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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

We greatly appreciated our visit with the team from Hillsdale College. Members of the Barney Charter School Initiative visited our Upper School classrooms and gave feedback and support to our teachers. They were very impressed with our scholars and teachers and look forward to coming back again soon. A trainer from Access Literacy will be on our campus this week to provide additional training and support for our teachers that are new to Access Literacy (formerly Riggs) this year. Mrs. Roberts has been working with the organization and our new teachers to ensure quality of instruction and familiarity with teaching materials. We appreciate all of the help and guidance that Hillsdale College provides for our school as we continue to strive for exceptional education for your children.

Thank you to all that attended our last PTO meeting. It was a pleasure to see so many families come out to learn about our PTO, school board candidates, and hear Chief Rogers speak. I am urging all parents to join us on October 4 at 7:00 at City Hall. We will be petitioning the City Council to provide some additional financial support for our school as we work to ensure a safe school environment. If you haven't done so already, please read an email sent this week with details about our current financial situation in regards to armed security on our campus. Wear your Spirit Shirt and let your voice be heard! Doors open at 6:15— come early to get a seat.

The coming months will bring wonderful events to bring our scholars together. We look forward to Fall Fest on October 20. This fun day will include trick or treating, games, an obstacle course, food, and a special movie showing. Bring your family for a great afternoon and evening. In addition to Fall Fest, our high school parents are busy preparing for our first Homecoming! These plans will celebrate the successes of our Varsity Volleyball team as they close out their season.

Warmest Regards,

*Mrs. Wheeler and Ms. Engeron*

### Reading Assessments

Scholars in grades 3-9 just finished up taking FAIR (Florida Assessments for the Instruction in Reading), a computerized reading assessment. This assessment alerts teachers to the strengths and weaknesses of our scholars and provides scores in the areas of Word Recognition, Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, and Syntactic Knowledge. In

addition, scholars in grades 1-6 will be taking the district assessment QLA (Quarterly Literacy Assessment) over the next week. This test will monitor a child's ability to read and answer questions that are multiple choice and require short written responses.

Our Kindergarteners are currently taking the Kindergarten Literacy Survey to

see gains since the first week of school. The results of these assessments will be shared with parents through parent reports and conferences. Thus far, we are very pleased with the results, as our Access Literacy and Core Knowledge materials support our teachers and scholars very well.

## Upcoming Events

**Tutoring**– Look for information and registration forms in email communication soon. We will be offering support in reading and math for grades K—5 (Mondays and Tuesdays). Middle and High school scholars may attend for support in reading, math, Latin, or science (Monday-Thursday). Scholars will enjoy a snack and a break prior to the start of the one hour sessions.

**Conference Night**– Our teachers will be scheduling conferences on the evening of October 30 from 5:00-7:00. Be on the lookout for invites and feel free to contact your teacher if you'd like to schedule a meeting.

**Food Drive**– Our NJHS scholars are continuing their food drive in support of those affected by Hurricane Florence. Donations will be accepted until October 10.

## Athletics



Thank you to everyone that purchased a Pink PCCA Athletics shirt in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. We are thrilled to share that we sold

over 700 shirts between our two campuses! We look forward to celebrating Mrs. Walker and wishing her well at our October 11 Pink Volleyball game.

Everyone that ordered a shirt can wear it EVERY Friday in October!

10/2 Home VBall Games  
5:00– 7th and 8th  
6:15– Varsity

10/2 Picture Day

10/4 City Council Meeting,  
7:00

10/10 First FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) meeting,  
7:15 am-7:45 am

10/11 Home VBall Games  
5:00– 7th and 8th  
6:15– Varsity

10/15 No School– Teacher Workday

10/16 Tutoring Forms due

10/19 Bookfair

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10/26

10/20 Fall Fest, 3:30-8:00

10/22 Tutoring Begins

10/23 Report Cards Issued  
Jersey Mike's Night

10/26 Spirit Shirt Day

10/30 Conference Night, 5-7  
by appt.

10/31 Curriculum Day

11/1 2nd Grade Field Trip–  
King Center

## PTO

Thanks to all that have come out to help prepare for our Fall Fest. We appreciate all of the donations of gallon jugs and tin cans.

Join us:  
Crafting Meetings  
10/2 and 10/3  
8:15-10:00



## FCA

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will have their first meeting on Wednesday, October 10 at 7:15. This club is open to all scholars in grades six -nine and will meet in the Art Modular. For more information, please contact Ms. Johnson at [johnsonj@pineapplecove-classicalacademy.com](mailto:johnsonj@pineapplecove-classicalacademy.com).

## Out of Field Teachers

Please be advised the following teachers are Out of Field pursuant to F.S.1012.42. for the 2018-2019 school year. These teachers meet all of the state requirements to teach in the public schools and are working toward certification in the required subject area.

Mr. Jared Hulet– Latin

Mr. Richard Hayes– Biology

Mrs. Amy Lerche– ESOL

Mrs. Kim Parker- ESOL

## Cafeteria News

Breakfast: \$1.75  
Lunch: \$3.00

Does your child have a milk allergy? We are now offering Vanilla Almond Breeze milk for scholars in need of an alternative. Please send in a doctor's note to Mrs. Sroka to verify the need.

Menus for breakfast and lunch can be found on our website.



## Curriculum Day

On Wednesday, October 31, all scholars and staff members are invited to participate in Curriculum Day! On this fun day, all scholars can dress as a character or figure they have studied in class this year. In the past, we have been amazed with the creativity shown by our families. Costumes can be homemade or store bought. Look for more information to come home from your teachers.

“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