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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

Priority Application Window

Our application season is in full swing. Our front office staff has been busy answering phone calls and accepting applications from families in our community. At this time, we have accepted over 250 applications for the 2017-2018 school year! This overwhelming interest proves the need for our second school. Thank you to all of the families that communicated with school board members in regard to our second location. Brevard Public Schools should be making a final decision on the West Melbourne property during the month of February. We will share their final thoughts when we receive their communication.

All current students will take home a Commitment Letter on February 1st. These letters assist us in confirming grade level populations for the 2017-2018 school year. If you plan on your child returning for the next school year, this form **MUST** be returned by March 1st. If your family has a sibling (including incoming kindergartner), it is necessary to complete an application. Applications can be found on our website.

Uniforms

Please note that beginning in the August of 2017, *all uniforms must be from Lands End*. According to our current uniform policy, students should not be wearing “jeggings” as uniform pants. In addition, bottoms should not have any cargo pockets. All socks and footwear should be a solid color of blue, gray, black, or white. Students should be wearing sneakers or dress shoes; boots are not allowed. We appreciate your cooperation with these policies. Look for information on Fit Events with Lands End this summer.

Hillsdale Visit

Mr. Kilgore and Mrs. Galutia thoroughly enjoyed their visit with our school. This team visited classrooms and gave feedback to many of our teachers. Mrs. Galutia provided professional development for our teachers in the areas of assessment and composition. Mrs. Wheeler and Mr. Moran will be visiting the campus of Hillsdale in February in order to attend a Leadership Conference and Hiring Fair. Wish them luck as they brave the winter in Michigan!

Curriculum Spotlight– Singapore Math

Our scholars participate in Mental Math on a daily basis. This daily element of our math structure provides essential practice in the mastery of math facts. In Kindergarten—Second Grade, our scholars are working to have fact fluency in addition and subtraction.

In third grade and up, scholars are working on developing fluency with multiplication and division facts.

Daily practice with facts is imperative for students to focus on application of math operations when

working on word problems. Looking for a good way to practice with your child? Try flash cards, dice, memory or concentration games, Bingo, or apps on a phone or tablet. Just a few minutes a day can show great gains!

Mark Your Calendar

Valentines for Vets– We are looking forward to supporting the National Homeless Veterans Support Group again this year. Students can send in toiletry items until 2/10. Items will be bagged and donated to homeless veterans in Brevard County. On 2/14, local veterans will be visiting classrooms to talk with students. In addition, we will also have a flag ceremony led by the American Legion, Post 117.



Conference Night– Please contact your child’s teacher if you are interested in scheduling a conference on this evening. Conferences are by appointment only.

Class/Group Pictures– On 2/8, all students will take a class and/or club picture. We are asking that all students wear their button down uniform shirt on this day. Payment for pictures is due on this day. Please do not send money in early. Sports pictures will be taken on another day (to be determined). This will allow your athlete to have an individual, as well as a team picture, available for purchase.

Happy Hearts Hop– Our PTO is busy working on preparing decorations and plans for a fun, family afternoon. Families are invited to this free event from 1:00—4:00. Please note that students may NOT be dropped off and must be accompanied by an adult. We appreciate your cooperation.

FSA Writing Assessment– On 2/28, all of our 4th—7th grade students will take the FSA Writing Assessment. It is imperative that students come to school prepared and on time for this assessment.

1/30— 2/10	Collections for homeless veterans
2/6	Yearbook Presales End
2/2	Conference Night by appt . (5:00—7:00)
2/3	4th Grade Field Trip to Renaissance Fair
2/6 2/9	7th Grade Field Trip to Brevard County Courthouse
2/7	5th Grade Field Trip to Brevard Symphony Orchestra
2/8	Class and Group Pictures
2/11	Happy Hearts Hop (1:00—4:00)
2/14	Valentines for Vets
2/28	4th—7th Grade FSA Writing Assessment
3/7	Boosterthon Pep Rally

Thank you!

Thank you to all of the parents that came out to our Barnes and Noble Bookfair Night. They night was a huge success with students performing music and poetry!

We were able to raise about \$840.00 in funds to use towards our purchase of novels for next school year. We also wish to thank everyone that came our for

our Buffalo Wild Wings Night. We know it was a VERY busy night and we appreciate your patience!

“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

Arrival/Dismissal Reminders

Please remember that cars can use both lanes during arrival and dismissal. Drivers need to merge into one line before entering the loop directly in front of the school. In the mornings, we ask that children do not walk through the parking lot unattended. Students may not be dropped off in the parking lot. Families using the crosswalk should pay attention to the staff member directing the crosswalk before crossing. In the afternoon, please note that is required for parents, family members, and friends to have a car tag when picking up students. This is a requirement EVERY day. If someone coming to pick up a child does not have a car tag, he/she will be directed to the front office to show ID. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to ensure your child’s safety!

PTO NEWS

Our PTO has been quite busy! At our January General Session meeting, PTO gave the administration a check for \$14,000.00! This past week, we began planning with a shade structure company to provide shade for our playground area. We look forward to receiving estimates and beginning work shortly. PTO is currently working to plan for our Happy Hearts Hop. Parents are working on decorations and plans for the big day. Look for opportunities for volunteering on the fun afternoon to come out soon. Do you know a business that is interested in advertising on shirts for our upcoming Boosterthon? If so, please contact Tammy at treasurer@pccapto.com.