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Mark Your Calendars

February 5th
PAMS Spirit Night
Chick-Fil-A at General
Booth Blvd

February 13th
American Heart Assoc.
Spirit Night
Chili's at Red Mill

March 13th
PAMS Science Dept
Spirit Night
Chili's at Red Mill

February 13th
PTA Meeting
PAMS Library

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"Success comes when we all pull together"

Principal's Corner – February 2013

I would like to begin this month's newsletter by congratulating Princess Anne Middle's 2013-14 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Audra Patti, a guidance counselor currently serving the 6th grade class. Mrs. Patti was selected by her peers for consistently going above and beyond and for her contributions to the profession. Mrs. Patti, who also serves as moderator of Princess Anne's Friends of Rachel Club (Rachel's Challenge) and coordinator of the Olweus Bullying Program, is an outstanding faculty member worthy of the distinction of Teacher of the Year.

In the face of more impending budget challenges, we nonetheless have much to celebrate and be proud of. I regularly visit classrooms during instruction and meet with teachers during planning. I am gratified to see high quality rigorous instruction going on in classrooms throughout PAMS on a daily basis. Teachers at PAMS and throughout the city continue to do more with less even while ushering in a new era of education. They specialize in "making it work." We count on their hearts and their drive to serve children to ensure kids succeed no matter what is thrown at them, whether it is larger class sizes, higher standards, fewer resources, or all of the above. Though the job is far more stressful than it once was, PAMS' teachers continue to deliver the goods.

Parents, may I call upon your assistance in discussing with your child the importance of regular school attendance? Nothing replaces the value of direct instruction. Our data clearly illustrate that students who are in school on a regular basis achieve higher than those with absences. We have noticed a decline in the overall attendance of our students, and as more and more students take high school credit bearing courses, the importance of attendance continues to increase. On the other hand, if your child is running fever, under gastro-intestinal distress, or exhibiting other flu-like symptoms, please do keep them home. We will work with you to ensure your child has the opportunity to make up work.

Reflect on your child's current academic progress, particularly with the release of report cards on January 31. Do your child's grades reflect his/her abilities? Are you satisfied with the grades your child is earning? Are you registered for Parent Portal and checking your child's academic progress daily? Are you looking for assistance for your child? It is important to me and the staff at PAMS that your child meets with continued success, and we have dedicated ourselves to that purpose. To that end, continue to seek extra assistance through the many programs we have in place to provide help.

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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 PAMS' website at www.princessannems.vbschools.com.

Thank you as always for your support.

D. Alex Bergren
Principal, Princess Anne Middle School

"I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go."

~Rachel Joy Scott

Friends of Rachel Club Needs Help

The Friends of Rachel club will be celebrating the local men and women who serve as police and firefighters.

As an act of kindness, we are asking students and staff to write a letter, poem, card, or even draw a picture expressing thanks to those who work to make our community a safer place.



Bring completed work to guidance by **Friday February 1**. We thank you for taking the time to extend compassion to these men and women.

Are YOU a Harris Teeter Shopper?

Shop at Harris Teeter?
Want to earn **CASH** for PAMS?

Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to PAMS using **#6741** and earn money for your school every time you shop!!!

Lend a helping hand.



Congratulations Ms. Patti!!!!!!!!!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO
MS. PATTI
for being awarded

**Princess Anne Middle School's
2013-14 TEACHER OF THE YEAR**



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Principles of American Citizenship

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

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

Month of November: **Fairness**

6th Grade			
Nominee	Teacher	Nominee	Teacher
Sidney S.	Ammons	Emma R.	Hoey
Katie M.	Anoia	Marie W.	Johnson
Isabella M.	Arnett	Jacqueline K.	McMurray
Kathryn T.	Campbell	Emma W.	Metsker
Phillip H.	Chasse	Jocelyn C.	Scheuer
Mara D.	Cobb	Hailey M.	Walton
Madison L.	DeWitt	Andre J.	Williams
Jakeryan O.	Hamby	Ashley P.	Zell

7th Grade			
Nominee	Teacher	Nominee	Teacher
Tyler D.	Abrams	Shannon O.	McClelland
Rhys F.	Byrd	Skye H.	O'Malley
Allie M.	Chaves	Lawson M.	Parker
Hunter K.	Dean	Isabel M.	Reyes
Joey R.	Hardin	Grace M.	Roan
Aspen A.	Hayward	Samuel V.	Solheim
Isabelle S.	Heischober	Alaina A.	Thompson
Morgan B.	Henry	Cameron M.	Trojnar
Logan W.	Malbon	Jillian S.	Womick

8th Grade			
Nominee	Teacher	Nominee	Teacher
Salma L.	Agami	Logan P.	Hopkins
Erin C.	Buddenhagen	Quinton H.	Irish
Olivia W.	Cash	Emily Y.	Marx
Hannah R.	Cole	Haley T.	McGinnis
Dakare C.	Doyle	Morgan F.	Morgan
Allison W.	Dunlo	Elissa C.	Perry
Peyton S.	Felter	Jessica P.	Sudduth
Nick L.	George	Maddie T.	Walsh
Hudson P.	Hart	Danielle D.	Zajac
Russell E.	Hart		



Phillip H. (6th grade: Chasse) was selected as the overall winner for Princess Anne Middle School for the trait of **Fairness by displaying impartiality and granting equal treatment.**

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

WAY TO GO PHILLIP!!!



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HAVE SCHOOL SPIRIT??
WANT TO SHOW IT???

Click on the link below
to get your own
PAMS Spirit Wear

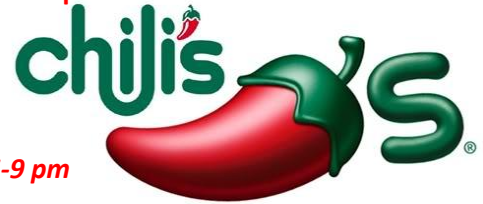
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Hungry?? Want to Earn Money for PAMS??



Tuesday, February 5th
Chick-Fil-A at General Booth Blvd 5-8 pm
10% of PAMS Customers Benefits PAMS

Wednesday, February 13th @ Chili's at Red Mill 5-9 pm
10% Benefits American Heart Association
Students may fill out a Pepper placemat and enter a drawing



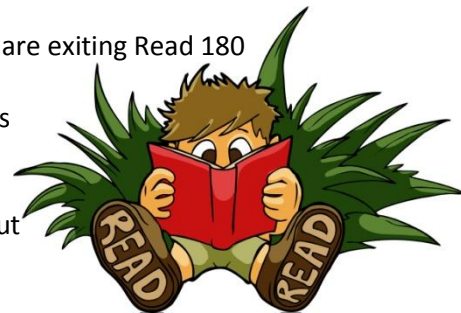
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Go out to and support **YOUR** school! All you have to do is show up and eat!!!!
Be sure to mention PAMS!!!!

Out of Read 180!!!! YEAH!!!!!!

From Ms. E. Chevalier, Independent Reading

I am pleased to announce that the following students are exiting Read 180 at *midyear*. They have done a fabulous job of paying attention in class, working diligently to learn strategies to improve reading skills, and reading and understanding their novels and eReads. They can now smugly say— among other wonderful things about themselves, *"Hey, I'm reading on level!"*



CONGRATULATIONS:
GRADE 8: SEAN H., JAMES H., RILEY Y.
GRADE 7: GABRIELA A., JOEL F., SUMMER P.

Have a Pair of Old Eyeglasses????



The Business-Recycling Club will be collecting old and out grown eye glasses during the month of February. All donations will be given to our local Lion's Club.

Students and staff may drop glasses off in the clinic or in room 623.

Thank you!

Labels for Education & Farm Fresh Receipts

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! Thank you!



Jr. District Orchestra at Salem Middle



Congratulations to these Orchestra students that participated in the 6th annual Orchestra Festival held at Salem Middle School this year. These students had only two days to put the concert together working with their guest conductors.

8th Grade	7th Grade
Brianna B	Alaina A
Victoria G	Kyle H
Angelique O	Riley K
Ethan O	Adrianna L
Noah S	Dalton L
	Isa M
	Jacob R
	Shannon S

The guest conductors were Anne B of Norfolk and Deanna K from Oscar Smith High School.

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



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!

Want to Share Your News Too???



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 **January 25th**. Email Tiffany Jones at: jonesfamilyfour@live.com



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