Easter/Spring
- 2nd Grade: Outside and Waterworks Fun
- 3rd Grade: Arts and Crafts
- 4th Grade: Boys and Sports
- 5th Grade: Candy, Movie, and Game Night

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night was a huge success! We hope you had a nice time! The PTA would like to thank you for your continued support! A BIG THANK YOU to Stefanie Smith for chairing the event and the SPSHS students, Seminole Middle students and all of the many volunteers who helped work the event, set-up, and clean-up, especially Jessica Trinidad. It was amazing!

GOOD EATS CHILI'S FAMILY DAY

Bring your family and friends to Chili's in The Fountains on March 21st from 11:00am-11:00pm! 20% of your ticket will be donated to the PPE PTA!

Like us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/groups/PPEPTA/

ESE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

All District ESE Advisory Meetings are held monthly. This month the meeting is being held on March 20, 2019 from 9:00am-11:30am at Baudhin Preschool, 7600 SW 36th Street, Davie.

ESE SURVEYS

The FL Department of Education Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Parent Surveys were handed out in February. The online version of the survey is also available to all parents at www.esesurvey.com. The deadline to complete either the paper or online survey is May 31, 2019.

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, March 4th at 2:25pm. We will be discussing the SMART Bond and School Choice funds. We look forward to your support. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Jones, SAC Chairperson.

PRINCIPAL'S READING CHALLENGE

The Principal's Reading Challenge runs 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.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

March's Character Trait is SELF-CONTROL. You show self-control by practicing restraint over your emotions, impulses, or desires. If you recognize "if-then" relationships, you will become a master of self-control. *Congratulations to all of our February Honesty Kids of Character! Check out the counseling bulletin board to see them!*

It is my last month here and I want to tell you all that I'm truly going to miss my PPE family! It's not often that someone gets to work their dream job at their dream school, and I have been fortunate enough to have both of these the last five years. Mrs. Codd is one of my closest Counselor buddies and she is going to take great care of your children. She loves PPE and will do great things here!

The South Plantation High School Family Counseling Center provides FREE confidential counseling services for children and families of PPE. For appointments and information please call 754-323-1950.

MOTHER'S DAY CAKES

Due to the FSA testing calendar, we will not sell Mother's Day cakes this year. Please visit your local Publix to buy and decorate Mother's Day cakes for their special day.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Our After School Enrichment Clubs Session #2 will be ending on March 18, 2019. We want to thank all of our club sponsors for their hard work and dedication in bringing enriching opportunities to our students. We sincerely hope it was an enjoyable experience and that you continue to support our clubs next year. A special thank-you to Mrs. Banos, Coordinator.



WEAR BLUE FOR DIABETES

Wear blue and donate at least \$1.00 on March 15th to help raise funds for juvenile diabetes research! JDRF is the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Your donation will help make living with T1D safer and healthier, until it is no longer a threat. You play an integral role in turning **Type One** into **Type None**. Thank you for your support!

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.

RESOURCES

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

Username: Given by the teacher

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. 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.

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BRAIN POP

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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.

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