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The Panther Pride

Princess Anne Middle School

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Mark Your Calendars

November 6:
Staff Day – No School

November 13:
Report Cards Issued

November 13:
PTA Meeting
PAMS Library

November 13:
College Night
VB Convention Center

November 22 & 23:
School Closed

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“Success comes when we all pull together”

A Note from the PTA President

Thank you to everyone that attended our Open Houses. If you missed it, here is my speech:

Thank you for coming. Please join the PTA. Out of your \$5 we only keep \$1.75 so we base our budget off of the stress free income so please consider participating. We want volunteers. Yes, we really do. Be as involved as you were, are or want to be. There is something for everyone. Communication is tough at this level. Like us on Facebook at Princess Anne Middle School PTA. Our Facebook administrator is excellent at posting important announcements as well as fun news to keep you in the loop.

That's pretty much it! Short and sweet.

Speaking of Facebook, did you see the picture of the gift we gave to the school? Our goal this year is to help out with the new media center. We are doing just that. Good things are happening at PA Middle and it is, in part, thanks to you, our PTA members.

We are still on our quest to be the first middle school to make it to 100% PTA membership. We are about 300 off. Seems like a lot but when you have a school with just over 1400 students I would say we are doing pretty well. Mr. Bergren is looking forward to having his hair shaved into a panther and dyeing it blue and he has even enlisted the help of a child from each grade level to join him with his new do! Gosh I hope their parents approved that! And it is going to make a great Facebook post!

So please join. And volunteer. Princess Anne Middle is a great place to be involved.

Janine Sarach
PAMS PTA President
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PAMS PTA presented PAMS Principal Bergren with a check for \$10,000 for library improvement!

Principles of American Citizenship

Princess Anne Middle School is proud to present the Principles of American Citizenship nominees for the month of September.

Congratulations Students! **YOU HAVE BEEN NOTICED!**

Month of September: **RESPONSIBILITY**



Jackson H. (7th grade: Byrd) was selected as the overall winner for Princess Anne Middle School for the trait of Responsibility.

His nomination was sent to the Virginia Beach Council of PTA's for the District Awards.

WAY TO GO JACKSON!!!!

6th Grade

Nominee	Teacher	Nominee	Teacher
Julie H.	Ammons	Emily E.	Hoey
Elizabeth S.	Anoia	Cameron F.	Johnson
Carly E.	Arnett	Shaun T.	McMurray
Joseph M.	Campbell	Massiah C.	Metsker
Mylei H.	Chasse	Monique A.	Scheuer
Chelsea G.	Cobb	Cody L.	Walton
Sean B.	DeWitt	Dylan H.	Williams
Logan Z.	Hamby	Ed J.	Zell

7th Grade

Nominee	Teacher	Nominee	Teacher
Kaitlyn A.	Abrams	Sarah C.	O'Malley
Jackson H.	Byrd	Tommy S.	Parker
Coral M.	Chaves	Ralph S.	Reyes
William F.	Dean	Kaitlyn S.	Roan
Makayla S.	Gay	Erin K.	Solheim
Cameron L.	Hardin	Samantha M.	Taylor
Haley H.	Hayward	Azelia R.	Thompson
Madeline B.	Henry	Noah B.	Trojnar
Carter C.	McClelland	Ian I.	Womick

8th Grade

Nominee	Teacher	Nominee	Teacher
Austin C.	Agami	Sara W.	Hopkins
Austin S.	Buddenhagen	Corinne S.	Irish
Andrew N.	Cash	Bailli B.	Marx
Chase C.	Cole	Shaye C.	McGinnis
Peter M.	Doyle	Michael M.	Morgan
Zach S.	Dunlo	Jenny F.	Perry
Jessie K.	Felter	Amanda M.	Sudduth
Molly C.	George	Conor S.	Walsh
Brendan J.	Hart	Jalen C.	Zajac

We All Scream for Ice Cream!!!!!!

I scream... You scream...We all scream for ice cream!!!!!!

Well, indulge in a Cold Stone Creamery Ice Cream Pie and help the PAMS PTA. Pies will sell for \$13 and Cold Stone Creamery will donate **\$3** to the school for each pie purchased.

It's a win for everyone. Click on the PAMS PTA website link <http://www.pamsptavb.com/cold-stone-creamery.html> and submit your order form no later than November 16th. Pies can be picked up between November 17th and 21st.



Who says you can't have your pie and eat it too???

Reduce... Reuse... Recycle... Repeat...

"The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination."

~Albert Einstein



The Business-Recycling Club needs your help! Please bring to room 623 your old cell phones, empty printer cartridges, mp3 players and digital cameras.

Students, for each item that you bring in you will receive a ticket for a chance to win a prize! Prizes are given out quarterly!

If you have any questions, see Mrs. Vinikoff in room 623. Thanks for your help!

Music News!!!

Congratulations to the PAMS Orchestra! Princess Anne Middle School Orchestra students auditioned for the Jr. District Orchestra this past weekend at Independence Middle School.

The following students made the Orchestra and will be participating in the 6th annual Jr. District Orchestra Festival that will be held at Salem Middle School on January 11-12, 2013. There will be two performing groups at the Festival. The 7th Grade Orchestra and the 8th grade Orchestra.

Congratulations students!! You did a fantastic job!!

8TH GRADE

Brianna Banks 7th chair Bass
Victoria Gardner 10th chair Cello
Michael Malibiran 2nd Violin 23rd chair
Angelique Olson 5th chair Viola
Noah Sprouse 1st Violin 13th chair

7TH GRADE

Alaina Ablao-Wilson 11th chair Viola
Kyle Haberdash 14th Chair Cello
Riley Kindley 2nd Violin 21st chair
Adrianna Layne 2nd Violin 28th chair
Isa Misa 20th Chair Viola
Jacob Rice 2nd Chair Viola
Dalton Long 1st Violin 17th Chair
Shannon Sturtz 2nd violin 10th chair





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Friends of Rachel Club

Attention PAMS students and staff!!!!
The Friends of Rachel club is asking for your help.



This November, in honor of Veteran's day, we will be celebrating the men and women who serve in our military. As a random act of kindness, we are asking students and staff to take a few moments to write a letter, compose poem, create a card or even draw a picture expressing thanks and gratitude to those who sacrifice for our country.

Please bring completed work to the guidance department by **Friday November 9th**.

We thank each and every one of you who take the time to extend kindness and compassion to these men and women.

Volunteers....



We need **YOU**!!!!

If you would like to volunteer in various areas of our school throughout the year and have not signed up yet, please send an e-mail to Bobbi Vinsand (Volunteer Coordinator) at vinsand@cox.net

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

~Maya Angelou

PAMS Food Bank Needs Your Help!!!!

The Guidance Department would like to remind parents, staff and community members that the Guidance Department operates a food pantry for students/families in need. Many students whose families do not qualify for free/reduced lunch, but who may still experience financial hardship, can utilize guidance as a resource for emergency sundries.

We take any and all food donations all year long; however, we love the quick and easy (and preferably healthy) snacks and lunch items that students can readily eat when they are hungry. Examples would be: microwaveable macaroni and cheese single serving cups or Chef Boyardee single serving cups, single serve apple sauce, fruit, granola bars, Luna bars, water bottles, etc.

Last year we were able to feed many hungry students. During the holidays, the Guidance Department in conjunction with Helping Hands for the Holidays, were able to provide approximately 20 families with meals and gifts.

Thank you!



FEED THE HUNGRY

Gifted Identification Testing

Dates for the Gifted Identification testing at Princess Anne Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year are as follows:

- November 29
- February 15 (Kemps Landing testing)
- May 13

Virginia Beach City Public Schools uses the “profile approach” in determining whether a student is in need of a differentiated education beyond that offered by the school’s regular curriculum. Students may be referred for testing by staff members, parents, other students, and the student himself.

Once a request has been submitted, the Gifted Resource Teacher (GRT) will begin the paperwork necessary for the referral to be processed. Parent input, teacher narratives, grades, scores on standardized tests, and student work samples are reviewed by the committee. A determination is made by the committee for placement in the VBCPS gifted program.

Referrals for testing and a completed Parent Information Form are due to Ms. Cathy Peterson (GRT) two weeks prior to the testing date.



MIX IT UP at Princess Anne Middle School

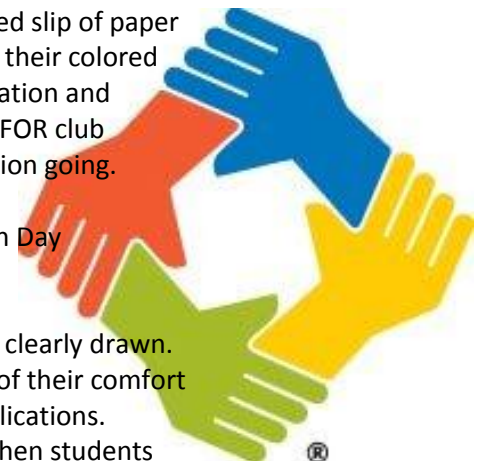


On November 2nd Princess Anne Middle School participated in **the National Mix It Up** day!!! The Olweus Anti-bullying Committee and PAMS Rachel's Challenge FOR Club worked together to plan this event. The PTA has supported this event, and thank you to the many parents who volunteered to make the day a success!!

We asked our students to step out of their comfort zones and meet and interact with new students. On Two weeks ago as part of a school-wide Olweus Classroom meeting activity, our students brainstormed questions that could be used as ice-breakers when meeting new people. We compiled a list of excellent, engaging questions to use during the “**Mix It Up**” day. Each row of tables in the cafeteria was color coded. As students entered lunch they were given a color coded slip of paper with four icebreaker questions. For the day, students sat at the table associated with their colored paper, next to someone they did not know. The icebreakers helped foster communication and helped students to get to know each other. Staff, Administration, Rachel's Challenge FOR club members and parents helped during each lunch bell to keep the positive communication going.

A [national campaign](#) launched by Teaching Tolerance a decade ago, Mix It Up at Lunch Day encourages students to identify, question and cross social boundaries.

In our surveys, students identified the cafeteria as the place where divisions are most clearly drawn. So on this one day – November 2nd this school year – we asked students to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new over lunch. It’s a simple act with profound implications. Studies have shown that interactions across group lines can help reduce prejudice. When students interact with those who are different from them, biases and misperceptions can fall away.



McDonald's Holiday Lights at the Beach

Discount tickets available for Virginia Beach Schools!!!

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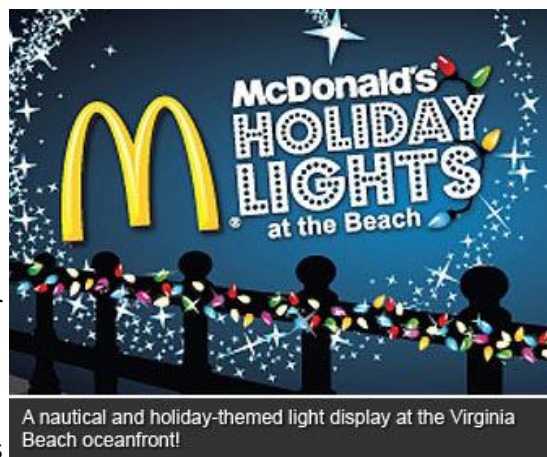
"Determine that the thing can and shall be done and then... find the way."

~ Abraham Lincoln

Our Virginia Beach Schools PTSA Discount Ticket Program for McDonald's Holiday Lights at the Beach has been a huge success in the past few years! Once again we're offering this special discount ticket rate for holiday tradition that is enjoyed by a quarter of a million people yearly!

The McDonald's Holiday Lights at the Beach, named one of the "Top 20 November Events" by the Southeast Tourism Society, features over 250 nautical and holiday themed light displays! Virginia Beach School employees, students and their families will delight in Surfing Santa, jumping dolphins, and giant waving toy soldiers. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase tickets at a greatly-reduced rate!

Through this advanced discount ticket opportunity, we are able to offer admission to the McDonald's Holiday Lights at the Beach for \$8.00 per ticket!



A nautical and holiday-themed light display at the Virginia Beach oceanfront!

Each ticket guarantees admission for an entire car-load of people! Plus, each vehicle receives a free holiday CD and program guide with valuable coupons! The rate for Holiday Lights is \$10.00 Monday-Thursday and \$15 Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

This Virginia Beach Schools PTSA Discount Ticket Program rate of \$8.00 represents a HUGE savings! Plus, the tickets are good ANYTIME. **A \$15 Value!!!**

This is a great FAMILY event! NEW displays for 2012!

Labels for Education & Farm Fresh

We are collecting "Labels for Education" and Farm Fresh receipts!!! This program helps the school to purchase additional supplies that are used to help further the learning process of all students at Princess Anne Middle School.



Please make sure to save these items and send them to the office. Every receipt and label helps!



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www.facebook.com/PAMSPTA

or search for **Princess Anne Middle School PTA**

Kellam High School Dedication Brick

Forever be a part of Kellam High School and its history!

The building is under construction right now and the bricks are planned to be a part of the front entrance. We are very excited about this project. It's been a long time coming waiting for more space...nice space....MODERN space.

Buy a personalized dedicated brick to be installed in the new Kellam High School!

The profits will go to help as many clubs within the school as we can. Funding will be provided for groups such as SCA for a student workshop and to our Gradfest (a party the night of graduation in a safe environment with chaperones and lots of activities all night long).

Dodgeball in December



The Tidewater Volleyball Association is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the promotion of volleyball. They would like to invite all 7th and 8th graders to participate in a "Dodgeball in December" tournament! Please email Marissa Maosi (marissaw@playtva.org) for additional details

When: December 8, 2012 (Check-in @ 3:30pm games start at 4pm)

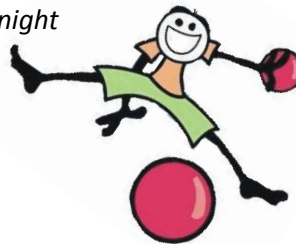
Where: 2644 Dean Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Included: FREE PIZZA and DRINKS for all players

1st and 2nd place finishes will receive prizes (up to 6 per team)

EVERYONE makes playoffs!!

Plus, music will be played all night



Have Something to Say?



Do you have any questions or comments concerning the newsletter?? Or perhaps there is something you would like to see included?? I would love to hear from you!

The next deadline to submit an article is **November 30th**. Email Tiffany Jones at: jonesfamilyfour@live.com



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