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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

Welcome back to our students, families, and staff! We are excited to kick off what will prove to be an action-packed year for the Pineapple Cove Classical Academy school family. Our administrative team continued to work on financing and construction plans for our soon-to-be Middle and High School building at our Palm Bay Campus. Look for construction to begin in February!

Our application window this year for both our Palm Bay and West Melbourne campuses runs from January 15– March 15. Applications can be submitted online, via fax, or in person at one of our campuses. **Existing families do not need to reapply.** Our informational nights are as follows:

- K-6 Informational Night; February 5 at 6 p.m. (West Melbourne Campus)
- 7-10 Informational Night; February 19 at 6 p.m. (Palm Bay Campus)
- K-6 Informational Night; February 28 at 6 p.m. (West Melbourne Campus)
- K-6 Information Night; March 4 at 6 p.m. (Palm Bay Campus)
- 7-10 Informational Night; March 4 at 7 p.m. (Palm Bay Campus)

School tours for new families are scheduled for Fridays at 9 a.m. and have limited space. Dates can be found on the calendar on our website. Interested parties can RSVP for school tours by calling the front office.

We will send home commitment letters to our existing families in early February. These forms must be returned in order to continue enrollment at PCCA.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Wheeler and Ms. Engeron

Handwriting Instruction

Our teachers use Access Literacy to model and teach the basics of handwriting– both manuscript and cursive. Scholars learn the proper strokes for manuscript letters while learning phonograms in kindergarten. This explicit instruction in handwriting takes the guess work out of writing, teaching all scholars the proper posture, pencil grip, and paper placement for use when writing. Scholars

begin to learn cursive handwriting at the end of second grade and continue this instruction into third grade. While some may suppose handwriting is a skill not needed in today's work environment, we strongly believe that it is a necessary skill for efficiency in writing, notetaking, reading important documents, and finally, for its pure beauty.

Service Spotlight

Our National Junior Honor Society is planning to visit a local nursing home at the end of the month. The group plans on spreading some joy with games and socks for the residents. Donations will be collected from January 10-18 and can be sent to the front office. Thanks for your support!



Upcoming Events

Spelling Bees– Scholars in grades 4-8 can prepare for class and grade level spelling bees using word lists on our website and myspellit.com.

Bingo and Spaghetti Dinner– Our 8th and 9th grade parents look forward to a fun night of games and dinner on the evening of January 17. Carrabbas's will be catering a delicious meal and everyone can play Bingo for great prizes!

Class/Club Pictures– All students will have their picture taken on this day. Any students in clubs (not sports) will also be photographed. Everyone should wear their button down oxford shirt on this day, regardless of PE schedules.



Join us for a fun night with fellow PCCA families at our local Chick-fil-A on Malabar Road! The class with the highest participation will receive a cookie party. PCCA will earn a percentage of all sales on the following evenings:

1/22– Grades K-3

1/29– Grades 4-9

Drive through purchases qualify also! Alert the cashier that you are with PCCA.

1/10 Students and Teachers return to school

1/10-1/18 NJHS Socks for Seniors Drive

1/11 2nd semester club payments due

1/16-1/18 Class and Grade Level spelling bees (4th-8th)

1/17 Bingo and Spaghetti Night to support Washington, D.C. trip

1/18 Report Cards issued

1/21 No School– MLK Holiday

1/22-2/14 Online Yearbook Presales (\$28.00)

1/22 5:00-8:00 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, Grades K-3

1/25 - Kona Friday
- Spirit Shirt day

1/28 School-wide Spelling Bee

1/29 Class and Club Pictures

1/29 5:00-8:00 Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night, Grades 4-9

2/1 NJHS Induction, Grades 6-9

2/5 6:00 Parent Information Night, Grades K-6 at West Melbourne

2/9 Sock Hop, Valentine Event for grades K-5

PTO

Our PTO is already working on plans for our upcoming Valentine's Sock Hop for grades K-5. This family friendly event will include dancing, snacks, and pictures! Look for more information to come home soon.

For those interested in helping plan and decorate, the committee will be meeting on January 14 and 15 at 8:15. The group is also planning a fun

event for our Upper School scholars. In late February, we will host our first Powder Puff Games! Our boys and girls will face off in volleyball and basketball for all to enjoy. We will have opportunities for parents and families to tailgate in the parking lot while waiting for these fun sporting events to start. May the best team win!

Boosterthon Update: Due to a conflict with our Washington, D.C. trip, Boosterthon has been rescheduled to the following dates: February 25-March 6.

Mark your calendars to join us for the Fun Run on March 6!



Yearbook Sales

Our 2018-2019 Yearbook will be on sale Monday, January 22– Thursday, February 14. During this pre-sale window, the cost of the book is \$28.00. The cost of the book will increase to \$35.00 after this window. The size of our book has increased considerably this year and we are excited to offer such a beautiful, full-color book for all to cherish. This year, all sales will take place online. Families interested in purchasing a shout-out in the yearbook must complete their order no later than Monday, February 4th.

Order at: commpe.pictavo.com
School ID: 77808

Frisbee Club

Mr. Hulet is looking forward to offering this great club for grades 6-9 beginning January 23.

Participants in this club will learn the skills and tricks to playing Frisbee on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30. Interested? Registration forms can be found on our website. All forms and payment are due January 16.



Cafeteria News

Thanks to your fundraising efforts, we are excited to offer our new menu options with our self-prep kitchen. Scholars can expect hot meal and vegetarian choices daily. Menus can be found on our website. Lunch prices will remain the same throughout this change.

Thank you!

Our sincere appreciation goes out to all that took the time to show appreciation before the holiday break. Our teachers and staff were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families!