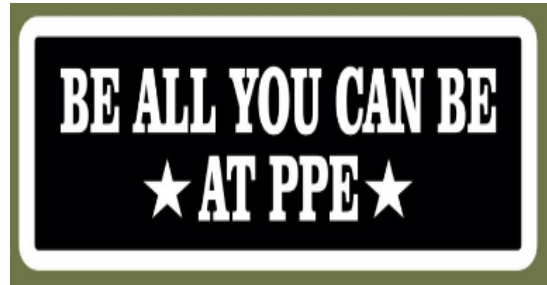


Whoo's News

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



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PRINCIPAL'S GREETING

The recent tragic event at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School left us all in shock. There are no words to articulate the variety of emotions felt. Our hearts remain with the victims and families affected by the tragedy as our community copes with the recovery process from this senseless act of violence. Broward County Public Schools in partnership with local and community agencies, has a variety of support services available. Please do not hesitate to reach out for assistance. I have attached to this newsletter information that you may find useful when talking to children about violence. To show our support, we sent a special banner to MSD that was donated by Allegra Printing. You can see the banner on our twitter and/or facebook page. We will also be donating the money raised during our Maroon and Silver day to the GoFund me account. I am hopeful something good will come out of this catastrophic event. It's more important than ever to stay on top of the upcoming 2018 State Legislative priorities. Stay informed and let your voice be heard!

STANDARDIZED TESTING begins this month! Mark your calendars now so you can be sure your children are present for their grade level assessments. It is important to communicate with your child's teacher any special needs your child may have. **Keep Calm and Believe! Achieve! Succeed!** Please continue to practice skills children are learning at school at home. Time spent on these programs is time well spent! See the last page of the newsletter for more information.

Broward County Public Schools will be administering the customer surveys soon in an effort to improve system practices in our school and District. Your opinion is important to us and we ask that you take the time to complete this survey. Your feedback is valued and appreciated. Thank you for your support of PPE!

The annual PTA Auction, Raffle, and Dinner will be held April 6, 2018. The auction committee is busy planning the event. We need YOUR help! Please send in items to auction off, purchase raffle tickets, and plan on attending that evening. Help fund the many wonderful programs PTA helps support at PPE. It's one of my favorite events! ☺

March 14th will be a busy night at PPE. We will have our Spring Book Fair Family Night, PTA meeting, and our STAMP night. Stop by to see the hands-on science projects your children have been working on and learn about our special area classes.

The Principal's Reading Challenge is also this month on March 22, 2018. Pay careful attention to the requirements on page 2 of this newsletter. I know the students' that earn the reward will enjoy the "Mad Science" assemblies.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Mrs. Jessica Thomas, 3rd grade teacher, for winning Staff Character of the Year and Joss Collins, 5th grader, for Student Character of the Year! They wholeheartedly display positive character!

Make it a marvelous March! Be All You Can Be at PPE!

Julie Gittelman
Proud Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 5	SAC/SAF Meeting @ 2:25pm
March 6	FSA WRITE 4 th -5 th grades
March 11	Day Light Savings Begins
March 12-16	Spring Book Fair
March 13-14	CogAT Grade 2
March 13-14	Dental Sealant Program
March 14	PTA and STAMP Night @ 6:00pm
March 16-21	General Music Concert Series
March 16	Principal Rdg Challenge Data Due
March 16	5 th Grade Fundraiser
March 16	Online mom's cake sales deadline
March 19	Enrichment Clubs #2 End
March 20	Health Screenings (K, 1, 3)
March 22	Principal Reading Challenge
March 22	Early Release Day @ 12:10pm
March 23	Planning Day-No School
March 26-30	Spring Break

*Women's History and Music in our Schools Month
Character Trait for March is Self-Control*

ELEMENTARY TESTING SCHEDULE

March 6, 2018

Grades 4 and 5 FSA ELA Writing

March 13 - 14, 2018

Grade 2 CogAT

April 10-11, 2018

Grade 3 FSA ELA

April 24 - May 11, 2018

Grade 3 FSA Math

Grads 4 and 5 FSA ELA and Math

Grade 5 Science

May 7 - 11, 2018

Grades 1 and 2 Primary End of Year Reading

COGNITIVE ABILITIES TEST CogAT

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be given to all 2nd graders as our universal screening for gifted services this month. The test will provide information regarding students' learning strengths and styles. If you have questions, call Mrs. Miles, Testing Coordinator.

WELCOME

Mrs. Cruz, Paraprofessional

5TH GRADE FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Friday, March 16, 2018

Tijuana Flats, Papa Johns and TCBY!

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Suarez gave birth to twin girls: Perla and Pilar

HELP US GET THE WORD OUT

April 4, 2018 @ 8:30am will be our time to have prospective new families look at our wonderful school at our "Hey Look Us Over" event for kindergartners and new families within our boundaries. Help us get the word out! Thank YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Brooke Barter, Adult Volunteer of the Year
Mrs. Joann Stacey, Senior Volunteer of the Year
Sarah Boisvert-Sordo, Outstanding Student Volunteer



READING ACROSS BROWARD

Just a reminder, the Reading Across Broward forms are due Friday, April 6, 2018. This list should include all books read since April 1, 2017. Students in K-2nd grades need to read 100 different books on their level. Those in 3rd-5th grades need to read 50 different books. All forms need to include five award books. Award books in our school's collection are labeled with a sticker on the spine. The students who complete these goals will receive a trophy at their end-of-year awards assembly.

ELOCUTION

Congratulations to the 2018 Elocution Winners: Kdg: Jordon Green, 1st: Kendra Fonseca, 2nd: Jackson Codd, 3rd: Ella Pardillo, 4th: Emily Pardillo, and 5th: Jasmyn Smit. Many thanks to Ms. Gittelman, Mrs. Specht, Mrs. Crawford, and Mr. Watson for their help and assistance. A heartfelt thanks to our judges, Mrs. Peterson-Humph, Mrs. Stacey, Ms. Kuhne, Mrs. Eckhardt, Mrs. Henschel, and Mrs. Marlow. Also, thank you to our PTA for their continued and generous support! Special thanks to *Mrs. Peterson, Chair*.

TAKE NOTE... GENERAL MUSIC NEWS

Spring Greetings! Did you know March is celebrated nationally as MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH (MIOSM)? At PPE, we are celebrating with a CLASSROOM CONCERT SERIES held March 16-21, 2018 during general music classes in the music room. Every class is preparing to show how "The Sound of Music" inspires people all over the world! Check the flyer with your child's performance time and date! Also, all children in grades PreK-5 are invited to enter our annual MAKE YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT CONTEST, deadline Early Release Day March 22. Because of its correlation with science and math, the contest is 33% of the 4th quarter Music grade for grades 3-5, and is optional (extra credit) in grades K-2. 1st/2nd/3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each grade. For ideas, Google-search "homemade musical instruments" and see what you find! Check out www.musicmakerscamp.com on the PPE General Music tab for an entire page of great ideas! The required entry form (on the emailed flyer) MUST be attached to each child's entry for credit. Good luck! FYI- All 3rd-5th graders should now be bringing recorders to class daily; not having an instrument in class lowers the daily participation grade. Details for the event will go home soon! Have a magical, MUSICAL March! -Nicole Greggs, NBCT- Early/Middle Childhood.

STAMP AND SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT

We will host our next Family Night on March 14th, which is also the night of the Spring Book Fair. Stop by to see the hands-on science projects your children have been working on and learn about our special area classes. Our teachers have planned some very fun and informative presentations to help parents understand how critical thinking and integrated curriculum are implemented in PPE specials classes. Come out to see the fantastic things going on at PPE!

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found is located outside of the cafeteria. If your child has lost an item, please claim your item by Thursday, March 22nd. All remaining items will be donated to a local charity.

PRINCIPAL'S READING CHALLENGE

The Principal's Reading Challenge will run February 1 to March 16, 2018! This is a schoolwide challenge to increase independent reading. The theme for this year is "Mad Science!"

Pre KDG and KDG: 25 (ten minute) sessions

All students are responsible for tracking their own time on a reading log that was specially designed for the challenge. Parents should initial the log nightly. ***Logs are due March 16th.***

1st-5th Grades: SRC Data

All students are responsible for meeting their individual Scholastic Reading Counts student goal that was set with your child's homeroom teacher. ***Scholastic Reading Counts data will be pulled on March 16th.***

The top reader at each grade will attend a pizza lunch with administration and our Literacy Coach. A closing activity will be held on March 22, 2018. If your child meets his/her individual reading goal, he/she will get to participate in a special chemistry demonstration by the Museum of Science and Discovery. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

CHORUS CORNER

Mrs. Greggs and PPSBA appreciate Mrs. Hendrickx, PPSBA President; Mrs. Swartzwelder, Treasurer, the rest of our Board, and all of PPSBA for their help in implementing another successful February Sing-a-Thon! The Chorus sang beautifully and raised \$1,450! Congrats to top pledge earners: 1st place- Katie Russell; 2nd Place- Mackenzie Herndon-Smith, & 3rd Place-Jasmine Dorvil. Juniors stole the "Top Dawg" title from the Seniors by raising the most \$ per member! Thanks to all who donated needed items, and to all choristers who sang the National Anthem at our 1/30 Zone Showcase. Special thanks also to Kara Boehly for her help in filling recorder orders! Half of Friday's proceeds- over \$800- were donated to MS Douglas High School in support of its community recovery.

In March, musicianship tests will be given on 3/1 for all levels. On 3/3, we are meeting informally at the Renaissance Fair from 2-6pm to do research for our spring show! Group ticket orders are due by 3/1 to PPSBA (\$25/adult & \$12/kid). All Choristers should bring their formal uniform for hem checks on 3/8. The next PPSBA Board meeting is also 3/8 at 6:30pm. Penny Wars are ongoing through 3/22- so send in your spare change! Proceeds will help a PPE family in need. We are looking forward to our "Hey Look Us Over" performance on 4/4 wear formal uniforms to school and bring a change of clothes for afterwards.

Plans are underway for our exciting spring show, "ROCKIN' THE RENAISSANCE!" Sign-up sheets will be posted soon for audition times for vocal and announcer solos. PPE shows are Thurs. 5/17 at 8:30am & 9:30am, & our evening show is Fri. 5/18 at 6:30pm at SPHS (choristers report by 5:30pm). Our end-of-year celebration is planned for Tues. May 31 from 2:30-5:00pm at Heritage Park. Practice music is available on Canvas- please log in and sing along at least once a week! Parents- Remember to check emails at www/musicmakerscamp.com/PPEChorus. You should be getting a weekly update. The next PPSBA General meeting is April 5th at 6:30pm. Sing on- MSD Strong! Mrs. Greggs, NBCT- Early/Middle Childhood Music.

PTA

Please join us for our next PTA Meeting, Family Night Book Fair, and STAMP Night on March 14, 2018 beginning at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. This will be an exciting meeting. If you would like to get involved with the board next year, please come to the meeting or express your interest by email at ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to adding new members to our amazing PTA board.

PTA SPRING BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Book Fair is scheduled March 12-16, 2018! We have the Book Fair to encourage our children to find books they love and to keep them reading. Students will be able to purchase books during their assigned time. The schedule with the day your child will attend will be sent home. Please consider volunteering! If you are able to help out for an hour or two, please email Stefanie Smith at ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com. **We also need help on Friday, March 9th @ 1:45pm for set-up if you are available.**

YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbooks are available online. Purchase your yearbook by going to our PTA website <http://ppe.my-pta.org/> don't miss out, order your book today before it's too late! We will only be taking pre-orders. We are working hard to complete this year's amazing book and we are in need of classroom pictures! If you have pictures from any class parties, activities, field trips or field day please email them to ivolunteeratppe@gmail.com Attn: Yearbook Staff or upload them directly to the yearbook site. Upload your pictures and ads at <http://pictavo.com>.

PTA AUCTION / RAFFLE / DINNER

Alejandra Cruz, Yami Cotilla, and the Auction Committee have been working hard all year asking companies for donations of products and services to be auctioned off. **We need your help as this event is fast approaching.** The Auction, Raffle and Dinner will be held Friday, April 6, 2018. We are looking for volunteers to assist at the event. This is an evening event and a great way for parents to get involved. Childcare activities are available for children ages five and older. Contact Alejandra Cruz at atcruzalejandra26@gmail.com to volunteer to set-up, work from home, donate, or get more information.

The Auction and Raffle is our last major fundraiser of the school year. **We are looking for more items!** If you or your business would like to donate, please send in your items to the front office or contact Alejandra! Or, if you simply think of a place that you are willing to ask for a donation, contact Alejandra to make sure they are not already on our list and if not, we would love to have you contact them. We will recognize any business that donates in our school newsletter and on our PTA website at <http://ppe.my-pta.org>. For an updated list follow us on Facebook, www.Facebook.com/groups/PPEPTA.

GRADE LEVEL DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

The class that brings in the most basket items in each grade will win raffle tickets. Please send anything related to the theme by April 3, 2018.

- PreK and KDG: Sports and Boys
- 1st Grade: Girls want to have Fun
- 2nd Grade: Outside and Waterworks Fun
- 3rd Grade: Arts and Crafts
- 4th Grade: Educational Games and Toys
- 5th Grade: Candy, Movie, and Game Night

FAMILY FUN DAY

Family Fun Day was a huge success! We hope you had a nice time! The PTA would like to thank you for joining us and for your continued support! A BIG THANK YOU to Stefanie Smith and Jennifer Mulligan for chairing this event and all of the other amazing helpers, SPHS students, Seminole Middle students and the volunteers who helped set-up and clean-up. Thank you to the following food trucks: E & J Texas BBQ, The Hot Dog Hound, All Stars Frozen Yogurt, The Best French Fries, Dough Dough Donuts and Snowcaps. Also, to South Florida Bounce, Candy Jazz Dance, Kumon, Karate America. It was amazing!

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.

ESE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

All District ESE Advisory Meetings are held monthly. This month the meeting is being held on March 21, 2018 from 6:30pm-7:00pm at Piper High School, 8000 NW 44th Street, Sunrise, FL.

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.

SAC - SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SAC is responsible for developing and monitoring the school improvement plan. We always want input. Please join us at our next meeting scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2018 at 2:25pm. We look forward to your support. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Hendrickx, SAC Chairperson.

ART NEWS

We are proud to announce that Devin Butts from Mrs. Singer's homeroom class and Jori Collins from Mrs. Rice-Haines homeroom class will participate in the annual Youth Arts Month Student Exhibition at the K.C. Wright Administration Center. The theme for the exhibit this year is, "**THE ARTS CONNECT US!**" The art exhibit offers us the opportunity to showcase our strong curriculum and outstanding program in a visually articulate and evident manner.

Students will receive a Certificate of Recognition. A reception and ceremony to honor participating students will occur the evening of March 15, 2018. Talented music and theater students will also be performing to make this evening a true celebration of the arts programs in our schools.

DENTAL SEALANTS PROGRAM

PPE has been selected to participate in the *Dental Sealants Program*. Parent information and consent packets were sent home earlier in the year. This program may prevent your child(ren) from developing tooth decay. PPE's scheduled days are March 13-14, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

March's Character Trait is SELF-CONTROL. You show self-control by practicing restraint over your emotions, impulses, or desires. If you recognize "if-then" relationships, you will become a master of self-control. *Congratulations to all of our February Honesty Kids of Character! Check out the counseling bulletin board to see them!*

The South Plantation High School Family Counseling Center provides FREE confidential counseling services for children and families of PPE. For appointments and information please call 754-323-1950. If your family has been touched by the MSD tragedy, please contact me for resources.

Mother's Day Cakes will be sold ONLINE until **March 16, 2018**. Send in your order form with the confirmation number, so that your child will be able to participate in the decorating extravaganza!

2nd QUARTER PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the 2nd Quarter Honor Roll recipients: Aidan Fitzgerald, Alex De Armas, Alexander Fiduccia, Alexander Killings, Anika Perez, Anita Miller, Anna Finnerty, Anthony O'Dell, Ariana Mars, Ava Vitale Sclafani, Brielle Henry, Caleb Wiggins, Caroline Morinelli, Carson Plante, Darian Ramnarine, David Rivera, Dejah Blackwell, Devin Butts, Dylan Saito, Elena Lam, Ella Hollaway, Ella Pardillo, Ella Staszkesky, Emily Pardillo, Eva Bechtol, Gabriella Velasquez, Grace Boehly, Grace Finnerty, Hans Gallart, Ian Bhalai, Isabella Corbett, Isaiah Fernandez, Jacob Thomas, Jadene Smith, Jaimee Canalejo, Jasmyn Smit, Johann Buczek, Jordyn McCollim, Jori Collins, Joseph Vasquez, Joss Collins, Kaylynn Foster, Kylie Daley, Leah Millon Leyla Cruz, Madison Quara, Mateo Rodriguez, Nola Morgan, Penelope Stiles, Phillippe Charles, Rebecca Held, Samuel Nnadiugwu, Sandhya Rampersad, Sasha Jahangirnezhad, Sofia Montefusco, Terra McMorris, Tyler Hunter, Yasmine Zioui, and Zina Zioui.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Our After School Enrichment Clubs Session #2 will be ending on March 19, 2018. We want to thank all of our club sponsors for their hard work and dedication in bringing enriching opportunities to our students. We sincerely hope it was an enjoyable experience and that you continue to support our clubs next year. A special thank-you to *Mrs. Banos, Coordinator.*

5th Grade Fundraiser Night

Friday, March 16, 2018

Tijuana Flats, Papa Johns and TCBY!



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RESOURCES

I-READY

All KDG-5th graders have been enrolled in i-Ready reading and math to assess and provide individualized instruction based on each student's unique needs.

[SBBC student single sign-on](#)

Username: Given by the teacher

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FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENT (FSA)

Up to date information, practice tests, answers to frequently asked questions, etc. can be found at:

<http://www.fsassessments.org>

SAMPLE FSA TESTS

parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests

www.fsaassessments.org

FLORIDA EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Your source for Florida Standards. This site is new! You will find resources located from all over the web to support learning in language arts, mathematics, science, civics, and more.

<http://www.floridastudents.org>

THINK CENTRAL

Use Think Central to practice math and reading skills. Access Think Central through BEEP or www.thinkcentral.com

Username: 10-digit Student Number (starts with 06)

Password: Birth Date WITHOUT backlashes

BEEP

Utilize online textbooks, databases, games, software tools, etc. Check out the many resources beep.browardschools.com/ssoportal/index.html

Username: Student #

Password: Birth Date

MATH ACTIVITES

Teaches K-6 math using hands-on and interactive mini-games. These immersive bite-sized apps for tablets and personal computers are based on a modular and spiral learning system.

matific.com

BRAIN POP

Brainpop engages students through animated movies, learning games, interactive quizzes, primary source activities, concept mapping, and more. Check it out!

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KHAN ACADEMY

Khan Academy is a great way for your child to get help with what they're learning in school or to learn something completely new.

www.khanacademy.org