

Whoo's News

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PPE → LIFE



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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

The first few weeks of school have been extremely smooth! We are on our way to another successful year! I hope you have a chance to attend Open House on August 29th (PreK-2) and September 5th (3-5). Being knowledgeable about our school initiatives will help your child achieve at his or her full potential. Hands-on learning, guided reading and math groups, differentiated centers, higher order questioning, integrating technology, and social emotional learning are being infused throughout our entire day. We are also excited to provide iReady reading and math to all of our K-5th grade students again this year. You can hear about our school initiatives at Open House and at our monthly stakeholder meetings.

This month we will begin focusing on the growth mindset. The growth mindset is the belief that you are in control of your own destiny. It ties in with both our TRIBES schoolwide agreements and our monthly character traits. The model is after the book, *The 7 Mindsets to Live Your Ultimate Life*, by Scott Shickler and Jeff Waller. Join us in helping provide our students everything they need to live their best life and to make each day *ridiculously amazing*.

PTA will again be sponsoring both evening and morning "Coffee Talk" meetings every other month. The specific dates are in your school calendar. Feel free to attend at the time that is convenient to you! We set these meetings in the morning and evening to better accommodate our whole school population. Childcare is provided at the night meetings for our students PreK-5th grade.

I also encourage you to attend our annual Volunteer Breakfast on September 7, 2018 to hear about all the ways you can help our school. We have many events planned each month! Come be part of our PPE family. We appreciate your support!

The combined SAC/SAF/PTA meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018 at 6:30pm where we will review details about our school letter grade and our goals and plans for the year. Parent involvement is critical to our success. We encourage parent participation as we build a strong partnership with the home and community. **Help make a difference!**

Finally, I want to celebrate all of our grandparents and invite them to a special grandparent breakfast on Thursday, September 6th from 7:25am-8:00am and invite all dads, grandpas, uncles, and male role models to bring your child to school on Wednesday, September 26th for *Dads Take Your Child to School Day!*

Make it a great FALL! It's definitely my favorite time of the year: back-to-school, football, and hopefully cooler weather!

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

Julie Gittelman
Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 3	No School-Holiday
September 5	PTA Box Top Sale Begins
September 5	Open House (3 rd -5 th grades)
September 6	Grandparent Breakfast 7:25am
September 7	Volunteer Breakfast 8:15am
September 7	PTA Membership Drive Ends
September 10	No School-Holiday
September 11-14	Student Council Elections
September 12	PTA Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off
September 12	SAC /SAF /PTA 6:30pm
September 17-21	Peace Week
September 17	Interim Reports
September 18	Wear White for Peace
September 19	No School-Holiday
September 22	First Day of Fall
September 24-28	Say Hello Week
September 26	Dads Take Child to School Day

European Heritage Month
Character Trait: Cooperation

Open House

August 29th (PreK-2nd)

September 5th (3rd-5th)

6:30pm-7:30pm

Open House is for adults only!

WELCOME TO PPE

Mrs. Zeyala, 3rd Grade Teacher
School Resource Officer Stuart Annin
Nurse Kim Gazzano

TEACHER CHANGE

Mrs. Hagan, STEM Resource Teacher
Mrs. Fiene, 2nd Grade Teacher

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.

FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATIONS

www.myschoolapps.com is an easy way for parents to submit free and reduced applications. Effective September 30, 2018, your child(ren) must pay for lunch unless you complete an application for Free or Reduced Price Meal Benefits by September 15, 2018. If you have problems completing the application, please contact the school office or call 754-321-0250. Thank you for your cooperation.

DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY

Florida schools are providing opportunities for fathers to strengthen the connections between fathers and schools through celebration of Dads Take Your Child to School Day on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. Visit <http://bit.ly/16NIAhg> for more details.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Just a few back to school reminders, students must be in good standing with the school and not have any outstanding financial obligations to be eligible to join chorus or any afterschool enrichment clubs per School Board policy. The Media Center computer automatically marks books "lost" 90 days after checkout. The fines stay with the child throughout his/her Broward County Public Schools tenure until the fines are paid in full. These fines can be paid in cash at the school or online at osp.osmsinc.com/browardFL.

Your child should have brought home a Reading Across Broward form in Wednesday's Take-Home Folder. Students in K-2nd grade need to read 100 different books on their level. Those in 3rd-5th grade need to read 50 different books also on their level. All forms need to include 5 award books. Award books in our school's collection are labeled with a sticker on the spine. This list should include those books read since April 1, 2018 that were NOT included on a previous form. The forms are due back to the school no later than **Monday, April 1, 2019**. Those students who complete these goals will receive a trophy at their end-of-year ceremony.

TAKE NOTE! FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We are delighted to welcome FAU Music Education Intern, Brandon Adams, this fall! He will be with us until December learning how to teach music. This year PPE children will learn how music makes connections between music, the other arts, and other subjects like science, reading, and math. All grades will be singing, playing instruments, reading music, creating and composing. During the first quarter, each child's ability to sing using head tone on correct pitches will be developed and assessed. Singing is a learnable skill- the more you practice, the better you become! Beat competency and rhythmic/tonal memory is another major area of focus, because research proves that those who can maintain a steady beat for extended periods and decode symbols quickly are more fluent readers and better at solving math problems. We will focus first quarter on singing skills and reading music notation... So have a super, song-filled September! *Nicole Greggs, NBCT- Early/Middle Childhood Music.*



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STUDENT COUNCIL

ATTENTION 3-5 GRADE STUDENTS! Would you like to be involved in activities to help improve the community and our school? How about offering alternative solutions on important school decisions? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, being a Student Council Representative is the job for you! During the week of August 27, 2018, two representatives were nominated from each 3rd-5th grade homeroom. All 3rd-5th grade students who are interested in running for office (3rd-Secretary, 4th-Vice President, and 5th-President) will be required to create a motivational speech to "WOW" your classmates. Campaigning will take place from September 11-14, 2018 and our new officers will be announced on WOWL on September 17, 2018! Happy campaigning! *Mrs. Carolyn Miles, Certified School Counselor and Council Coordinator.*

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

First and foremost, welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! My name is Carolyn Miles and I'm your child's Certified School Counselor. I look forward to another great year with many celebrations of success!

Parents/Guardians, you are the most important part of your child's life so I want to make sure you have what you need. If you're going through a tough time, reach out to me. We can work together, so that your child can be at his/her best.

September's Kid of Character Trait is Cooperation. Cooperation means working together to accomplish a common purpose. Think about ants. Although they might look like they're all working independently, they each have a job that contributes to their central goal.

Broward's Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9 All of our students and teachers complete an Anti-Bullying training annually. You are strongly encouraged to complete the module for parents located at browardprevention.org.

Child Safety Matters I was fortunate enough to take over our STEM lab for your child's first two classes. We were able to complete 1 out of 2 lessons for Child Safety Matters – knowing the 5 Safety Rules. A letter and bookmarks were sent home to explain a little more about the information we covered. Please continue the conversation at home because every family's idea of safety is different!

Peace Week September 17-21: We'll kick off Peace Week by wearing white for Peace on Monday, September 18th. Look forward to a peaceful week!

Sandy Hook Promise Week September 24-28: BCPS is starting the Sandy Hook Promise Week. I look forward to being in classes teaching kids to "Start with Hello."

SAC - SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SAC is composed of stakeholders who represent our community. The slate of proposed members will be nominated and composed during our first meeting, which will be held on September 12, 2018 at 6:30pm. SAC is responsible for developing the school improvement plan and is required to have 51% community membership. School safety will be discussed at every meeting. Come share your feedback! *If you are interested in joining SAC, please contact Mrs. Leon, SAC Chair.*



CHORUS CORNER

Welcome to a brand New Year, everyone! Vocal screenings for new members of the Plantation Park Singers Chorus are taking place during general music classes during the first two weeks of school. Every child's ability to sing pitches in both the lower and higher registers will be assessed as part of the general music grade. Chorus is open to students in grades 3, 4, & 5 who demonstrate enthusiasm for singing, good behavior, & responsibility in music class. Excellent test scores are recommended and students must have no library or other obligations to participate. Invitations are issued to 75 students- 25 in each grade 3-5. This year Chorus will meet Thursdays, some Tuesdays, and occasional Fridays. An out-of-county trip is being planned this year. Visit www.musicmakerscamp.com, and click on the link for Plantation Park Singers to learn more about this outstanding educational opportunity.

Two informational meetings are planned in early September for prospective choristers and their parents/guardians. All parents or a representative must attend one of these two meetings to register their child for Chorus. Mrs. Greggs will issue invitations to the meetings to students by early September. Any students who wish to participate, but do not receive invitations, will be placed on a waiting list and when an opening occurs, Mrs. Greggs will select someone from the Waiting List to fill that opening. Questions? Please email Mrs. Greggs at nicole.greggs@browardschools.com. Thank you and have a joyful, musical year! *Nicole Greggs, NBCT- Early/Middle Childhood Music.*

CAFETERIA NEWS

Did you know you can add money to your child's school meal accounts via the Internet using myschoolbucks.com? This website accepts credit cards for payment into student meal accounts. One charge is permitted and a child must repay the first charge before another meal can be charged.

CLASS SIZE

Due to the State Class Size Reduction law, students may need to be moved between teachers after the start of school to ensure compliance with the required student limits. All classes are TENTATIVE. Additional information on core classes or anything related to Class Size Reduction is available on the CSR website at: www.broward.k12.fl.us/classsize. If you have any specific questions, please call the school. We appreciate your flexibility and patience. Your child's high quality education will continue.

CHESS 4 LIFE

We are happy to participate in chess curriculum for the 5th year as part of a District initiative for all 2nd graders. Students will participate in a weekly lesson on chess that ties in with reading, math, writing, science and social studies. There are many benefits with the program to increase intellectual self-esteem, academic achievement, and improving social skills. Let the games begin!

FLORIDA STANDARDS

The FL Standards provide a common understanding of what students are expected to learn. These standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers, so they will graduate high school able to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing academic college courses and in workforce training programs. Students in grades 3rd-5th are tested on the FL Standards annually. For more information on the standards and the FSA assessment, go to: <http://www.fsassessments.org>.

WHOO'S BEEN CAUGHT READING

Our schoolwide Whoo's Been Caught Reading program will begin this month! Students who are caught reading in the hallways before the first bell at 8:00am will receive a slip. The slip should be filled out and dropped in the Whoo's Been Caught Reading box in the media center. Slips will randomly be drawn out of the box by Ms. Gittelman, Principal. Those selected students will get to pick a brand new book and read to the principal! How cool!

SIGHT WORDS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

This year we will continue our Sight Words incentive program for our KDG-2nd graders as they reach different milestones. Your child is working in small groups with his or her teacher on the basic skills needed to learn to read. Sight words are one of the skills that you can help with at home. Practicing with your child will make a big difference. Your child should be able to fluently read the words, which will help him or her in the future. These are common words found across reading materials.

iREADY READING AND MATH

iReady delivers personalized instruction using engaging lessons. The result is an experience that holds your child's interest while teaching important skills and concepts. These lessons are proven to help students grow academically. All students grades K-5 will take an initial, mid-year, and end of year assessment to track progress and personalize instruction. It is suggested students are on iReady for at least 45 minutes per subject per week. Please help us support this program by having your children on iReady at home. The more time spent on this program, the more he or she will increase student achievement. Incentives will be given monthly to the top student in each class. In addition, the top iReady math class in each grade will receive a First Place or Most Improved roving trophy from Ms. Gittelman, Principal. The first diagnostic assessment will be given the month of September. Teachers will share results and progress at your parent/teacher conferences.

PTA NEWS

Welcome back! We hope you will join our PTA, get to know the PTA Board Members and help us work to achieve all of the goals the PTA has set for the coming year. Let's make this year REDICULOUSLY amazing! Please visit our PTA website to stay up to date on all the upcoming events at school www.ppe.my-pta.org. and like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PPEPTA>.

Upcoming Events: The Volunteer Breakfast / Room Parent Orientation Meeting is Friday, September 7th at 8:15am. We hope you will come out to meet all the great parents at our school and learn how you can get involved.

Our first PTA meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 12th at 6:30pm in the Media Center. Please join us to learn what the PTA does for our school and how you can get involved. **Childcare will be provided.**

FALL FUNDRAISER

This year we will have two **major** fundraisers. Our first is the **Fall Fundraiser** that begins September 12th. We are trying something different this year for the first time in a VERY long time. We have a few different options for you to choose from. Please ask your friends and family near and far to help us out by purchasing a "Save Around Broward" catalog, "Domino's BOGO" card or simply donating to the PTA. Check out our website above for a quick link. We can't do it without you and we thank you in advance for helping PPE.

HOW THE PTA FUNDS ARE USED

We think it is important for you to know that all of the money raised by the PTA directly benefits our children and school. The PTA provides funds for school safety, academic programs, school calendars, take home folders, agendas, teacher's start up funds, technology for our classrooms, PE equipment, awards for the students, end of year 5th grade activities and more. We also provide great family fun throughout the year like, BINGO Night, Movie Night, Family Fun Day, Auction Night and other activities for the kids, such as our Book Fairs and Holiday Shop. Please support our efforts! It will benefit our children.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE began on August 22nd and ends on September 7th. Did you know not only can you join for \$8, but your whole family can join, too? Invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Each additional family members cost only \$6 each. If you'd like, you can make an additional donation, and that money directly benefits PPE. Help us help your children by joining the PPE PTA! We also will be having a contest! The classroom of each grade with the most members joined will receive a Popcorn Party!

SNEAKER DRIVE

PPE PTA will still be participating in the Sneaker Drive this year. We had a lot of participation last year and are hoping for the same this year! We are collecting old sneakers in any condition to recycle and help keep them out of landfills. For each pair collected, we will receive \$1. The sneakers will be donated to the Gotsneakers organization. Sneakers can be dropped off in the front office; you will be guided to our collection box. We will have the box available during all our events, as well. Sneakers only please, any condition, any size, kids, youth, and adult sizes.

OWL SHOP

We have our new PPE LIFE shirts on sale for \$10 each. We also have other t-shirt styles on sale, as well as PPE magnets, bracelets, zipper pulls. You can place an order with our Owl Shop order form. The form can be found in the front office or go online to our PTA website. There is a display of examples of what we have for sale in the front office. We also have pictures of everything that is for sale on our PTA website at www.ppe.my-pta.org. **We will only be doing pre-orders for shirts. so please turn your orders in by September 7th, 2018.**

VOLUNTEER NEWS

We need Volunteers to help out with our GLOW BINGO (10/26/18), Movie Night (1/18/19) Family Fun Day (2/09/19) and Auction (4/12/19). The committees help plan and organize the event, come up with ideas and activities, contact vendors, ask for donations, purchase supplies (you are reimbursed) and more. Often much of this work can be done from home or after work or on the weekends. So, if you can help out in any way, let us know. Volunteers will also be needed for the following upcoming events: Fall Fundraiser, as well as, the Fall Book Fair from October 22nd to October 26th (Day Event) and at GLOW BINGO on October 26th (Evening Event). Look for flyers to come home or email us if you would like to help at: ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com. We can use all the help we can get to make these events run as smoothly as possible! As always, thanks for all you do!

Volunteers must complete the on-line application before helping in any school. Go to www.browardschools.com/page/37924 to complete the application. The first time volunteers come to assist, the front office will ask for the identification used in the online application. Volunteers who provided service throughout the 2017/18 school year with an ACTIVE status (as recorded in the STAR system), may have been automatically screened for Level 1 clearance for the 2018/19 school year. Please contact the school office to receive your 2018/19 volunteer badge. If you do not have access to a computer or you need assistance with the online application, let us know!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

PPE PTA is once again collecting Box Tops for Education. With your help, last year our school received over \$1,200.00! We'd love to be able to surpass this amount, so keep collecting Box Tops. All of the money the PTA raises directly benefits our children at school. We will be having competitions throughout the year and giving prizes to the classroom that brings in the most Box Tops. Make sure to write your TEACHER'S NAME on your submittals to get credit for your child's class. **Our first contest runs September 4-November 1, 2018**, so start sending in those BOX Tops today to help your class win the 1st Box Top Contest of the year! You can also register to win extra Box Tops for our school at www.btfe.com. Stay tuned for more information throughout the year.

ESE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

All District ESE Advisory Meetings are held monthly. This month the meeting is being held on September 12th, 2018 from 6:30pm-9:00pm at Piper High School, 8000 NW 44th Street, Sunrise, FL.