

Whoo's News

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PPE → LIFE



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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

Fall is in the air and we are off and running! This month, we will be participating in two of our schoolwide service projects. On Wednesday, October 3, 2018, we are asking our whole school community to wear pink and donate at least \$1.00 to help tackle cancer and benefit the American Cancer Society. Next, our annual Harvest Drive will begin the night of PTA Glow Bingo and our Family Book Fair Night on Friday, October 26, 2018, and run for two weeks. Help us give back to others this month!

Our Mindset of the month starts in October with the **100% Accountable** mindset, which teaches the importance of being responsible for our own happiness and success. Being **100% Accountable** means recognizing that the future is not predetermined, so our lives are what we choose in the present moment. In these lessons, we help students focus on the importance of breaking down barriers and taking responsibility for our own thoughts and actions. It also allows us to free our minds and focus our energy on taking the critical steps towards our goals. Help us reinforce our mindset at home! *"100% Accountable, You Are Who You Choose to Be!"*

We are excited to begin our FREE Enrichment Clubs this month for the eighth consecutive year. Clubs will run October-March on Mondays from 2:10pm-3:10pm. The benefits assist students' growth personally, socially, and academically. We have planned two eight-week sessions.

Our students have been very busy with their beginning of the year assessments. Teachers will be scheduling two parent/teacher conferences each year, one per semester. You should have your first one before Winter Break. During the conference, teachers will share important data with you. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher. They are your best resource.

We are also excited to continue with i-Ready this year for all of our K-5 students! The program is research based and has shown positive results throughout the country. We hope you will encourage your child to complete online lessons at home. The more the students are on the program, the better their achievement results will be. On page four of this newsletter, we have log-on information. Contact your child's teacher if you do not have internet access at home. The goal is for every K-5 student to be on i-Ready for 45 minutes per subject per week!

Finally, October 5, 2018, at 8:10am will be our monthly PTA Meeting/Coffee Talk. Please plan on attending to hear details about our school letter grade, school safety items, and our goals for the year if you missed the September 12, 2018 6:30pm meeting.

October promises to be full of many worthwhile events. Stop by and get involved in our special school! If there's anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask!

"Seas the Day! Make Your Day Ridiculously Amazing!"

Julie Gittelman
Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1	SAC/SAF @ 2:25pm
October 3	PPE Pink Day
October 3	Enrichment Club forms due
October 5	PTA/Coffee Talk @ 8:15am
October 7-13	Fire Prevention Week
October 15-19	School Lunch Week
October 15-19	Digital Citizenship Week
October 18	Early Release Day @ 12:10pm
October 18	Hands-On Science Day
October 18	PTA Chili's Family Night
October 19	No School/Teacher Planning
October 22	Begin 2 nd Quarter
October 22	Clubs Session #1 Begins
October 22-26	PTA Fall Book Fair
October 23-31	Red Ribbon Week
October 23-31	College Week
October 25	Read for the Record (PK-K)
October 26	PTA Glow BINGO
October 26	Harvest Drive Begins
October 26	PTA Family Night Book Fair
October 31	Vocabulary Parade (PK-1 st)

October is Disability Awareness, Breast Cancer Awareness, and Hispanic and Italian Heritage Month
Character Trait: Responsibility
Mindset of the Month: 100% Accountable

CONGRATULATIONS TOY AND EOY

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Welch, 3rd Grade Teacher, for winning PPE's 2018 Teacher of the Year and Ms. L. Hagan for winning Employee of the Year. More information will follow in future Whoo's News.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found is located outside the cafeteria. If your child has lost an item this school year, please claim your item by Thursday, October 18, 2018. All remaining items will be donated to a local charity.

HELP US TACKLE CANCER

Celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness on October 3rd by wearing pink and donating at least \$1.00! 100% of the proceeds will go to The American Cancer Society.

HARVEST DRIVE

We will kick-off the annual Harvest Food Drive during the PTA Glow Bingo Night on October 26th. We will be collecting non-perishable items to help feed families in need this Thanksgiving. The drive will end November 9th. Look for a flyer soon.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

We are excited to kick off PPE Enrichment Clubs! Session 1 will begin on October 22, 2018. Club applications went home on September 26, 2018, please make sure to return them by the October 3, 2018 deadline so you don't miss out. Thanks to our Club Sponsors we will have a variety of fun options for all grades! Keep in mind that there are limited spots available in each club and students will be selected into each club based on a random lottery system. This year, we will once again have two sessions. If your child is assigned to a club please make note of the meeting dates and pick-up times as students that are picked up late or absent more than two times will not be allowed back into the club. Thank YOU for supporting our clubs! Mrs. Banos, Coordinator.



TAKE NOTE! FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Happy Fall, Y'All! September's **GENERAL MUSIC FOCUS** included basic singing techniques and songs, learning the difference between beat, melody, and rhythm. With help from both Mrs. Greggs and FAU student teacher, Mr. Adams, students are studying music from all over the world; reviewing various music fundamentals in our grades 3-5 unit, "Who Says I Can't Read Music?", and playing a lot of instruments! All PPE students have completed vocal screenings to measure their ability to sing on pitch within NGSSS-specified ranges for their age. **ARTS THROUGH THE AGES** is an enrichment program on WOWL morning news that features music and art from a different historical era each month. September's time period was Renaissance Era (1400-1600), and students heard vocal madrigals and sonatas for Mandolin. WOWL's closing music featured famous works from European cultures. October's time period is Baroque Era (1600-1750) and closing music will honor Hispanic and Italian Heritages. Please return any general music interims as soon as possible, and stop by the music room for a copy of the Elementary General Music Syllabus if you don't know how to access it through Canvas. Finally, check out "Resources" on the PPE General Music page on www.musicmakerscamp.com for other music websites for your child. I am always available to answer any questions you may have. Make it a Musical Month! *Nicole Greggs, NBCT.*

STEM

Students will be participating in Digital Citizenship Week during the week of October 16-22, 2018. During the week, Mrs. D. Hagan, STEM Teacher, will be presenting a District program called "Think B4U Post" where students in grades K-5 will participate in lessons to learn strategies to stay safe while online. An informational flyer with parent safety tips will be sent home, so stay tuned and stay safe!

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13, 2018. The theme for this year is "Look. Listen. Learn." Be aware, fire can happen anywhere." During the month of October it is recommended that you test your smoke detector and also conduct fire drills at home.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

National School Lunch Week runs October 15-19, 2018. The theme for this year is "School Lunch: Lots 2 Love!" Recent research shows that nourishing food not only makes a child healthier, it improves school performance. Start today with healthier choices! As a reminder, FREE breakfast is available to all Broward County Public School students.

READ FOR THE RECORD

Through a partnership between the Children's Services Council and Broward County Public Schools, a copy of the book *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell will be provided to every PreK and Kindergarten child. Read for the Record Day will be on October 25, 2018 as part of the world's largest shared reading experience.

CHORUS CORNER

The **Plantation Park Singers Chorus** is a fun, honorary, after school academic enrichment program that teaches life skills through beautiful singing. We perform 2-3 major concerts per year and rehearse after school 1-2 days per week. PPE's Chorus has earned only 1st Place and/or Superior ratings at state and local music competitions since 2000, and is well-known throughout Florida. After completing schoolwide vocal screenings and selecting students on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character, musicianship, and interest in singing, invitations to selected students in grades 3-5 were sent home. Check out our website www.musicmakerscamp.com and click "PPE CHORUS" for the latest information. Please complete all on-line registrations by October 4, 2018. All registration and uniform rental donations should also be placed in the PPSA lockbox in the music room by October 4, 2018. Formal uniform fittings will occur during rehearsals in October and uniforms will be sent home once your child's donations are received by PPSBA. **THE NEXT PPSBA CHORUS PARENT MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018 AT 6:30PM IN THE PPE CAFETERIA. ALL CHORUS PARENTS SHOULD ATTEND.** We welcome & need parent help during rehearsals! Thank you for your time, input, support & contributions. YOU are the ones who encourage your children to strive for excellence!

The combined Junior and Senior Choirs are preparing for their **Fall Sing-a-Thon and Mini-Concert at 5:45pm on Friday, November 2, 2018.** Choristers, try to earn \$15 in pledges in order to receive one of Mrs. Greggs' famous BROWNIES! Pledge sheets will go home soon. Prizes will be awarded to the top three pledge earners and pizza will follow the mini-concert at 6:15pm for choristers only. The choir that earns the most donations (juniors vs. seniors) wins the TOP DAWG award and EATS FIRST! Choristers will receive their new chorus t-shirts at the Fall sing-a-Thon.

Parents, if your child has interest in joining Chorus this year, but did not receive an invitation, he/she is on the Waiting List, and may be invited at any time. Don't give up! Sing-cerely, *Nicole Greggs, NBCT.*

TEAM COLLABORATION/DATA DAY

Our terrific teachers are continuing to meet within their grade teams specifically to plan, develop strategies, analyze data, and share materials and best practices that will impact your child's achievement. The teachers discuss the standards, review the instructional focus calendar, and develop methods to help students achieve their full potential. This is accomplished with the help of our special area teachers who work with the students for forty-five minutes on the selected day. Together everyone achieves more, but our students will benefit the most from this endeavor.

INCLUSION FOR ALL

Field trips and extracurricular activities are an important part of the educational experience for **all** students. They provide opportunities to experience first-hand, meaningful interaction with the community that surrounds them in a variety of learning environments. These experiences further provide an opportunity for our students to develop and enhance their socialization and citizenship skills. All students at PPE are able to participate in field trips, school-sponsored social and/or extracurricular activities unless there are concerns that a student's participation may be unsafe or a risk. Please discuss any concerns with your child's teacher.

PTA NEWS

We are off to a fantastic year! A big **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who signed up as volunteers and to those of you who joined the PTA! We also want to THANK our amazing teachers and staff who joined PTA this year. You still have time to join! Membership is \$8.00 each and \$6.00 for each additional member. Our first PTA meeting was Sept 12, 2018. If you were not able to join us, join us for Coffee Talk October 5, 2018 at 8:10am in the Media Center. It is a great way to catch up on upcoming events and a great place to meet other parents. You can also go to our website at www.ppe.my-pta.org and submit suggestions or feedback. We'd love to see or hear from you!

PTA is happy to announce that Tricia Swartzwelder is back on board with us as our PTA Treasurer. She was voted back on by our current board on September 14, 2018 as the position needed to be filled. Tricia has been our Treasurer for the past three years. We are happy to have her back on board with us!

EVENTS

Our **Fall Fundraiser** kickoff started on September 12, 2018. Remember the funds raised go directly towards supporting our children by providing educational activities throughout the year and allow us to have FUN events such as GLOW BINGO, Movie Night, and Family Fun Day. This year we have chosen new fundraising opportunities: Domino's Slice the Price card, Save Around Broward coupon books and our OPT Out Donation option. We hope you like these options, remember we are always looking for feedback.

Fall Book Fair on October 22 -26, 2018. All children will be able to attend the Book Fair during school hours. A schedule will be sent home with more specifics. We will also have the Book Fair open during our GLOW BINGO on October 26th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Stop by and pick-up some great holiday gifts. We are looking for volunteers to help set-up on October 18, 2018 at 11:40am. We also need help to assist in the Book Fair throughout the week, from 11:00am-2:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Alejandra Cruz at ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com.

We are busy planning **GLOW BINGO on October 26th** from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Please send an email to Alejandra Cruz at ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com if you are interested in helping prepare, set up, help during the event or help clean up. We are looking for families/students to help make posters to advertise, serve food, raffle prizes, etc. It takes a "crew" to put this on and we **NEED YOU!** The **26th of October** also kicks off our **Annual Harvest Food Drive**. Please bring non-perishable items to GLOW BINGO to help local families in need.

BOX TOPS

Don't forget we are running a contest to see which class in each grade can bring in the most Box Tops. A popcorn party will be provided for the class in each grade with the most Box Tops for the first contest which ends October 26, 2018. Stay tuned for the winners soon! Keep cutting!

COCA COLA GIVE

We are collecting codes from Coca Cola products. The codes on Coca Cola products allow us to earn additional money for our children. Please submit your unentered products codes to the front office PTA Black Box. Thank you!

GOT SNEAKERS

We are still collecting any adult and youth sneakers. Drop them off to the front office. For every pair we earn \$1 and the sneakers are delivered to impoverished areas where they are needed or they are recycled.

DONATIONS / SPONSORS

Do you own a company or work for a company that would like to help out our PPE kids, but don't know how to get involved? Well, we have a few ideas. We always need products and services for our Spring Auction, which will be held this year on April 12, 2019. This is our second major fundraiser that supports our academic programs such as Scholastic Reading Counts, Time for Kids, and Scholastic Weekly Reader. In addition, if your company has a product or service you can donate for our events such as Fall Festival or Auction, we would love to hear from you. Donations can come in many forms: consider a financial contribution, food or drinks for our events, music, entertainment, decorations, or printing services. No donation is too small and is always appreciated.

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. More information at browardschools.com/Page/34815.

SAC - SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A slate of proposed members for the SAC will be voted on during the October 1, 2018 meeting at 2:25pm. SAC is responsible for developing the school improvement plan and must have at least 51% parent and community membership. If you are interested in joining SAC, please contact Mrs. Leon, SAC Chair. We look forward to your support.

SAF - SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM

The School Advisory Forum is a bridge between the student and parents to the school administration and the District. SAF is designed to help identify needs and recommend ideas or policies to help improve the quality of education. We also bring back information from the District, to keep parents informed. This year Mrs. Mulligan will be our SAF Chair. If you have any comments and/or concerns, please attend one of our monthly meetings and reach out to her.

Mark your calendar for
Thursday, October 18, 2018!
PTA Chili's Family Night!
More information will be sent
home soon!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

In October, we focus on College and Career Readiness. Now is the best time to start shaping your child's skills like conflict resolution, problem solving, and adaptability. Whether students plan to head to college or jump into a career, these skills are critical for navigating through young adulthood.

College Week is October 23rd – 31st in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week. This year, we're featuring a Hall of Colleges and we'll wear college shirts on Tuesday, October 30th to show our school pride!

Attendance counts! Did you know that if your child misses just 1-2 days of school every month, he or she will lose over 10% of class time? Valuable lessons are taught during the school day and it's tough to catch up on missed work. There is no make-up work that can compare to presence. Please make sure to have your child present every day and here on time unless they are sick!

The *South Plantation High School Family Counseling Center* provides confidential counseling services for children and families of PPE. This is a **FREE** counseling program. For appointments and information please call (754) 323-1950 ext. 2082. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (754) 323-7150. *Mrs. Miles, Certified School Counselor.*

**South Plantation High School
Family Counseling Center**
1300 Paladin Way
Plantation, FL 33317

KID OF CHARACTER AND MINDSET OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our COOPERATION winners! Pictures will be displayed on the bulletin board outside of the School Counselor's office. **October's Character Trait is RESPONSIBILITY.** We show *responsibility* when we meet our obligations by being reliable, accountable, and dependable to self and others. By taking responsibility for our actions and thinking through consequences we put ourselves in charge.

October's Mindset is **100% Accountable.** Being 100% Accountable means that you are willing to share responsibility for outcomes.

SANDY HOOK PROMISE START WITH HELLO

I was able to go into classes to teach our kids how to reduce isolation within their classrooms. We had a "Say Hey Day" where everyone wore nametags and a "No One Eats Alone Day." My hope is that they understand how to extend the simple premise – start with hello – to other facets of their lives.

I-READY

All K-5 students have been enrolled in i-Ready reading and math to provide individualized instruction based on each student's unique needs. We encourage 45 minute per subject each week!

<https://login.i-ready.com>

Username: Given by the teacher
Username: Given by the teacher

FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT

Up-to-date information, practice tests, questions to frequently asked questions, etc. can be found at:
www.fsaassessments.org

ESE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

All District ESE Advisory Meetings are held monthly. This month the meeting is being held on October 17, 2018 from 6:30-9:00pm at Piper High School, 8000 NW 44th Street, Sunrise, FL.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to all Student Council Representatives who were chosen by 3rd-5th grade classes at the end of August! It is an honor to be chosen as a representative to serve your class for the 2018-2019 year. I'm sending out a special "thank you" to all of those who campaigned for office. Our winners are Sydney Thomas for 3rd Grade Secretary, Ella Pardillo for 4th Grade Vice-President, and Emily Pardillo for 5th Grade President.

In September, we met to discuss our goals for the year. Many ideas were brought to the table about School Improvement, but the focus all seems to be on beautification of our school and reducing bullying behaviors. In our next meeting, we will discuss the "how" and "when" to do these projects. Our kids are already helping by picking-up recycling once-twice a week and by making announcements on WOWL for Peace Week.

JUST SAY NO RED RIBBON WEEK

Celebrate a drug-free life with special activities. Students **MUST** follow the SBBC Dress Code when wearing spirit items to school.

- ✓ **Tuesday, Oct. 23rd** – Wear your craziest, wackiest socks
- ✓ **Wednesday, Oct. 24th** – Pledge to be Drug-Free by signing a banner
- ✓ **Thursday, Oct. 25th** – Wear Red to show that you're proud to be drug-free
- ✓ **Friday, Oct. 26th** – Wear bright or neon colors for Glow Bingo Night
- ✓ **Monday, Oct. 29th** - Wear dress code appropriate luau or beach attire to "Lei' Off of Drugs"
- ✓ **Tuesday, Oct. 30th** – Wear your favorite College shirt and gear
- ✓ **Wednesday, Oct. 31st** – Wear Orange and Black to scare off illegal drugs

Have fun, everyone, *Carolyn Miles, Student Council Sponsor.*



REMINDER OF SCHOOL PROCEDURES

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please notify the school office of any changes that occur with your contact information. It is imperative that we have the most recent phone numbers on file in case we need to contact you should your child become ill or in case of an emergency.

HOMEWORK

Teachers may assign homework daily. The amount of time should be reasonable and depend on the child's age, his/her ability, and grade level. Please encourage your child by scheduling a specific time and place for homework. If your child consistently has no homework assignments, spends an unusual amount of time on homework, or you have any questions, please request a conference with his/her teacher. It is your child's responsibility to take home his/her homework. Students will **not** be permitted back in their classroom to pick-up their homework after dismissal.