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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 enjoyed seeing all of our families return to school for our Open Houses. Middle and High School parents visited classrooms following their scholar's schedule, checked in on lockers, and participated in a parent meeting. Elementary parents visited classrooms to learn of school policies and classroom curriculum and routines.

At our Middle and High School Open House, we shared some exciting news about our future High School building. Mr. Moran has been working diligently to acquire the property to the south of our current campus for construction of the Pineapple Cove Classical High School. In the meantime, we have met with Summit Construction (builders of our West Melbourne Campus) on multiple occasions to develop building and site plans. Our administrative team has visited another high school in hopes of creating a top-notch campus that rivals other facilities— both in academics and extracurricular offerings. Our discussions have included well equipped rooms for art and music, a full size gym, and a track/soccer field. In addition, Mr. Moran is working to make his dream of an Olympic sized swimming pool come true!

We look forward to having the team from Hillsdale College visit our campuses at the end of September. These visits always provide considerable guidance as we all work together to bring classical education to the scholars of Brevard. Our new-to-PCCA teachers will participate in valuable discussions and classroom observations, enhancing instruction in our building.

Thanks to your support through Boosterthon, our kitchen was upgraded with new equipment over the summer. Our kitchen staff is currently working on menus to be approved by the state. Once approved, we will be ready to begin serving meals prepared in our own kitchen. We anticipate these approvals to be complete by December, with new service beginning in January. Thank you for your patience as we work through this lengthy process.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Wheeler and Ms. Engeron

Curriculum Spotlight— Singapore Math

Our scholars began working in their ability groups last week. New scholars completed diagnostic testing for placement into math groups.

Our ability groups for math allow us to present scholars with content and standards that best match his/her current performance. Most often, grade levels will have groups on a variety of levels— remediation,

on grade level, and enrichment.

In every grade level, scholars will experience math instruction in three ways— concrete (with use of manipulatives), pictorial (with use of bar modeling), and abstract (with use of algorithm). This three step process ensures that math students have multiple avenues for accessing mathematical content.

Once introduced in class, scholars will be expected and encouraged to practice math facts at home to increase fact fluency. Teachers will share timelines, games, and methods for practicing facts at home.

September PTO Meeting

Come and learn ways to become involved in PCCA's community. Points of interest:

1. Presentations by the two School Board candidates: Kelly Damerow and Katye Campbell
 - Bring your questions and concerns for charter schools as you prepare for this important election in November.
2. Update on SRO/School Security by Mrs. Wheeler
3. Updates on PTO events and business by PTO Leads
4. Scholar presentation for upcoming service project
5. Snacks and goodies provided by PCCA teachers and staff!
6. Everyone attending will earn 1 hour of volunteer

Athletics

We are excited to host our FIRST home games for volleyball this year! Our 7th/8th and Varsity teams will have their first home game on Friday, September 7. Check out our website calendar to see when you can support our teams (5th/6th, 7th/8th, and Varsity). Our girls and coaches have been working hard!

Coach Ball is now taking applications for Basketball. All forms are due September 17. We look forward to creating our first Varsity Basketball team!

9/7	7th/8th and Varsity Home Volleyball Game!
9/11	Save Around Coupon Book Orders Due
9/11	PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
9/17-9/28	Dominoes Pizza Card Sales
9/18	Interim Reports Issued (Grades 1-9)
9/20-9/21	Hillsdale College Visiting Palm Bay and West Melbourne Campuses
9/28	Spirit Shirt Day
10/2	Picture Day

Arrival and Dismissal- Safety of our Scholars

Some reminders for everyone:

- When dropping off in the morning, drivers should use both lanes.
- Merging is necessary and should be done with kindness and caution.
- Drivers should not be using cell phones during drop-off or pick-up.
- During dismissal, please keep your car tag visible at all times.

Club and Athletics

Dismissal

Our clubs and sports are off to a great start! Please remember the following:

- A car tag is essential when picking up. The front office is closed when clubs and sports are dismissing. Checking IDs causes additional work for our teachers and staff.

-Please be courteous of our staff and coaches and pick up scholars on time. Any students not picked up on time will be put in our aftercare program with a drop-in rate of \$15.00 per instance.

-If picking up scholars/siblings from clubs/sports that dismiss at different times, please be present at both pick ups.

“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

Physical Education

Our scholars are enjoying their PE classes and outside recess time (grades K-5). Hydration is essential to keeping our children safe in the Florida heat. Please make sure your child brings a labeled water bottle to school everyday, especially on PE days. Ms. Ball and Ms. Johnson have water jugs outside for scholars to refill water bottles as necessary.

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. 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.

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

srokal@pineapplecoveclassicalacademy.com.

PTO

Thanks to all that have come out to help prepare for our Fall Fest. Please look on the PTO Facebook page for information on upcoming planning and crafting meetings. We look forward to this fun event on Saturday, October 20!

Next Meeting:
Crafting Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 11
8:15-10:00