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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

Dear PCCA Families,

Thank you to all of the families that donated items for our Valentines for Vets toiletry drive. We were able to create over 100 bags of toiletry items! Each bag contained toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and other items. In addition, many donations of food, water, and clothing were made. The National Veterans Homeless Support group was amazed at the amount of items donated and looks forward to sharing them with their veterans. In addition, we wish to thank all of our volunteers from Harris Corporation and the American Legion. Veterans from Harris came to visit our classrooms, read to students, and discuss the importance of education with our scholars. Our scholars showered them with valentines and thanks. Our PTO provided a yummy breakfast and lunch for all that came to support this day.

This year, the American Legion Post 117 decided to sponsor our school. Our partnership with the American Legion includes visits to our school and some donations. We are excited to receive a flag for our stage later this month. In addition, the post has donated money for us to purchase a book for every student in our school! We have purchased books that are used with our curriculum so that students may take notes and highlight as necessary. Representatives from the American Legion will visit our school later in the month to present the books, stage flag, and conduct another flag ceremony. In addition, they will give presentations on proper flag folding and etiquette. We appreciate the education and benefits they provide for our school!

The month of March marks the end of our Priority Application Window for the 2017-2018 school year. The number of applications received is astounding and truly proves the need for an additional school. We appreciate the support of all as we work to expand classical education to the students of Brevard County.

Special Visitors

During the month of February, PCCA hosted some very special visitors. Tina Descovich, Brevard County school board member, came to tour our school and learn more about classical education. Mr. Jim Kennedy, former director of the Kennedy Space Center, came for a follow up visit with our 6th grade students. In

addition, State Representative Randy Fine, came to tour our school and speak to our 4th - 7th grade students. We appreciate him taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with our staff and students. Our 7th graders are currently studying Civics and his discussions were a great connection for our middle schoolers.



Mark Your Calendar

Spring Pictures– Look for information and order forms to come home in mid-March. Spring Pictures provide families with the opportunity to take an additional school picture that is more casual. Students taking pictures on this day are able to wear dressy clothes to school in lieu of a school uniform.

Boosterthon– The Patriot Fun Run will take place throughout the day on March 16. Grade levels will have assigned times to complete their running, walking, and dancing laps. Mark your calendar now, as family members are encouraged to join in on the *fundraiser*.



Talent Show– Ms. Pariseau will be sending home information about this fun event soon. All of our students are invited to participate in the Second Annual Talent Show. Start your preparations for an amazing act now. Students can perform individually or with a group.



Third Grade Reading FSA– All of our third grade students will take the reading FSA on March 28 and 29. This paper-based test will be administered upon arrival to school, so it is important that students arrive on time and ready to do their best!

3/1	Commitment Letters Due
3/2	Kindergarten Field Trip to Planetarium
3/7	Boosterthon Pep Rally for students General Membership PTO meeting 2nd Grade Field Trip to King Center
3/16	Boosterthon 2017-2018 New Student Applications due
3/17	No School– Teacher Planning Day
3/20	2nd Grade Field Trip– Beauty and the Beast
3/21	Report Cards Issued
3/22	Spring Pictures
3/24	5th Grade Field Trip– Civil War Reenactment
3/28-3/29	Third Grade Reading FSA
3/29	Talent Show Tryouts
3/30	Texas Roadhouse Night
3/31	Spirit Day– Wear your spirit shirt!

Thank you!

A huge thanks goes out to Rich MacNabb of Elite Fitness of Palm Bay. His gym is allowing our Middle School Volleyball candidates to use the gym every Friday for an hour at no charge! Coach

Marcum and Coach Burbea meet with the team of girls for weight lifting and cardio exercise. We appreciate the generosity of the fitness club. Contact Mr. MacNabb if you are interested in joining this

gym and receiving a great deal!



Staff Updates

You will notice a new face in the front office in March. Mrs. Contreras will be joining our front office team as a Student Services Coordinator. This position will allow for more support for our Middle School students, parents, and the assessment team. We are excited to her join us and know that she will be a valuable asset to our students and families.

Mrs. Kearsten Smith will be taking over as our Middle School math teacher. Mrs. Smith is a certified math teacher and has had experience teaching at PCCA in the past as a substitute teacher. We welcome her to the PCCA family!

PTO NEWS

The next General Membership meeting will take place on March 7 at 6:00 p.m. We encourage all parents and family members to attend and learn ways to become involved with future efforts at PCCA. At this meeting, PTO will be sharing information about our upcoming Boosterthon fundraiser.

Thanks to all of the parents that worked on decorating the school for Boosterthon!



“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.”