

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.

As a reminder, we have been sending home special *Safety Bulletins* to communicate important information to help keep everyone safe. If you are not getting our emails and/or text messages, please notify the front office. **All** visitors during school hours must provide identification. ID's will be scanned into our STAR system. This is especially important this month during our KDG and 1st grade programs being held during the school day. Please let ALL guests know of our school procedures (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.). Arrive early to allow enough time to be processed. Safety is an item on every agenda during our monthly stakeholder meetings. This month, SAC will be held on November 5th at 2:25pm and PTA will be held on November 14th at 6:30pm. Please plan on attending. We want to hear your feedback!

Our mindset this month is *Everything is Possible*, which provides an understanding that we are all capable of living extraordinary lives. We learn that everything in existence was once just an idea, until someone believed it was possible and turned it into a reality. Embracing this fact allows one to envision a wonderful life, expect greatness, and effectively execute the process of making dreams come true. Help us reinforce our mindset at home! Allow your children to dream BIG and never be a doubter or pessimist. *"If you believe in yourself, everything is possible!"*

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 our annual Barnes and Noble Literacy Night on November 2nd from 6:00pm-8:00pm. We will also share the same information the morning of Career Day on November 20, 2018 at 8:15am.

On November 2nd we will be having our annual Kids Do Care Patriotic Assemblies where we honor the military. This year, we are asking our students and staff to wear red, white, and blue. We are also inviting any PPE Veteran to join their child for lunch on November 9th. We appreciate you for serving our country! See information on page 2 of this newsletter.

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 Glow BINGO. 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!

Finally, come cheer me on at the annual City of Plantation Parade on Saturday, November 17th. I will be riding a float with the City of Plantation public school principals! 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 support!

"Seas the Day! Make Your Day Ridiculously Amazing!"
Julie Gittelman, Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2	Patriotic Day
November 2	Chorus Fall Sing-A-Thon
November 2	Barnes & Noble Literacy Night
November 4	Daylight Savings Time
November 5	SAC/SAF Meeting @ 2:25PM
November 6	No School / Planning Day
November 8	1 st Grade Fall Program
November 9	Veterans' Lunch
November 9	Harvest Food Drive Ends
November 12	Veteran's Day-No School
November 13-16	Anti-Bullying Week
November 14	Report Cards
November 14	PTA Meeting @ 6:30PM
November 16	KDG Thanksgiving Program
November 17	City of Plantation Parade
November 20	Interim Reports
November 20	Career Day
November 21-23	No School/Thanksgiving
November 28	In-School Flu Clinic

Native American Heritage Month

Character Trait: Citizenship

Mindset of the Month: Everything is Possible

CAREER DAY

On Tuesday, November 20th we will be holding our 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 Mrs. Hartman or Mrs. Rogers, 5th grade teachers and Career Day Chairs.

WELCOME

Officer Bill Edwards, Plantation Police Department
Ms. Elizabeth Oliff, Cafeteria Monitor

HARVEST DRIVE

We kicked-off the annual Harvest Food Drive during the PTA Glow Bingo Night. We are still collecting non-perishable items to help feed families in need this Thanksgiving. The drive will end November 9th.

PTA/LITERACY NIGHT AT BARNES AND NOBLE

Help support PPE by attending our Barnes and Noble Night on Friday, November 2nd from 6:00-8:00pm. Families will have an opportunity to purchase items at the store that night and/or online for up to five days after our event. We have guest readers and information on how you can help your child at home. A percentage of the funds goes back to help PPE. The top 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
Book Fair ID #12424651

Online and in store purchase deadline is Nov. 7, 2018

IN-SCHOOL FLU CLINIC

Sign up for PPE's FREE in-school flu clinic by visiting browardflu.com or return the form sent home to the front office. The clinic will take place on Wednesday, November 28th during the school day. Help us fight the flu!



PATRIOTIC DAY

On Friday, November 2nd our students will participate in our schoolwide annual Kids Do Care Patriotic assemblies. Special guests from the armed forces will share 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 to honor our special guests!

Special thanks to the event organizers: Mrs. Rogers 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 Valentine's Day cards later this year for our Hearts for Heroes program.

HONORING MILITARY FAMILIES

PPE Veterans are invited to join their children at lunch on **November 9th, 2018** during your child's lunch time. Participants must provide proof of service, which may include: U.S. Uniformed Services ID Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, Photograph of yourself in uniform, wear your uniform, DD214, or citation or commendation. Please RSVP back to the school by Monday, November 5th to participate. We take this time to remember our military families and thank them for their sacrifice and generosity.

ART NEWS

The students are currently involved in the City of Plantation Parks and Recreation Department art contest. 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 "Splash Into the Arts". All winning pieces of art from each grade will be displayed November 10 and 11, 2018 at the Art in the Park, which is held at Rae Carole Armstrong Liberty Tree Park, 7421 NW 5th Street. A formal awards ceremony will be held in December. 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 be hung in Plantation Central Park for one year. All other entries will be returned to the school.

Congratulations to two of our students for earning Honorable Mention in the National School Lunch Week Poster Contest. Mikaela Handy, 1st grader, and Kyah Thomas, 3rd grader. The students will be presented with a medallion during an awards ceremony at the KC Wright Administration Building on Thursday, November 1st. *Mr. Smith, Art Teacher.*

CHORUS CORNER

The 2018-19 Chorus season is well underway! Our first performances will be the patriotic shows for our Kids Do Care assemblies & Fall Sing-a-Thon, both on November 2nd. The Sing-a-Thon is one of two major fundraising events held each year. You are invited to a 5:45pm patriotic concert, followed by a brief PPSBA parent meeting. We appreciate your support in helping each chorister raise at least \$15 in pledges! Our Winter Holiday Concert will be held December 18th at 7:00pm at SPHS, with school shows on December 17th 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 November 2nd. Formal uniform fittings are underway and should be completed soon. Dates and details for formal uniform checks to be held in November will be sent via email.

MISC. Check out your child's Chorus course in CANVAS, &/or www.musicmakerscamp.com for Chorus information! Choristers should keep their notebooks at home for practice purposes except on rehearsal days. Practice files & musicianship test study materials 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 Friday's. Send in absence notes within 2 rehearsals of an absence if a child misses.

Congratulations All-State Choristers Sasha Jahangirnezhad & Samuel Greggs, who were selected from over 750 Florida students for the 2019 Florida Elementary All-State Chorus! They will perform in Tampa, FL on January 10, 2019.

MUSIC USA FESTIVAL- HERE WE COME! PPE Chorus will compete on March 8, 2019 at Universal Studios, Orlando for another big trophy! Let's get singing!

CONGRATS & THANK YOU TO THE NEW PPSBA BOARD: Co-Presidents Alex Cruz & Maggie Sverak; VP Admin.- Tricia Beerom; VP's Volunteers- Janet Quara; VP Music & Library- Elizabeth Oliff; VP Costumes- Monique Foster; Co-VP Staging- Donna Powers & Melissa Jacques; VP Fundraising- Timika Hughes; Treasurer- Tricia Swartzwelder; PTA Liaison/ Publicity Chair- Amanda Castilla; & Secretary- Brooke Barter.

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 singing using a healthy head tone, maintaining a steady beat, playing instruments appropriately, and learning to read basic music theory. All students have completed their 1st quarter assessments. On November 2nd, all grades will sing for U.S. soldiers at the "Kids Do Care" Patriotic assemblies. On November 8th, first grade will present their annual fall program, "Hello to All the Children of the World!" at 8:30am. During quarter 2, students will be learning multicultural holiday music, dances of the world, and continue to develop their music reading skills. 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 the 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, Mrs. Miles has 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 she will help you find what you need.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week is November 13-16. 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 a pattern of 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!***

LATINOS IN ACTION

It's a pleasure to announce the return of a mentoring program, 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. We are impressed with the work they have already done and are excited for the relationships to build between our children and these high school leaders.

PATHWAY INTERNS

Ms. Dilks and Mrs. Miles have coordinated a new internship program for 7 students from South Plantation High School. We are excited to have paired them with supervisors and helping to introduce them to the world of work as part of their Pathway Program.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Our new Student Council officers and representatives 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. Upon their request, we have increased the number of recycling bins in the school. Along with recycling, they also make announcements in their assigned classrooms. Students sign up for extra duties like counting give-aways, hanging posters, and performing skits on the morning announcements.

A huge thank you goes to our Specials teachers for assisting with these schoolwide events and projects. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 1st at 1:25pm in Mrs. Rogers' room. *Mrs. Miles, Student Council Coordinator.*

PPE TACKLES CANCER

PPE would like to thank you for your generous donations for our Pink Day fundraiser. 100% of the proceeds go towards our Relay for Life Team to benefit The American Cancer Society. We raised \$505.00 in just one day! *Mrs. Fimiano, Chair.*

i-READY NEWS

Families have access to 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: <https://login.i-ready.com/>

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. You can also access i-Ready on an iPad. 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.

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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

A great big THANK YOU goes out to **Heather Souza** for all her hard work. She has worked on both of our fundraisers for the past two months. We tried something new this year and we hope you benefited from the new choices. If you have any comments or suggestions we'd love to hear from you. Email us at ppeptaevents@gmail.com. We do our best to make fundraising possible and we appreciate your patience with us. Most of us are working parents just like you and not everything always goes smoothly when trying something new. 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 and to those who gave a generous donation!

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all who volunteered their time for Fall Book Fair. The students were excited to shop and pick out their books. Thank you to Jessica Trinidad for all your help running our cash register and making sure the Book Fair ran smoothly. Special thanks to Ms. Kim for helping, as well!

GLOW BINGO

We hope everyone had a great time at GLOW BINGO! It was awesome to see so many families. A big THANK YOU to our organizers **Stefanie Smith** and **Jessica Trinidad** for all of their hard work organizing such a fabulous event! They have been working on making the NEW event a HUGE success! Thanks to South Plantation High and Seminole Middle School students for assisting with face painting, tattoos, serving food and helping with Book Fair. We couldn't have asked for a better BINGO caller, Mr. Kirik! You ROCKED the mic! THANKS to our ridiculously amazing Principal, Ms. Gittelman and Intern Principal, Dr. Osgood for allowing us to put on this event, make memories and take over the school! Please support those who support us, Publix and Papa Johns. 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 have not gone unnoticed. If you did not sign up to volunteer, but you would like to get involved, email Alejandra Cruz 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.

Chili's Family Night

Thank you to all the PPE Families who attended our Chili's Family night! We received \$470.00 for this event! It was a FUN night! We hope you enjoyed the night and we thank you for attending!

PTA MEETING

Our next PTA Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30pm in the Media Center. Childcare will be provided. This will be a PTA meeting only. We hope you will attend to hear more about the PTA and our upcoming events.

SAC - SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Our next meeting is scheduled on November 5th 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. Leon, SAC Chairperson.

ESE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

District ESE Advisory Meetings are held monthly. This month the meeting is being held on November 28th from 9:00am-11:30am at the Baudhuin Preschool, 7600 SW 36th Street, Davie. Go to the ESLS website at <http://bcps-esls.com> for more information.

SOUTH PLANTATION ZONE

Get involved in the matriculation of your child's school years! Attend a South Plantation Innovation Zone Community meeting once per quarter. The remaining meetings are as follows:

Friday, December 14, 2018 at 10:00am at Seminole Middle School

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 6:00pm at South Plantation High School.

Friday, May 10, 2019 at 10:00am at Seminole Middle School

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.

FORTIFYFL APP



The state of Florida is pleased to announce that the FortifyFL app is LIVE. Now, 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. The Florida Legislature directed this tool's development in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. 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.