



**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

Principal's Corner

I would like to begin with a particularly bright spot in an exciting time of pending transition. Join me in congratulating Princess Anne Middle's 2016-17 Teacher of the Year, Mr. Terry Privette, our intrepid band director. Mr. Privette was selected by his peers for his ability to inspire a love of learning (especially of music), for the deep connections he makes with students, for his dedication to the school and community, and for his contributions to the profession. Mr. Privette is an outstanding teacher, worthy of the distinction of Teacher of the Year.

As we approach the end of the first semester, please reflect on your child's current academic progress and the pending release of report cards on February 8, 2016. Are you registered for Parent Portal and checking your child's academic progress daily? Do your child's grades reflect his/her abilities? Are you satisfied with the grades your child is earning? Are you looking for assistance for your child? It is important to me and the staff at Princess Anne Middle that your child meets with continued success, and we have dedicated ourselves to that purpose. To that end, we have put in place several programs to help students who need extra assistance:

AM Homework Center: Students may arrive early to school as early as 7:40 AM where a supervised

environment conducive to sustained silent study is provided until 9:00 AM each morning.

PAMS Support Center: Tutoring is available after school Monday-Thursday from 4:00-5:40 PM. The tutoring schedule is sent out weekly through Myschool Mail.

PM Homework Center: As with the AM Homework Center, supervised homework time is available Monday-Thursday in computer lab 106 from 4:00 PM-5:30 PM. Activity buses are available to provide transportation home if necessary. Students who attend must arrive on time, and stay the entire time (unless picked up by a parent).

SOL Recovery: Students who are not meeting with success in the core classes of English and math are candidates for this program. With SOL Recovery students are removed from one of their two elective classes and meet instead with grade level teachers for reinforcement of objectives studied in English and math. Parents who feel this program may benefit their child should contact the child's core teachers or counselor.

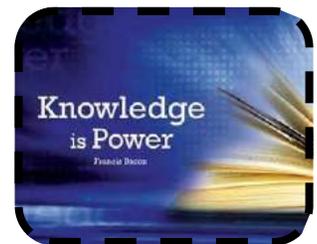
Independent Reading: Students who are below grade level in reading are assigned to this program which also takes the place of one of the elective classes. Teachers generally recommend students for this pro-

gram; however, a parent may also recommend a student's participation by contacting the child's counselor.

Though it is only January, we have already begun to look ahead to next school year. Plans are underway for the expansion of our interdisciplinary STEM program at both 7th and 8th grade. This team features an innovative approach to teaching and learning, and will be open to all PAMS students to apply. Look for more information to come.

As always, I look for your child's continued success. Please do not hesitate to call on me or any member of my staff if we may be of assistance. You will find email links to all staff members on Princess Anne Middle's Website at www.princessannems.vbschools.com.

D. Alex Bergren
Principal, Princess Anne Middle School



Ecology Club

The G.E.T./Ecology club is collecting recyclable materials for the "Trashion" Show. Please send in plastic bottles, aluminum foil, empty snack and candy wrappers, newspapers, empty juice pouches, magazines, bottle tops and anything else that could be used to make an recyclable outfit. Please bring your materials to Mrs. O'Malley's room, 405 or the Art room.

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Food Pantry

Please consider picking up some items to stock the PAMS food pantry. Click on the link below to see the list of requested items. You may drop off any purchased items to the Guidance office.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945aba82a1-food>

The PAMS JS2S Presents Wear **R.E.D.** Fridays

Show your support & appreciation for the Military by wearing **R.E.D.**

Remember **E**veryone **D**eeployed on the following Fridays:

Every Friday in April (Month of the Military Child)

1/29/16

2/26/16

3/25/16

5/27/16



PEER 2 PEER

PEER TUTORING: Does your child need a little extra help with organization or studying? Would s/he benefit from having a peer tutor? The National Junior Honor Society has a large pool of students ready and willing to help their peers before or after school on a one-to-one basis. Please contact Mrs. Cathy Smith, NJHS co-advisor, at Cathy.Smith@vbschools.co

PEER MENTORING: For sixth graders still struggling with the transition to middle school academically or socially, the NJHS would love to match up your child with a peer mentor in the eighth

grade to meet before school once or twice a week for activities, friendship, tutoring, and coaching. If you think your sixth grader could benefit from having a peer mentor, please contact Mrs. Cathy Smith, NJHS co-advisor, at Cathy.Smith@vbschools.co

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Mrs. Cathy Smith, M.S.Ed
Gifted Resource Teacher

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 ad-

vance. 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 com-

puter, the Volunteer binder is still available at the security desk for your convenience. New Volunteer Website - [LOG YOUR HOURS HERE](#)

Volunteer of the Year Nomination Time

Please consider taking a moment to submit a nomination

form as listed below in an electronic fillable document if someone within the PAMS community has volunteered to make a significant contribution to our school. For questions, concerns or to send in the

completed form please return via email to Janine Sarach at jsarach@me.com.

NOMINATE HERE

Click to keep up on our events



Re-Link! **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.

TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION

Reward your school!



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





Everyone is invited to join us Thursday January 28th at 6pm for our talent show!

Come out and support this fine group of panthers who will wow you with their talents!

Admission is free but we are asking attendees to bring a food item to help restock our food pantry

Literacy Corner



Dear PAMS Parents,

Like many of you, I've spent a great deal of time over the past few weeks with my family. I have to say we had a great break, and one of the things we did a lot of was watch movies. While I certainly advocate for reading, there was something comforting about sharing some of our favorite movies with our kids—we watched *Star Wars*, *The Empire Strikes Back*, *The Return of the Jedi*, and even, *Rocky IV* with our kids to prepare *them* to watch *The Force Awakens* and possibly *Creed*. As I was watching these movies with my family, I realized how valid one of my favorite reading strategies was as a way to be an active movie viewer who can figure out the big ideas and perhaps even figure out what's going to happen next. It's a strategy called Notice and Note written by two reading gurus, Kylene Beers and Bob Probst. If you're interested in giving your children and yourself a challenge, try applying this concept to what you're reading OR what you're watching!

There are **6 signposts**, or things you should *NOTICE*. When you notice these things, you should *NOTE* (in your head if fine—no need to grab paper to watch a movie!) the answer to the Big Question and see if you can figure out what that answer is trying to tell you. Happy watching!

Signpost or what to look for...	Big Question...	Answer could help you figure out...
CONTRASTS AND CONTRADICTIONS: When you notice a character says or does something opposite what he's been saying or doing all along, <u>stop and ask yourself...</u>	WHY IS THE CHARACTER DOING THAT? The answer might help you...	Make a prediction about the plot or conflict
AHA MOMENT: When you notice a character suddenly realizes, understands, or figures out something, you should stop and ask yourself...	HOW MIGHT THIS CHANGE THINGS? The answer might help you...	If the character figured out a problem, you probably learned about a conflict If the character understood a life lesson, you probably just learned a theme
TOUGH QUESTIONS: When you notice a character asks himself a really difficult question, you should stop and ask yourself...	WHAT DOES THIS QUESTION MAKE ME WONDER ABOUT? The answer might help you...	Make predictions about what could happen next OR figure out a conflict in the story
WORDS OF THE WISER: When you notice a character (who's probably older and lots wiser) takes the main character aside and gives serious advice, you should stop and ask yourself...	WHAT'S THE LIFE LESSON AND HOW MIGHT IT AFFECT THE CHARACTER? The answer might help you...	Figure out a theme for the story
AGAIN AND AGAIN: When you notice a word, phrase, object, or situation appearing over and over, you should stop and ask yourself...	WHY DOES THIS KEEP SHOWING UP AGAIN AND AGAIN? The answers might tell you about...	Theme and conflict, or they might foreshadow what will happen later
MEMORY MOMENT: When you notice the author interrupts the action to tell you a memory, you should stop and ask yourself...	WHY MIGHT THIS MEMORY BE IMPORTANT? The answer will tell you about...	Theme or conflict, or it might foreshadow what will happen later in the story

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



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PTA! Membership Update:

OUR TOTAL MEMBER COUNT IS 1022!!!!

We have ONLY 456 more to go!!!!

Pay on line, send in a form.....whatever is easiest for you! Let's finish this campaign so we can continue to do more great things for our school!

A HUGE thank you to all who have joined and/or donated to our Stress Free fundrais-

er. If you do not remember if you have joined, please contact me at jillanglin@cox.net.

[JOIN HERE](#)



New Fundraising

With our Stress Free Fundraising totals not hitting our mark we are going to supplement with a little Tupperware madness to bump up our bank account so we can give out some scholarships to PAMS Alumni in the spring *smile emoticon* If you are interested please follow the link to help us out! Everyone loves Tupperware....and they give us 40%!



<http://www.tupperware.com/b/10106844011...>

You can always go to Tupperware.com and find the PAMS PTA fundraiser on their link. THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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!!

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