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Pineapple Perspective

-A Classical Conversation

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PCCA Mission:

“The mission of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy is to develop graduates in mind and character through a classical, content-rich curriculum that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility. We are building intelligent, virtuous American citizens. “

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School Updates

The first days of school were amazing! We appreciate the support and cooperation from all of our families as we have worked through getting arrival and dismissal organized. Our students all had such a smooth transition to the school schedule and expectations. It has been a pleasure to walk through hallways and classrooms and see students proudly displaying their knowledge of our core virtues. Students are eagerly opening doors for one another, using courtesy in their speech and actions, and providing service to their fellow scholars. In classrooms, students are showing self-government and perseverance as they tackle new content in all subject areas. We are pleased to see students reciting poetry and math facts, reading literature, and delving into content area studies.

Our Middle School students have had a particularly wonderful start to the year. They have learned how to use their lockers, transition to classes in a timely manner, and organize content from a variety of courses. Their maturity and independence have been recognized by many staff members.

We look forward to providing more information about our curriculum and school expectations at our upcoming Open House on Wednesday, August 31. Families with last names beginning with A-L should attend from 5:00-5:45. Families with last names beginning with M-Z should attend from 6:15-7:00. Due to limited parking, we are asking that families bring just one vehicle to this event.

Our PTO continues to provide remarkable support to our school. Be sure to check out information from our PTO available from MySchoolAnywhere.com. Once signed up, parents will receive information about volunteering opportunities, items for purchase, PTO membership, and upcoming school events. More information about the organization will be presented at the General Membership meeting on September 6. Come out to learn how to become involved in your child's school!

In the future, this newsletter will be available on our school website, email, and Facebook.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Gunter and Mrs. Wheeler

Curriculum Spotlight

We have finished up our diagnostic assessments for Singapore Math this week. Math groups for grades 1 through 5 have been formed according to diagnostic results and teacher observations. We look forward to beginning our ability grouping on Friday, August 26. These groupings allow us to best meet the needs for our students' academic needs. Ask your child about his/her new math teacher.

Scholars in Kindergarten through sixth grade have been busy with *Riggs: The Writing and Spelling Road to Reading and Thinking*. Riggs is our intensive spelling, handwriting, and reading program. This program starts by first teaching students how to accurately spell words that they will then be able to read. Students are taught the sound of letters before learning the names of letters. This

approach is very different from typical reading programs. Therefore, parents should expect to see changes from the traditional practice with sight words and spelling lists for homework. Students and teachers have been practicing the 71 phonograms daily. Students practice looking at a letter and reciting all of the possible sounds that the letter can make.

PCCA Pillars of Character

Our students are quickly learning our six pillars of character. Please look for your child's character card to come home on a daily or weekly basis (depends on grade level). These cards provide a wonderful way for you to discuss behavioral expectations for our classrooms and school.

Courage- I will do the right thing even when it's unpopular or difficult.

Courtesy- I will be polite, use manners, and maintain a positive attitude in all of my daily interactions.

Honesty- I will speak the truth and act truthfully with others and myself.

Perseverance- I will be persistent in my efforts despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

Self-Government- I will use self-control in my actions and my interactions with others.

Service- I will seek to help others through my words and deeds.

Arrival and Dismissal

Our arrival and dismissal is moving very smoothly. We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility as we have worked to develop routines for students and parents.

In the morning, all students may arrive to school as early as 7:30. Supervision is not available before this time, so it essential that students are not dropped off early. In the afternoons, students are gathering in the cafeteria for

dismissal. K—2 students are dismissed at 3:00 (1:15 on Early Release days) and 3-7 students are dismissed at 3:15 (1:30 on Early Release days). Students not picked up by 3:30 will be placed in the aftercare program with a \$15.00 per instance drop in fee. Parents driving through the car loop MUST have a car tag to ensure the safety and security of our students. If your family needs an additional car tag, please stop in the office. Additional car tags

Late Arrival and Early Check Outs

It is imperative that scholars are here for the entire school day. When students arrive late or leave early, it is a disruption to the classroom environment. Teachers must stop instruction to provide directions to children in these situations. We ask that parents respect the school day and schedule appointments outside of the school day as much as possible. Early check outs will not be permitted after 2:30.

are available in the front office for \$1.00.

Any changes to your child's dismissal plan must be made in writing or by fax with a copy of the guardian's driver's license. We cannot accept changes by phone or student explanation.

Drivers may use BOTH lanes in the car loop when dropping off or picking up students.

ALL Wednesdays are Early Release days!

8/26	Spirit Shirt Day!
8/26	STEM Club begins
8/29	Club payments due
8/31	Open House 5:00– Last names A-L 6:15– Last names M-Z
9/2	Recorder payments due to Ms. Pariseau
9/2	5th/6th Flag Football Registration Due
9/5	Labor Day– No School
9/6	PCCA Clubs begin
9/6	PTO General Membership Meeting– 6 p.m.
9/19	Professional Development Day – No School for students
9/28	Picture Day
9/30	Spirit Shirt Day!

“By training the young in the liberal arts, Hillsdale College prepares students to become leaders worthy of that legacy. By encouraging the scholarship of its faculty, it contributes to the preservation of that legacy for future generations. By publicly defending that legacy, it enlists the aid of other friends of free civilization and thus secures the conditions of its own survival and independence. “

-Hillsdale College

Uniforms

We are happy to report that Lands' End has been successful in fulfilling parent orders. At this time, we know that there are some back orders for little boys button down shirts. Please follow directions on the website to order these shirts. At this time, all scholars should be able to meet the uniform requirements. Seventh grade students must wear a tie every day. Boys and girls should be wearing a belt with their shorts or pants. Socks and shoes should be a solid color of navy, black, white, or gray. We have noticed that some students are wearing bottoms with cargo pockets or colorful shoes. Please note that these are not permitted. Teachers will begin notifying parents of uniform infractions next week.

Cafeteria News

Breakfast: \$1.75

Lunch: \$2.75

If your child is buying meals, please make sure money is sent in an envelope or baggie on a daily basis. If possible, students should bring in exact change. It is difficult for students to keep track of change after they leave the register.

Cafeteria Rules:

1. Speak quietly.
2. Stay in your seat.
3. Eat your own food.
4. Use manners.

Thank You!

A HUGE Thank You goes out to our PTO. Our volunteers have worked so hard to label and distribute books, host an inviting Boo Hoo breakfast, collect Box Tops, and help our scholars while eating lunch. We couldn't have survived these first weeks without you! A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Vo and Walgreens for hosting a flu shot clinic for our staff members!

Thanks to Mrs. Johnston for her creative talents with Photo Boards for our upcoming events. We look forward to her making our playground look even better!