

Whoo's News

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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

Fall is in the air and we have been busy! The first quarter has come to a close. Students are being challenged academically, socially and emotionally. November is a month for family, football, and friends!

During the first quarter, teachers have been busy analyzing data and prescribing specific skill groups from all of the assessments to date. The data provides teachers with screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring information that is essential to guiding instruction for all of our students. Teachers will review information with parents at their individual conferences. All parents should have one conference before the end of the first semester on January 12, 2018.

Our students are working on the Florida Standards for English Language Arts (LAFS) and Mathematics (MAFS). Our students continue to work on the Next Generation Sunshine State Science and Social Studies Standards. These standards represent a set of expectations, knowledge, and skills that students need to master to succeed in college and careers. You can help your child at home by having him/her use software programs such as i-Ready. See page 3 for more information. Go to www.cpalms.org/Public for information on the standards.

Please plan on attending one of our literacy trainings this month to find out ways you can help your child at home. We will have grade level trainings during the day and our annual Literacy Night on November 15th at Barnes and Noble. See information in this Whoo's Newsletter. Hope to see you there!

November 6th we will be having our annual Kids Do Care Patriotic Assemblies where we honor the military. This year, we are asking our school community to wear red, white, and blue and donate at least \$1.00 to help raise money for the Honor Flight. See more information on page 2 of this newsletter. We are also inviting any PPE Veteran's to join their child for lunch on November 7th. We appreciate you for serving our country!

Our PTA has organized and assisted us with several events during the first quarter. The Boo Hoo Breakfast, Fall Fundraiser, PTA Membership Drive, Volunteer Orientation, Fall Pictures, and recently the Fall Book Fair and Fall Festival. Each of these events have been very positive for our school community. I continue to be overwhelmed with the amount of work our parent volunteers continue to provide for our school. We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

If you haven't had the chance to participate in one of our events, November is full of grade level and school events. Stop by and get involved. We have a lot to be thankful for. Thank YOU for your continued support!

Finally, come cheer me on at the annual City of Plantation Parade on Saturday, November 18th. I will be riding a float with the City of Plantation public school principals! *Happy Thanksgiving!*

"Be All You Can Be at PPE!"
Julie Gittelman, Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 3	Chorus Fall Sing-A-Thon
November 5	Daylight Savings Time
November 6	Patriotic Day
November 6	SAC/SAF Meeting @ 2:25PM
November 7	Veteran's Lunch
November 8	Parent Literacy Training 3 rd -5 th
November 9	1 st Grade Fall Program
November 9	Harvest Food Drive Ends
November 10	Veteran's Day-No School
November 13-17	Anti-Bullying Week
November 14	Parent Literacy Training 1 st -2 nd
November 15	Barnes & Noble Literacy Night
November 15	PTA Meeting @ 6:00PM
November 17	KDG Thanksgiving Program
November 18	City of Plantation Parade
November 20	Interim Reports
November 21	Career Day
November 22-24	No School/Thanksgiving
November 28	Report Cards

*Native American Heritage Month
Character Trait: Citizenship*

CAREER DAY

On Tuesday, November 21st Plantation Park Elementary will be holding it's annual Career Day. The goal of this special event is to spark an interest in our children that perhaps, could lead to a rewarding career. If you know of someone, or even yourself, that might wish to speak about his/her career be sure to contact Dr. Osgood, Intern Principal.

WELCOME

Mrs. Barter, Supported KDG Paraprofessional
Mr. Bess, Cluster Paraprofessional
Mr. Delabastide, Cafeteria Monitor
Officer Wade Walcott

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Criscuolo, Teacher of the Year
Mrs. C. Hernandez, Employee of the Year

PTA/LITERACY NIGHT AT BARNES AND NOBLE

Help support PPE by attending our Barnes and Noble Night on Wednesday, November 15th from 6:00-8:00pm. Families will have an opportunity to purchase items at the store that night and/or online. We have guest readers, administration book signing, and information on how you can help your children at home. A percentage of the funds goes back to help PPE. The PTA Meeting will also be held that night! The top three classes will earn a party and every student that attends will earn a free homework pass!

Barnes and Noble Plantation
591 S. University Dr.
Plantation, FL 33324

HARVEST DRIVE

The Harvest Food Drive runs until November 9th. All donations benefit children within Broward County Public Schools. We are collecting non-perishable items to help feed 2400 families in need this Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support and generosity!



PATRIOTIC DAY

On Monday, November 6th our students will participate in our schoolwide annual Kids Do Care Patriotic Assemblies. Special guests from the armed forces will tell their stories. The students make inspirational cards and poems to give to the servicemen and women. We also will have special presentations from our South Plantation High School students.

We are also asking our school community to wear red, white, and blue and donate at least \$1.00 to help raise money for the Honor Flight. Money raised helps send World War II and Korean War Veterans to Washington, DC to see memorials this spring. These men and women sacrificed so much to preserve our freedom, help us honor them!

Special thanks to the event organizers: Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Pikus, and Mr. Pikus. Mr. Pikus started a non-profit organization, Kids Do Care, to help educate elementary children on the importance of military service through correspondence. Plantation Park Elementary students will be making valentines later this year for our Hearts for Heroes program.

HONORING MILITARY FAMILIES

PPE Veterans are invited to join their children at lunch on November 7th. We take this time to remember our military families and thank them for their sacrifice and generosity.

ART NEWS

The students at Plantation Park are currently involved in the City of Plantation Parks and Recreation Department Art Search. It is a free visual arts competition for students K-12. The city is happy to present this program in conjunction with the Plantation Junior Woman's Club as part of the Art in the Park Festival. The theme for this year's contest is "ART IN PARADISE". All winning pieces of art from each grade will be displayed November 11 and 12, 2017 at Art in the Park, which is held at Rae Carole Armstrong Liberty Tree Park, 74 NW 5th Street. A formal awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 5th. First, second and third place winners will be presented with award ribbons and gift cards for each grade level. Afterwards, the winning pieces of art will hang in Central Park for one year. All other entries will be returned to each school.

Congratulations to Plantation Park students that participated in the 41st Annual Marti Terziu Fire Prevention Art and Literature Contest. The three winners from Plantation Park are Leilani Lane, City 3rd Place K-3, Emily Pardillo City 3rd Place 4-5, and Rafeza Chowdhury, School Winner. Plus, Plantation Park won an ice-cream party with Sparky the Fire Dog for having the most participants in the entire city! Way to go PPE! This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is that in a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. Thank you to all participants and congratulations to our winners. *Mr. Smith, Art Teacher.*

CHORUS CORNER

The 2017-18 Chorus season is well underway! Our first performances will be patriotic shows for our Fall Sing-a-Thon and Kids Do Care Assemblies, on Nov. 3 and 6 respectively. The Sing-a-Thon is one of two major fundraising events held each year. You are invited to the 5:45pm concert. We appreciate your support in helping each chorister raise at least \$15 in pledges! Our Winter Holiday Concert will be held Dec.11 at 7:00pm at SPSHS, with school shows on Dec. 7 at 8:30am and 9:30am. Choristers should arrive in formal uniforms for the morning shows and bring a change of clothes for the evening show. Eat first and arrive by 6:00pm in formal uniforms for sound check.

UNIFORMS. Informal uniform checks will be held at the Sing-a-Thon Nov. 3. Formal uniforms have been ordered and should be in soon. Most rentals have already gone home. Dates for formal uniform checks will be sent via email and robot call. Please bring the entire formal uniform (tux outfit or long black dress, already hemmed and altered, if needed, to touch the top of the toe area of the shoes, plus the formal shoes and black socks/hose) to school in a bag with your name on it. Choristers will change after school for their check, and parents will receive a note with the check results. The check is worth 20 points, and those who do not pass will not perform.

MISC. Check out your child's Chorus course in CANVAS, and also at www.musicmakerscamp.com for Chorus information! Choristers should keep their notebooks at home for practice purposes except on rehearsal days. Practice files are in the files section of the Chorus Canvas course. Please save this year's chorus t-shirt for chorus performances. PAST year's chorus t-shirts may be worn on spirit Fridays. Send in absence notes within two rehearsals of an absence if a child misses.

CONGRATS TO THE NEW PPSBA BOARD: President Bonnie Hendrickxs; VP Admin.- Alex Cruz; VP's Volunteers- Paulette Morgan/Janet Quara; VP Music & Library- Natacha Smith; VP Costumes- Erin Craddock; VP Staging- Ally Mino; VP's Fundraising- Yami Cotilla/ Brooke Barter; Treasurer- Tricia Swartzwelder; and Secretary- Maggie Sverak. Have questions, please email Nicole.greggs@browardschools.com. Thank you! *Nicole Greggs, NBCT.*



TAKE NOTE! ...FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Happy Fall, Y'All! During October, children sang fall, folk, and patriotic tunes. All grades have been working on differentiating between beat and rhythm, playing Orff instruments correctly on cue, and singing using a healthy head tone. All students have completed their 1st quarter assessments. On Nov. 9, first grade will present their annual fall program, "Hello to All the Children of the World!" at 8:30am. On Nov. 6, all grades will sing for U.S. soldiers at the "Kids Do Care" Patriotic assemblies. In quarter 2, students will be learning multicultural and holiday music of the world. Have a wonderful holiday season! *-Nicole Greggs, NBCT.*

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

November's Character Trait is CITIZENSHIP: We show citizenship by knowing, understanding, and displaying a high regard for rules, government, heritage, and for those who have served and sacrificed for our community and country.

Congratulations to all of our October - Responsibility Kids of Character! Check out my Counseling Bulletin Board to see them!

Harvest Drive – Thank you a million times over for your donations. You are helping to feed 2400 Broward school families this year!

Social Media – Does your child have a social media account? There's a lot of good out there in the cyber world, but there's also plenty of negativity. Monitor your child's accounts for appropriate and inappropriate postings and talk to him/her frequently about digital citizenship. Visit <http://www.safekids.com/> for some helpful pointers.

If you are interested in counseling for your child or for your family, I have resources for you. Our closest and most convenient Family Counseling Program is at South Plantation High School. The phone number is 754-323-1974. All services are private, confidential, and free of charge. You can also call Mrs. Miles, PPE School Counselor, at 754-323-7150 and I will help you find what you need.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week is November 13-17. The SBBC Anti-Bullying Policy establishes that each and every employee and student has the right to learn and work in a safe and respectful environment. We also reinforce our schoolwide agreements. To access reporting forms, view a short video, or learn more regarding Broward County Schools' Anti-Bullying Policy, please go to Browardprevention.org or contact Mrs. Miles, School Counselor.

ATTENDANCE

A strategic goal of Broward County Schools is expecting that all students will achieve at their highest potential. In order for your child to be successful in school, he/she needs to attend school. In the event that your child accumulates numerous absences and tardies, you may be contacted by our school attendance manager and/or social worker to discuss a solution. *Attendance counts, all day, every day!*

CHILD SAFETY MATTERS

I am taking over our Art Special rotation in early November to deliver MBF's Child Safety Matters curriculum. It is aligned with Broward's School Counseling mission and it is a program I fully stand behind. Students will take home a letter and other swag once I teach it to them. Please continue the conversation at home, so that we can work together to keep all children safe.

LATINOS IN ACTION

It is my pleasure to introduce a new mentoring program to you – Latinos in Action (LIA) from South Plantation High School. LIA is a yearlong elective course at the high school that trains students to be literacy tutors and even better, as mentors for children. I am impressed with the work they have already done and am excited for the relationships to build between our children and these high school leaders.

GO PINK RELAY FOR LIFE

PPE would like to thank you for your generous donations in our Pink Day fundraiser. 100% of the proceeds go towards our Relay for Life Team to benefit The American Cancer Society. We raised \$765.88 in just one day! A new record! Mrs. Fimiano.

i-READY NEWS

Families now have a website that introduces *i-Ready* and explains how parents can support and encourage your child's success. Many resources are located in the Family Center including log-on tips and ways to motivate your child. Check it out at: i-ready.com/familycenter.

Your child should be able to log-on using his/her Single Sign-On (SSO) account to access *i-Ready*. The user id# is the student number and the password is Pmm/dd/yyyy. Go to the following website at <https://broward.identifynow.com>.

You can access *i-Ready* on an iPad that is compatible with iOS 10.0. Students can download the *i-Ready* iPad app on supported iPads for access to K-5 reading instruction and K-1 math instruction.

EARLY LITERACY

Literacy is the ability to read independently, write clearly, and understand and create information in different forms of media. Students come to kindergarten with a wide variety of backgrounds and abilities. Our approach to reading is known as Balanced Literacy. It begins with phonics, continues with guided reading, and then uses content-based and fiction texts for independent reading. We monitor the development of students' reading skills with running records until students are independent readers. Our expectation is that all students will be independent readers by the end of third grade, in alignment with the national standard. Please join us this month for one of our literacy trainings.

LITERACY TRAINING GRADES 1-2

The 1st-2nd grade literacy training for parents will be held on Tuesday, November 14th in the Media Center from 7:40am - 8:10am. We will be discussing the Florida literacy standards (LAFS). Please come to learn more about what your child will be learning this year.

ELA TRAINING GRADES 3-5

The 3rd-5th grade ELA parent training will be held in the Media Center on November 8th from 7:45am-8:30 am. We will present the reading and writing standards, along with each grades' expectations. This will include DOK questions and the different types of question stems.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our new officers for 2017-18: Secretary Tyler Hunter; Vice-President Grace Boehly, and President Caitlyn Flynn. Our new Student Council board and members have been busy creating posters for Red Ribbon, College Week, and PPE's Fall Harvest Drive. They are also responsible for our school recycling program each week. A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Miles for her help in organizing these schoolwide events. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 1:30pm in the Music Room. -Nicole Greggs, NBCT/Chair.

PTA NEWS

PTA has a private Facebook page. Please join our page for more up to date information and ways to get involved with upcoming events. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PPEPTA>.

FALL FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your hard work in helping raise immense funds for our school! A great big THANK YOU goes out to **Brooke Barter** for all her AMAZING work. She has worked for months on this event to ensure its success! It also takes a crew to make it happen! The crew helps group the orders by classroom, distributes them to the classrooms and distributes the large orders to parents who pick up. It is an all-day process to get you your orders once they arrive. We do our best to make it easy for the students and parents to collect your fundraiser items. Without the fundraiser, most of the activities, events, and purchases the PTA provides would not be possible. THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped make this event a success! If anyone has any issues, please contact Cherrydale Farms at 1-800-333-4525 and Yankee Candle 877-551-0993. They will replace anything that may have come in broken. If any items are missing please call them and they will get it out to you.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all who volunteered their time for our week long Fall Book Fair. We had a great turn out with lots of help from our parent and grandparent volunteers. It's great to see everyone come together to help out! Thank you to **Ms. Kim**, our Media Clerk. We really appreciate all of your guidance and letting us take over the library for the week!!

FALL FESTIVAL

We hope everyone had a great time at the Fall Festival. It was wonderful to see so many families come together. A big THANK YOU to our organizers **Amanda Castilla**, **Alejandra Cruz**, **Yami Cotilla** and **Annie Szniten** for all of their hard work in organizing such a fabulous event! It's a lot of work to put this event together. A HUGE THANKS goes out to all the parents and teachers who helped make games, posters, photo booth and decorations. Thank you to Heather Souza and family for hooking us up with 3 large hay bales and bringing them all the way from Jacksonville! Thank you to our Kindergarten students and teachers for your decorations and the group of mom's who came to help them paint. A BIG thanks to South Plantation High School Key Club and Seminole Middle School for assisting all the kids with the games, serve food and run the check-in tables. These students are a huge help to us and help parents enjoy the night with our children. Shout out to DJ Shirley for always being present at our events and making it that more special. Special thanks to our 5th grader Danica Camilo along with Team Evolution from Pure Dynamics Dance Studio for their performances. Mr. Watson and Mr. Aponte for helping us with the manly stuff and clean up! To our AWESOME Principal Ms. Gittelman and Intern Principal Dr. Osgood for allowing us to put on these events, make memories and take over the school! Please support those who support us - Publix, Papa Johns, and Buca di Beppo. There were many volunteers who helped with this event. We really appreciate all your ideas, creativity and help. **Thank you all!**

VOLUNTEERS

We want to thank everyone who has volunteered so far this school year! Your hard work and dedication to the school and students has not gone unnoticed. If you did not sign up to volunteer, but you would like to get involved, email Stefanie Smith at ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com. There are many more volunteer opportunities yet to come this school year and we can always use the help. Don't forget to register at browardschools.com/getinvolved to be eligible to volunteer at the school.

MEMBERSHIP

The classes that had the most members join the PTA will receive a Popcorn Party. Congratulations to Ms. O'Quinn (K), Ms. Criscuolo (1st), Mr. Kirik (2nd), Ms. Leon (3rd), Ms. Rice-Haines (4th) and Ms. Singer's homeroom class (5th). Thank you very much to everyone who joined the PTA including all of our teachers at PPE. A big THANK YOU goes out to **Alejandra Cruz** for collecting, counting, inputting and distributing all the membership applications. If you have not joined our PTA membership you still can. Envelopes are in the front office.

PTA MEETING

Our next PTA Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00pm at Barnes and Noble. The meeting will be right before the Literacy Night. We hope to see you there!

SAC - SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Our next meeting is scheduled on November 6th at 2:25pm in the Media Center. SAC is responsible for developing the school improvement plan and must have parent and community membership. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hendrickx, SAC Chairperson.

ESE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

All District ESE Advisory Meetings are held monthly. This month the meeting is being held on November 15th from 6:30-9:00pm at Piper High School Media Center. Go to the ESLs website at <http://bcps-esls.com> for more information.

BCPS MOBILE APP

The Broward County Public Schools Mobile App is available to download to your mobile device. This app includes an option for parents to log in and review transportation, food and nutrition, and academic information for your child. Registration is required to ensure parents are given safe and secure access. You will be able to receive information in the way you want it: text, email, or by phone. As a school, we will be able to send alerts and notifications anytime, anywhere, to parents using a smart phone or tablet. Download the app at the App Store or on Google Play.

