



Princess Anne
Middle School

The Panther Pride

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If you would like to share your story about a Great teacher you currently have or had at PAMS please email your story to GreatTeachers@VBSchools.com

President's Corner

Hope all of the back to school craziness has calmed down a bit for all of you. It's nice to have everyone back on schedules and into a groove :) I know that in six very short weeks the PTA has found it's groove. In six very short weeks we have signed up 954 members, brought in \$2000 in concessions, had a successful back to school dance, given out \$2700 in teacher grants, sold a ton of spirit wear and stocked our food pantry helping our own PAMS families. NONE if this was possible without YOU and your support of our school. Membership is wonderful...we still need 524 more people to join so that we may once again receive that 100% membership award - that NO OTHER middle school in VA Beach achieves - but the most important component is that \$20 stress free fundraising money that you donate. 100% of TAHT money goes into our bank account and that is what we turn around and give back to the school in the form of grants and

programs. So keep those memberships and stress free donations coming! We have 30 weeks to do great things with it!

Thank you to all of the football families that donated sodas to concessions! That's pure profit for the PTA and we cannot thank you enough! Every bit helps!

The PTA will be hosting a holiday bazaar and sample sale just in time for the holidays on Saturday November 14th in the small gym. We already have some great vendors like Thirty-one, Pampered Chef, Nerium and tons of crafters lined up! All of the proceeds from this event will go toward the purchase of iPads for the school.

We are bringing back he talent show this year! Applications for the show will



go out soon with auditions taking place in November and the show the first week we are back in January. If your student (s) would like to participate have them start working on their acts NOW!

Thank you to all of the families who participated in the Family Survey from the VA PTA for us to be considered for the School of Excellence award from the state. I will keep you updated on our progress throughout the year. Fingers crossed we will be recognized at the end of next summer and the whole state will see what a fabulous place PAMS is for our families!

The PTA always has tons going on. Keep an eye out for e-mails to help out in any way that you can. We appreciate all that you do for our school and we welcome your talents and time.

Janine Sarach
PAMS PTA President

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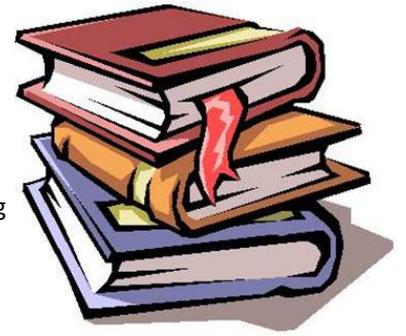
Book Fair

Winter is coming, need a good book to get you through it? Come to the book fair at PAMS to get that book to make it through!!!

The book fair will be held in the library from Friday, October 23, and Monday October 26, 2015 from 9:15 – 3:30 pm,

Tuesday October 27 till Friday October 30, 2015 from 11 – 2 pm.

If you cannot make it during school hours, the fair will also be open Thursday and Friday night from 6-8 pm during Haunted Hallways!



Literacy Corner



Dear PAMS Parents,
My name is Jennifer Stubbe. I'm the Literacy Coach here at PAMS, but I'm also the parent of a 6th grade student. I'd like to spend some time with you through each newsletter letting you know about some things you could do with your

child to increase his or her literacy capacity.

This month, I'd like to bring a user friendly and family friendly website to your attention. It's called vocabulary.com, and it's FREE through your web browser (if you want to download the app, there is a fee). Building a stronger vocabulary not only builds reading capacity, it builds writing strength and content knowledge by teaching your child the language of

the discipline, or content your child may be studying.

Looking for something to do with those extra 5-10 minutes before practice starts? Challenge your child to see who can earn the most points in those few minutes. Give vocabulary.com a try--you might be surprised by how quickly you see a difference!

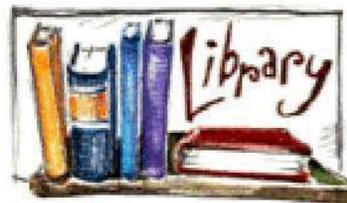
Talk to you next month!
Jennifer

Homework Center

The Homework Center provides students a quiet, monitored place to complete homework and projects or to study. Laptops are available for students who have the need.

Before School: M-F / 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria

After School: M-TH / 3:55pm – 5:30pm- Room 106 (Activity Buses are available after school)



Library Offerings

The Library Media Center Before School @ Your Library program is available for all students. Students may come to the

library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM to check in/out books, research, print from flash drive, work on a group project, or BYOD.



Updated Volunteer Procedure

Virginia Beach City Public Schools has issued a new volunteer procedure. Please note that if you intend to



volunteer in any capacity at

any time during the school year, please download and complete this volunteer agreement link, complete the form and return it to the PAMS security desk prior to volunteering. All forms must

be verified in advance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

[REQUEST TO VOLUNTEER](#)



Log Your Volunteer Hours

Princess Anne Middle School and their PTA are grateful for all of their parent volunteers. Please remember to log your volunteer hours!! Logging your volunteer hours has now been made easier. You can access

the mobile friend website where you can log your volunteer hours quickly and easily. Should you not have access to a smartphone, tablet or computer, the Volunteer binder is still available at the security

desk for your convenience. New Volunteer Website -

[LOG YOUR HOURS HERE](#)

Student Volunteering

HARD WORK REALLY DOES PAY OFF!!! ARE YOU A STUDENT WHO'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH VOLUNTEERING?

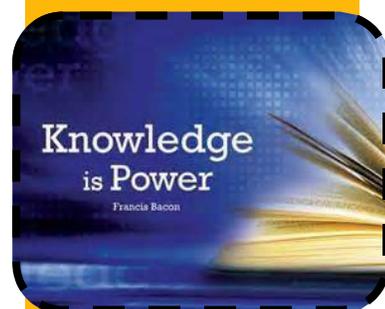
If so, you may be eligible to win a cash prize, a trip to

Washington, D.C. and a chance to inspire other young people to get involved in volunteering.

All applications must be completed online <http://spirit.prudential.com/media/>

[managed/SOC-How-To-Apply.pdf](#) by November 3rd so that

Ms. Tynes in Guidance can certify it for you. Come by Guidance if you have any questions!



Move it! For Military Kids Move it!

Between October 5 and November 20 in support of military

and veteran-connected kids and the challenges they face with mobility,

family separation, and transition.

Register for **Move It! For Military Kids** and choose one of several

registration options.

Pledge to run, hike, bike, swim, climb a tree, do a headstand, or whatever you can do to get active in support of our military kids.

Tweet your activity photos with us and tag k Check your mail and get your **Move It!** swag, which shows everyone your dedication and

support of military kids, and healthy activity!

www.MilitaryChild.org

CLICK HERE



Subscribe to the VB School calendar for the 2015 / 2016 school year by clicking here



Please Join the PTA!

First of all, a HUGE THANK-YOU to all who have joined our PTA and/or donated to our Stress Free Donation drive. We have 609 members at this time.

You are always asked to join the PTA, but WHY should you join?

With your \$5 membership, \$3.75 of it is sent to the state and national PTA. That means PAMS only keeps \$1.25. With 1500 potential memberships, that is \$1,875 for our school.

This is why the \$20 Stress Free donation is so important. Selling wrapping paper or chocolate only nets us maybe 20% of the total sales. By participating

in Stress Free, we don't have to deal with selling, hitting up our family and neighbors and delivering. With approximately 1500 students in the school at \$20 per child, that is \$30,000 that goes right to our bottom line! And what do we use it for?

EVERYONE! We make it a point to spread our (YOUR) money to all grade levels. The biggest chunk goes to teacher grants. Any teacher is eligible to apply for a grant. They submit a proposal, which is reviewed by a grant committee. Let us know if you would like to be on this committee—we welcome more input.

We have already approved the following 3 grants this year:

- * \$1100 for Math Classmarker



- a web based program for math that gives instant results for students to monitor themselves in math

- * \$650 for 7th grade social studies
- * \$950 for 7th grade EDGE kids to go on a weekend trip to study environmental issues at False Cape

We are committed to using the resources you provide to benefit our school, so PLEASE JOIN US.

School Store

The school store is located in the Library Media Center and is open daily from 8:55am until 9:10am. Supplies include: pen-

cils, lead refills, flash drives, spiral notebooks, rulers, etc. A [Click on picture for a list of items ---> --->](#)



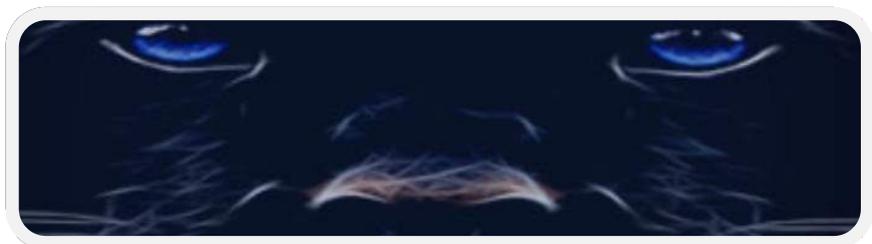
SPIRIT... SPIRIT... LET'S HEAR IT!!

Get your PAMS Spirit Wear now and make a statement loud and clear. We're Panthers and We're Proud!!

[Click on picture for a list of items ---> --->](#)



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Harris Teeter



Re-Link your VIC card. Visit www.harristeeter.com or give the number 6741 at the register. Either way works! Harris Teeter will donate a percentage of your purchase to Three Oaks. We have to re-link every year after August 1st.

Target

Raising funds for our school is as easy as using your REDcard. Designate our school through Take Charge of Education to give our kids a boost. And save 5% every time you shop. REDcards are available as a debit or credit card. The new Chip-and-PIN cards will need to be enrolled. The account numbers are different from the original REDcards. Enroll at Target.com/TCOE or call 1-800-316-6142.



Farm Fresh



No more receipts! Key tags have already gone home. Parents and supporters scan your key tag to help our school earn free educational equipment.

Both Harris Teeter & Target send us a check to support student activities. Farm Fresh provides a list of educational equipment for us to order. Encourage extended family and neighbors to support these programs. This is a simple process and a win win for all.

Labels for Education

From soup, cereal and snacks to dairy products, beverages and food storage – your kitchen's probably full of eligible *Labels for Education*® items. Get clipping and start earning free stuff for your school! Turn them in to your homeroom teacher



Princess Anne M.S. PTA
Bazaar & Surf Wear Sample Sale
2323 Holland Road—Small Gym
Saturday, November 14th 9am-1pm

- Sylas Moon Bath & Body
- Lilla Rose
- Scentsy
- Young Living Essential Oils
- Cruise Planners
- Nerium
- Park Lane Jewelry
- Broken Wings, LLC
- Pampered Chef
- JamBerry
- AdvoCare
- Five Rings Financial
- Longaberger
- Mary Kay
- Princess House
- Rodan & Fields
- Tastefully Simple



November 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 1 Daylight Saving Time	2 6:30 - Girl Scout Meeting Beach FC Soccer Practice End of First Grading	3 Staff Day - School Closed	4 2nd Grading Period 6:00 PM - Football Beach FC Soccer Practice	5 4:00 PM - Sports Practice Fair and Equitable	6 Beach FC Soccer Practice Girl Scout Meeting	7
8	9 Beach FC Soccer Practice	10 4:00 - KLMS One-Act Play 6:30 PM - Football 8:30 AM Pastries for Teachers Report Cards Issued	11 Beach FC Soccer Practice School Closed	12 6:00 PM - One-Act Play	13 Beach FC Soccer Practice Girl Scout Meeting One-Act Play Festival	14 7:00 am - Surf Safety
15	16 6:00 PM - Court House 6:30 - Girl Scout Meeting Beach FC Soccer Practice	17 6:30 PM - Football	18 7:00 - Litchfield Middle School Beach FC Soccer Practice	19 4:00 - Girls Scout Meeting	20 Beach FC Soccer Practice Girl Scout Meeting	21
22	23 Beach FC Soccer Practice	24	25 1:20 PM - Adjusted Beach FC Soccer Practice	26 School Closed	27 Beach FC Soccer Practice Girl Scout Meeting School Closed	28
29	30 8:00 a.m. - Orchestra Practice Beach FC Soccer Practice	Dec 1 Scholastic Book Fair 6:00 PM - 1st Quarter	2 5:00 PM - Citywide	3 5:00 PM - G Basketball 6:30 PM - B Basketball	4 7:00 PM - Orchest Girl Scout Meeting	5



Princess Anne Middle PTA Membership Form

Please remember that the Stress-Free Fundraiser option eliminates product sales with 100% of your donation going directly to the PTA so that we may bring great programs to our school for all students. Further the Stress Free donation is tax-deductible. We appreciate your support of the Princess Anne Middle PTA.

	Stress Free w/Membership (\$25.00/ea.)	Member Only (\$5.00/ea.)
Parent's Name _____ M__F__	_____	_____
Parent's Name _____ M__F__	_____	_____
Parent's Phone # (____) _____ - _____		Grand Total:
Parent's Email _____		\$ _____
Student Name _____ M__F__		
Grade _____ Teacher _____		
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Three ways to join: Cash, Check or Credit Card via PayPal!

Credit Card: You can pay in person at Open House on Sept 30th!
Membership with Stress Free: <http://tinyurl.com/PAMSPTACombo>
Membership Only: <http://tinyurl.com/PAMSPTAmembershiponly>

By check or cash:
Please make your check payable to: Princess Anne Middle PTA

Cash _____ Check# _____

You can drop this form at the school or mail it to: PTA at 2323 Holland Road, Virginia Beach 23453