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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– Application Window for 2017-2018/Raptor Volunteer System

2017-2018 Application Window

Our application window opens January 17, 2017, for next school year. Current students need not reapply, but siblings not currently attending our school must have an application completed by the priority deadline. Commitment letters for current students will go home in February for the next school year. As always, applications will be on our website and can be faxed or dropped off in our front office. PCCA is excited to add eighth grade to our school program for the upcoming school year!



Raptor Volunteer System

Brevard Public Schools is terminating their contract with Keep N Track and securing a new system called Raptor. Raptor will replace all the functions of Keep N Track and should be implemented in all schools by March. Parents will be able to check their own volunteer status and badges from the current system will continue to work with Raptor. The **first time** a parent signs into Raptor, the system will **require** a state-issued ID, but after that each visitor’s information is stored and simply re-run through the appropriate state databases each time a visitor signs in. We are excited for this more reliable and user-friendly system! We will notify our parents and visitors once Raptor is live and available for use.

Curriculum Spotlight– Core Knowledge and Riggs

Our third—seventh grade students have recently completed the second assessment period for FAIR (Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading). We are very excited about the gains students are showing in ELA from the beginning of the year to December! Our

Core Knowledge curriculum exposes our scholars to an extensive amount of literature and poetry that is not usually taught with other programs. This high level of literature improves a child’s comprehension and vocabulary, as shown by the increase in our scores!

Look for your child’s FAIR report to come home this month (if it hasn’t already). Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher.

Mark Your Calendar

Spelling Bee– Our fourth-seventh grade students have the opportunity to prepare for our schoolwide spelling bee. The winner from PCCA’s spelling bee will represent our school at the upcoming district competition in February. Materials for preparation can be found on our school website under the Parents tab. A winner from each of the class spelling bees will participate in our school spelling bee.

Hillsdale College– Mr. Kilgore and his team from Hillsdale will be visiting PCCA on January 17th and 18th. This visit provides our teaching staff with professional development and follow up from training that occurred in Michigan over the summer. We welcome their visit and look forward to receiving their feedback.

Report Cards– Please note that due to midterms, our 6th and 7th graders will receive their report cards on a different date than our elementary students.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair- Come out and see our musical groups perform at Barnes and Noble. In addition, students from all grade levels will have the opportunity to recite poetry learned this year. The night will also include Lego building, cupcake decorating, and read alouds. Look for more information to come home soon! A portion of all sales will be donated to PCCA.

Space Coast Countdown to Fitness– PCCA is participating in the Space Coast Countdown to Fitness. This fun event promotes living happier and healthier lives. Students will run or walk 25.2 miles in 1 mile increments over a period of 10 weeks beginning February 25, 2017. On May 9, all participating schools will meet at a local school to complete the last mile of the race together. Participating students will earn an award, t-shirt, and a finisher medal for completing the last mile on May 6th. The school with the most participants will receive \$250!

1/6	Teacher Workday
1/12	Class Spelling Bees K-5 Report Cards Issued
1/16	No School– MLK Holiday
1/17- 1/18	Hillsdale College Visiting PCCA
1/17	Middle School Report Cards Issued PTO General Membership Meeting
1/20	School Spelling Bee
1/23	Barnes and Noble Night
1/27	Eat Here Night- Buffalo Wild Wings
2/8	Group Pictures– Class and Club/Sports

Thank you!

Thank you to our families who donated food and toys to our Holiday drive! Our National Junior Honor Society was able to provide gift bags to 10 students at our

school! We appreciate the support of our PCCA family! We also wish to thank Moe’s of Palm Bay for their generous donation. Our Eat Here

day earned \$1700.00 for PCCA!



“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

Music Clubs

Ms. Pariseau and Mr. Joel are excited to announce a music club addition to the second semester. Beginning in January, we will offer a Guitar Club! There are currently openings for seven students. The cost of the club is \$75.00 and includes use of instruments. The guitar club will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30—2:30.

In addition, there are some openings in Chorus and World Drumming for the second semester. Cost is \$75.00.

World Drumming– Monday, 3:15-4:15

Chorus– Tuesday, 3:15-4:15

Email Ms. Pariseau (pariseaur@pineapplecoveclassicalacademy.com) if you are interested in joining these groups.

PTO NEWS

On January 17, our PTO is welcoming everyone to our General Session meeting. This meeting is open to all parents, grandparents, and family members interested in learning how to assist in our school. There will be discussion of upcoming school events (Happy Hearts Hop) and review of fundraising efforts. We are excited to announce that Mr. Kilgore, of Hillsdale College, will be speaking at this event. Refreshments will be served! We look forward to seeing you there!