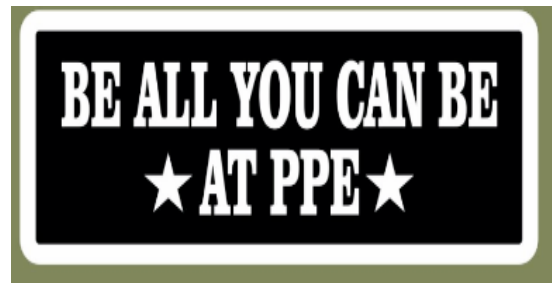


Whoo's News

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



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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

We have been continuing to reevaluate our safety practices. Beginning May 1st, we are going to have our JCC Aftercare dismissal from the front office from 2:40pm-6:00pm. We have also been locking our front gates and leaving them open during arrival and dismissal times. Thank you for your patience when you visit our school. Students will soon receive id badges. All students and staff are expected to wear their id badges at all times on campus. Beginning next year, we will have a new badge maker and plans in place for those students who arrive after id badges have been made and for those that lose their badge. The student id badges will remain on campus at the end of each day. Grades 3-5 will wear them on field trips. We have also had District staff evaluate our building to plan for upgraded video surveillance equipment and single point entry. Safety is a topic at our monthly SAC/SAF/PTA meetings. Plan on attending to provide your ideas!

We are finishing up testing this month! Thank YOU to the entire PPE team for your perseverance! Special thanks to Mrs. Miles, Testing Coordinator, for leading our team and to all students, proctors, test administrators, and the JCC for donating treats.

Broward County Schools honor students and staff annually for Character of the Year. Our student winner is 5th grader Joss Collins. Our staff Character of the Year Winner is Mrs. Thomas, 3rd Grade Teacher. Not only was Mrs. Thomas our school winner, but a District Winner, as well. She will be honored at the Broward Center for Performing Arts on May 7, 2018. We are very proud of both of them!

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK is MAY 7th-11th and National Teacher Day is May 8th. We hope that our teachers and staff always feel appreciated, but to help them feel extra special, this week is dedicated to them. May 10th will be our annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon. We look forward to the goodies sent in.

We are in the process of finalizing our budget recommendations for next year and will review them at our final SAC/SAF/PTA meeting on May 16th at 6:30pm. We will also review a DRAFT copy of our SAC goals and Parent Engagement Plan for next year. Your input is valued. Get involved, help your child, and help our school! We appreciate your support.

We couldn't do all we do without YOU! Thank you to the many volunteers who always go the extra mile. I want to recognize our Auction Chairs, Mrs. Cruz and Mrs. Cotilla for leading the most successful Auction at PPE. We raised over \$17,000 for safety and technology. We are celebrating YOU at our annual Volunteer and Partner in Education Appreciation Breakfast this month on May 18th at 8:15am. We hope you can attend and be recognized! Special thanks to our parent leaders and our departing 5th grade parents.

The month of May will be busy with several activities. I invite you to take the time to come out to our special school and participate in our many worthwhile events. We have a lot of reasons to celebrate!

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1	Begin JCC Front Office Dismissal
May 1-2	FSA Math 3, FSA ELA 4, Science 5
May 2	Interim Reports
May 7-11	Staff Appreciation Week
May 8-9	FSA Math 4-5, Primary Reading 1-2
May 8	National Teacher Day
May 10	PTA Staff Luncheon
May 10-June 1	iReady Assessment #3
May 11	KDG Program
May 14-24	Band-Aid Drive
May 16	SAC/PTA/SAF @ 6:30pm
May 18	Volunteer Breakfast @ 8:15am
May 18	Chorus @ SPSHS 6:30pm
May 23	5 th Grade GRADE Graduation @ 8:30am
May 24	Fathers in Education/Donuts for Dads
May 25	No School/Teacher Planning
May 28	No School/Memorial Day
May 29	PreK & KDG Awards @ 8:30am
May 30	1 st Grade Awards @ 8:30am
May 31	2 nd Grade Awards @ 8:30am

END OF YEAR AWARD CEREMONIES

May 29th @ 8:30am: PreK and KDG

May 30th @ 8:30am: 1st Grade

May 31st @ 8:30am: 2nd Grade

June 1st @ 8:30am: 3rd Grade

June 4th @ 8:30am: 4th Grade

June 5th @ 8:30am: 5th Grade

ELEMENTARY TESTING SCHEDULE

May 1 - May 9, 2018

Grade 3 FSA Math

Grades 4 and 5 FSA ELA and Math

Grade 5 Science

May 7 - 11, 2018

Grades 1 and 2 Primary End of Year Reading

Grades KDG-5

End of Year iReady Diagnostic

May 10-June 1, 2018

Select Students Grades KDG-5

BAS Final Reading Assessment

End of Year Good Cause Promotion Assessment(s)

May 1-June 6, 2018

BAND-AID DRIVE

PPE students and families will be collecting unopened boxes of themed/decorated band-aids to support the Salah Foundation Children's Hospital at Broward Health. Please help bring a smile to hospitalized children by sending in boxes from May 14-24, 2018. The class that donates the most boxes will receive a donut party! Thank you, Mrs. Ross, Coordinator.

FATHERS IN EDUCATION / DONUTS FOR DADS

At PPE we appreciate all of our family members! We will be honoring dads, uncles, grandfathers, etc. at PPE by inviting them to breakfast on May 24th! Research shows that children do better in school when dads and male role models are involved with their children.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped facilitate both our Fall and Spring Book Fairs. This school year, we have added 502 hardback books to our book collection. For those parents who aren't aware, when books have been checked out for more than 90 days, the computer system automatically marks them "lost" and assesses a fine. It is very important that books be returned and/or obligations are paid in a timely manner. These obligations remain with your child's record. Lastly, please remember that any books that have been read since April 1st should be included in next year's Reading Across Broward list. You can download forms on our PPE website. Please remember to record *different* titles on the list (books shouldn't be duplicated). Also, it's helpful if the exact title of the book is listed (i.e. instead of Diary of a Wimpy Kid #2, it should read: Rodrick Rules). Forms may be turned in any time prior to the deadline of April 2, 2019. However, they will not be accepted AFTER that date. Have a great summer and keep your children plugged into reading, Ms. Kim Worcester, Media Clerk.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to our Principal's Honor Roll students for the third quarter: *Alex De Armas, Alexander Fiduccia, Alexander Killings, Anika Perez, Anna Finnerty, Ariana Mars, Ava Vitale-Sclafani, Avinash Ramkissoon, Carson Plante, Darian Ramnarine, David Rivera, Devin Butts, Dylan Saito, Elena Lam, Ella Hollaway, Ella Pardillo, Ella Staszkesky, Grace Boehly, Grace Finnerty, Hans Gallart, Isabella Corbett, Isaiah Fernandez, Jacob Thomas, Jaimee Canalejo, Jasmyn Smit, Jason Zheng, Jayden Johnson, Jordan Sanders, Jordyn McCollim, Jori Collins, Joseph Vasquez, Joss Collins, Kay-Lynn Foster, Kylie Daley, Leilani Lane, Leyla Cruz, Lorelei Sverak, Mackenzie Herndon-Smith, Marcela Ramirez, Mia Rees, Nola Morgan, Penelope Stiles, Samuel Nnadiugwu, Sasha Jahangirnezhad, Sofia Montefusco, Taylor Peterson, Terra McMorris, Tyler Hunter, and Yasmine Zioui.*

Congratulations to all of our April-Tolerance Kids of Character! Check out the Counseling Bulletin Board to see them after May 4th.

Upcoming: All grade levels are beginning the Family Life and Human Sexuality curriculum this month. We encourage you to preview the curriculum beforehand. Please contact Mrs. Miles or your child's teacher if you have questions. Letters went home for parents to opt out.

We look forward to our annual Mother's Day cake decorating event hosted by Publix Bakery from the Flamingo and I-595 location. Thank you to our volunteers for making this event such a success!

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 and changes that are experienced in everyday life. For appointments and information please call (754) 323-1974.

VIRTUAL EDUCATION

Florida Statute requires Florida school districts to offer a virtual program to students in grades KDG-12 using distance and online learning technologies. Students must meet criteria to qualify for enrollment. More information about virtual options can be obtained online at www.bved.net or by calling Broward Virtual School at 754-321-6050.

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, 2018.

TESTING CONTINUES THIS MONTH

Stress and anxiety are very normal parts of life and it is critical that our children find healthy ways to manage them. At this time of the year, students may experience heightened anxiety before a testing situation. A certain degree of test anxiety is normal and may help students prepare more effectively, work more efficiently, and remain focused during testing. Too much anxiety, however, can negatively affect performance. The following strategies may assist in reducing test anxiety.

Student Strategies for Reducing Test Anxiety:

- Share your feelings of anxiety with parents and teachers.
- Think of the test as an opportunity to show what you know. Just do your best!
- Relax, breathe deeply, and stay focused on the test.

Parent Strategies for Reducing Test Anxiety:

- Discuss the test openly and in a positive way.
- Have realistic expectations of your child while encouraging his/her best efforts.
- Emphasize that the test is only one measure of academic performance and does not determine a person's self-worth.

Parent Testing Day Support Strategies:

- See that your child is rested and eats breakfast.
- See that your child arrives at school on time.
- Encourage your child to try his/her best.
- Do not send your child to school if ill.
- Do not remove your child from school on test days for appointments.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

If your child is found to have an electronic device that reproduces, transmits, calculates or records (i.e. cell phone, camera or pager) in his or her pocket, at his or her desk, or within his or her reach during testing, the test will be invalidated. Leave them at home during testing. If you have questions please contact our Testing Coordinator, Mrs. Miles.

CYBER SAFETY PARENT TRAINING

Mrs. Miles, Officer Wade, and two FBI Detectives hosted a training on how to keep kids safe in cyber space on April 18th at 6:30pm. Information was provided on how to monitor your child's internet usage and explained the responsibility we have as school personnel. The training was very important. We will provide another training next year.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Check out the training, workshop, and learning opportunities for Broward families across the county on the Community Connections catalog: www.facebrowardschools.com/community-connections.



ANNUAL CUSTOMER SURVEYS

In an effort to improve system practices in the District and our school, the Broward County School District is conducting Stakeholder Surveys for parents, students, and staff. We value your opinion and ask that you please take time to complete this survey.

These surveys ask parents, students, and staff their opinions about their school, including their teachers, administrators, their peers, and other aspects of their experiences at school. **The surveys will be available online only** and will be available in multiple languages. Students will be taking their survey in their STEM special.

Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated and valued. Thank you for taking your time to complete the survey.

April 2, 2018 - May 3, 2018

Parent Survey Code:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/60990/p568>

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2018

Mark your calendars! The first day of school for 2018 for students will be on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Visit browardschools.com/calendars for a copy of the 2018-2019 calendar.

2018-2019 CLASS LISTS

Soon we will start forming classes for next year. Many factors such as reading levels, work habits, and behavior are taken into consideration when placing students in a particular class. For this reason, we do not honor teacher requests. If there is a compelling reason why your child cannot be with another child or in a particular class, please put it in writing to Ms. Gittelman by May 18, 2018. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA

The last day students will be able to bring in checks is Monday, **May 4, 2018**. The cafeteria will only accept cash or online payments using www.myschoolbucks.com. Please make sure to fill up those accounts before the deadline!

BLUE DAY

Thank you for wearing blue on April 13 and donating money towards Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). We raised \$619.27 to help research efforts to keep people healthy and safe until we find a cure for the disease. Way to go PPE!

TAKE NOTE... GENERAL MUSIC NEWS

The Music Bee is here! During the month of May, all students in grades KDG-5th will take the Music Bee cumulative exam. The Music Bee test measures student mastery of Music NGSSS benchmarks for each grade. The student in each music class with the highest score wins a \$10 Target gift card, and the top scorer in the school wins a \$50 prize (donated by PPSBA)! Since the Music Bee test covers a lot of material and counts as 25% of the 4th quarter music grade, **Music Bee Study Sheets** will be sent home with all students soon. Kids can also access the new digital study guide through Broward SSO, then click on Canvas and open their music course. Click the announcement and open the attachment.

Good luck and farewell to Manuella Valenzuela, graduating FAU Music Education Intern, in the next phase of your career!

LOOKING FOR A GREAT ENRICHMENT SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD? Try MusicMakers! Summer Camp run by Mrs. Greggs June 18-July 20, 2018. Held at Coral Springs Charter School, this fun 5-week M-F program offers instruction in singing, keyboard, string instruments, percussion, woodwinds, and musical games. This summer's themes are "Marvelous Movie Magic!" and "The Sound of Music!" Visit www.musicmakerscamp.com, call 954-868-5515, or see Mrs. Greggs for more information!

SAC AND SAF NEWS

The 2018-2019 DRAFT Student Success Plan will be shared at the PTA/SAC/SAF meeting on May 16th. We encourage parents to complete the annual surveys for feedback to help our school. Please get involved with the great things going on at PPE. Special thanks to our SAC and SAF members who served this year! We will be taking names for SAC and SAF Elections at the final meeting on May 16th. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Hendrickx, SAC Chair.

Research shows students do better when their parents are involved at home and at school. Grades are higher, test scores rise, self-esteem grows, and schools improve.

**Attend our FINAL SAC/SAF/PTA meeting:
May 16th @ 6:30pm
Media Center**

Get Involved / Help Your Child / Help Your School

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire prevention is always important. Take time to plan for "2 Ways Out" whether you are at school, in a restaurant, grocery store, or mall.



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PTA VOLUNTEER SINCERE APPRECIATION

The PTA board would like to express our sincere gratitude to each and every one of you that volunteered this year to help at the PTA and the various school events. As they say "It takes a village" and this is no truer than within our school. This year was a great success because of our amazing volunteers! We encourage more parents to join our volunteer team. We must also say, "THANK YOU," to the student volunteers from South Plantation High School for their continued involvement and support! Many of our events would not be possible without their support.

2018 STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Staff Appreciation Week is the week of May 7th-11th. On Thursday, May 10th, we will be holding our annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Let's show our wonderful teachers and staff how much we value the work they do with our children by sending in a dish in their honor. We are asking parents of students in Pre-K-DG, Kindergarten to send in canned and small bottles of soda, water, iced-tea, etc., 1st grade to send in their favorite desserts, parents in 2nd grade to send in a breakfast item and parents in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades to send in lunch items. Drop off your donation to the front office the morning of May 11th. A special goodie letter will be sent home the week before. Thank you for your donations to our amazing staff!

2018-2019 PTA BOARD ELECTIONS

Our last PTA meeting will be held Wednesday, May 16th at 6:30pm in the Media Center. It is time for the 2018-19 PTA Executive Board elections! According to PTA bylaws, a person can only hold the same position for two consecutive years. Most of our current board members have already fulfilled this term limit. We need your help to find new officers. All of the positions are open: President, VP Membership, VP Volunteers, VP Hospitality, VP Fundraising, VP Technology, Treasurer, and Secretary. There are opportunities for working parents and those who can volunteer during evenings and weekends. If you are interested in joining the PTA Board, please contact our Nominating Committee Nadine Flynn, Natasha Waith, or Mini Samai at ivolunteeratppepta@gmail.com.

PTA AUCTION NIGHT

A HUGE thank you to all of the families who attended Auction Night! We once again out did our past years and raised over \$17,000. We will be using the funds toward safety and technology! We appreciate Auction Chairs, Alejandra Cruz and Yami Cotilla, for all of their hard work. We also owe thanks to all of our donating sponsors. Special thanks to Tijuana Flats, Papa Johns, Publix, Chick-fil-A, Buca di Beppo, and Vignetos for donating the food. You can find a list of all donating sponsors on our PTA website at: <http://ppe.my-pta.org>.

YEARBOOK

Order yearbooks online at <http://ppe.my-pta.org>. Yearbooks are \$31.00. Please place your order ASAP to ensure your child will have one for the end of the school year to be able to get signatures from their friends, teachers, and principal! We hope you enjoy this year's yearbook! It takes a lot of work to create it and we would like to thank Kara Boehly and Stefani Smith for creating our yearbook this year. Also, thank you to the teachers, staff and parents who took the time to take pictures during events, field trips and for submitting them. It takes a village to make our yearbook a success and to include everyone, thank you!

TITLE I FAMILY PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Thank you for participating in PPE's schoolwide activities this year. When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more. Students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores
- Be promoted
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school

As a Title I school, we want parents and families trained in helping to educate their children. Students do better when parents are actively involved in the education process, both at home and at school. Our Parent Engagement Program is designed to:

- Inform parents about Title I regulations
- Involve parents in local Title I decisions
- Provide literacy training
- Offer parents training in schools and the community on ways to work with their children at home to raise student achievement
- Encourage active participation in their children's schools and education

Thank you for supporting PPE and special thanks to Mr. Apodaca, Title I Liaison, for all of his hard work this year!

SUMMER ONLINE RESOURCE

Summer is almost here! Broward County Public Schools takes pride in offering fun and enriching programs across the District. Go to browardschools.com/summer-programs for more information!

CHORUS CORNER

Thank you for supporting the Chorus Family Night on April 27th at the shops at Plantation One!

May Chorus Activities:

- **Broward County Elementary Music Performance Assessment** on May 11th at Dillard High. We sing two selections before a panel of judges and a clinician will help us improve our performance. We will also critique other elementary choruses. Permission forms due back ASAP!
- **Chorus Quarter 3 Report Cards** (sent April 19) are due signed back by April 27th.
- 27th Annual Spring Finale, **"Rockin' the Renaissance!"** on Friday, May 18th @ 6:30pm at **South Plantation H.S.** Concert program ads and 5th grade Senior Wills may be placed by seeing any chorister. Deadline is May 2, 2018.
- **Final '17-'18 PPSBA Chorus parents meeting on May 18th @ 6:15pm** before the spring show.
- **End-of-the-year celebration bash at Heritage Park on May 31st, 2:30-5:30pm.** Informational flyers to go home soon.
- Nominations are open for all PPSBA officers for next school year. We deeply appreciate your input and help! Please remind your legislators that through music, kids develop scholarship, leadership, character, and musicianship. Music makes a difference! *Nicole Greggs, NBCT- EMC Music.*