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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 scholars actively engaged.

Over the summer, we worked to make some enhancements to the security of our classrooms and school. Thank you to the following volunteers for sewing window curtains and assisting with classroom locks: David Marcinik, Stephanie Marshall, and John Maciejewski. These projects would not be possible without their assistance. In addition, we have contracted with the PBPD to have an officer at our school daily. These "extra duty" officers will be at our school during the school day, including arrival and dismissal to ensure the safety and security of our campus during school hours. You will see an officer parked in front of our school and patrolling the campus on a daily basis. Please help us welcome these officers when you see them around campus.

Our first graduating class has begun their freshman year! The growth of our school continues into high school this year. This summer, we added many new teachers to our Middle/High School teaching staff and are very excited to have them join our family. Mr. Moran is currently working on plans to expand our campus to include a high school building. Stay tuned for more details!

We strive to provide our families with timely information throughout the school year. At this point in the school year, you should have received numerous emails from PCCA. If you have not, please contact the front office to ensure that your contact information is correct. Families can subscribe to our emails on our website. Updates are also sent via Thinkwave, MySchoolAnywhere, and Facebook. In the future, this newsletter will be available on our school website, email, and Facebook.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Wheeler and Ms. Engeron

Curriculum Spotlight- Access Literacy

This year, our Palm Bay and West Melbourne campuses will be piloting an updated version of Riggs, now called Access Literacy. This program will maintain much of the same instruction, routines, and procedures as Riggs. The changes will include minor changes to sounds for each phonogram, spelling rules, and language of instruction.

We are very fortunate to have so much training available to our teachers as they work through this change. Mrs. Furno and Mrs. Kardatske of Access Literacy provided four days of literacy instruction to our new teachers over the summer. In addition, we are excited to announce the appointment of Mrs. Nicole Roberts to Literacy Trainer for both of our school campuses.

Mrs. Roberts has been working closely with teachers to assist with lesson planning and instruction. She will provide training to teachers, both in and out of the classroom by modeling lessons and providing feedback to teachers. We look forward to having Mrs. Roberts be such a valuable asset to our teachers as they create fluent readers and writers.

PCCA Virtues

Our students are quickly learning our six pillars of character. Please look for your child's character card (grades K-5) 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.

Middle and High School students participated in an assembly to discuss our Student Handbook. Parents and scholars should have signed and returned the quiz and acknowledgement form to their homeroom teacher.

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.

8/15	-First Day for Kindergarten -Boo Hoo, Yahoo Breakfast, 8:15
8/16 8/17	Volleyball Tryouts for girls in grades 7,8, and 9
8/17	-Club Applications due -Early Release
8/24	-Club Payments due -Early Release -Fun Town Night
8/27	Clubs begin
8/28	Open House (Grades 6-9) 5:30-6:30
8/30	Open House (Grades K—5), 5:00—5:45 Last names A-L 6:00—6:45 Last names M-Z
8/31	Spirit Shirt Day
9/3	Labor Day— No School

Arrival and Dismissal— Safety of our Students

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, K-3 students are dismissed at 3:00 (1:15 on Early Release days) and 4-9 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 to get one 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.

To improve safety for our students – we ask that the car loop be a cell phone-free zone. Many parents are talking on phones or texting. This is quite hazardous as children are entering/exiting cars and others are crossing.

In addition, please use caution when entering or exiting the school driveway. Some of our students are walking/biking to school, and need to cross the driveway safely.

ALL Fridays are Early Release days!

Fun Town

Join us on August 24 as we celebrate the new school year at Fun Town! For just \$10.00, scholars are able to skate (unlimited), play laser tag, and enjoy the bounce houses. PCCA will receive \$8.00 for every ticket sold! Look for information to come home soon about ticket sales.



Cafeteria News

Breakfast: \$1.75
Lunch: \$3.00

If your child is buying meals, please make sure payments are made online or money is sent in a labeled envelope or baggie on a daily basis. If possible, students should bring in exact change.

Applications for free/reduced lunch can be found on our website. All scholars, regardless of prior approval, will need to reapply this year if needing this support.

Our Spring Boosterthon fundraiser was a huge success! Because of

everyone's overwhelming support, we were able to purchase new equipment needed for our self-prep kitchen. Our Cafeteria Staff is currently planning menus and working to submit them for approval. We look forward to making our own meals in our kitchen by January.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our cafeteria manager, Laura Sroka at

srokal@pineapplecoveclassicacademy.com.

PTO

Are you interested in volunteering at our school or on field trips? BPS has updated requirements for all volunteers this year. If you plan on working with scholars, in any capacity, fingerprints are now required. Fingerprints can be done at Brevard Public Schools in Viera for a fee of \$35.00. Every year after, there is a renewal fee of \$8.00. Applications and additional information can be found on the BPS website.

Fingerprinting Hours:
Monday through Thursday
8:00 am to 4:30 pm