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Mark Your Calendars

April 17th:
Spring Picture Day

April 18th-26th:
Book Fair
PAMS Library

April 20th:
PAMS
Lend A Hand Day

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"Success comes when we all pull together"

Principal's Corner – April 2013

Welcome back from Spring Break! Let me begin by saying congratulations and thank you for helping PAMS to achieve 100% PTA membership, an accomplishment virtually unheard of at the secondary level!

March 28, 2013, marked the end of the third grading period. The fourth nine weeks began on Monday, April 8, 2013. Now is a critical time for students to get focused for a strong finish to the school year. Report cards were issued to all students on Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Review your child's academic progress and make plans for continued success or for necessary improvement. As always, contact your child's teachers, counselor, and/or grade level assistant principal should you require assistance. For your ease, you may contact all staff members via email by visiting Princess Anne Middle's Website at www.princessannems.vbschools.com. Simply click on the link for *Teacher Webpages*. You will also find the voicemail numbers and wikispace links for all staff at this same link. If you haven't already, I encourage you to register for *SchoolNet Parent Portal* which gives parents 24 hour online access to their child's grades and attendance. To register, simply go to www.princessannems.vbschools.com and click on the *SchoolNet Parent Portal* button.

Join me in congratulating Melissa Fagan, Princess Anne Middle's Volunteer of the Year. Mrs. Fagan has been an active parent volunteer at Princess Anne Middle for the last two years, serving in various volunteer capacities. Parent involvement is key to a school's success and volunteers at Princess Anne Middle log countless hours. Consider volunteering for the many opportunities which Princess Anne Middle offers. Please contact PTA President Janine Sarach at jsarach@mac.com to discuss volunteer opportunities.

We have two big events coming up that we would love for you to be part of. Our Lend-a-Hand day will be Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. The day will kick off with a pre-event kickball game featuring LaSalle Blanks of WVEC and our Rachel's Challenge students. The event itself will include a surfwear sample sale beginning at 10:00 AM, a vendor fair, the book fair, kids games and events, performances by PAMS students, a cake walk, a used clothing sale, food and drink vendors, giveaways by some of our partners in education, a raffle auction featuring gift baskets created by our core teams, a car wash, and much, much more. I will also mark the accomplishment of the PAMS community earning 100% PTA membership by getting my promised haircut (a panther dyed blue) at 1:00 PM that day! Everything will benefit Cerebral Palsy of Virginia.

Also, on May 2nd, we will take a stand against bullying as part of the Million T-Shirt March, a nationwide effort to build awareness of and to try to eliminate the problem of bullying.

Principal's Corner (continued)

Students and staff have already pre-ordered t-shirts. We will do a group photo on that day, and every person wearing the t-shirt will receive an ice cream sundae! Thank you for your support of this effort!



CONGRATULATIONS

**Princess Anne Middle
School Band
for receiving a
SUPERIOR RATING
at VBODA District
Assessment**

Parents, may I call upon your assistance with three areas? First, with the advent of warmer weather, ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for school. Our most frequent dress code violations occur when our young ladies wear shirts which expose the midriff or shirts which do not cover the shoulders or chest. Keep an eye also on the length of skirts as well as excessively form-fitting clothing. Our young men must have shorts or trousers secured at the waist with a belt.

Second, although students may possess cell phones, they are not permitted to activate these within the building at anytime unless under the direct supervision of a teacher and in the context of a lesson plan. Students are never permitted to recreationally use electronic devices. Please do not direct your child to leave a cell phone on in the building so you may contact him/her. The administration is compelled to enforce School Board policy on cell phones, which includes confiscation and release only to a parent after 24 hours, and includes disciplinary action of ISS for a first offense. The policy clearly states students are responsible for ensuring that cell phones are not activated during the instructional day. Thank you for your assistance in these areas.

Finally, please continue to impress upon your child the importance of daily attendance. Attendance at PAMS this year has not been as strong as in previous years. I cannot emphasize enough that the evolution of teaching toward project-based learning and student-centered activities makes it nearly impossible to replicate what is going on in the classroom with make-up work. Your child's presence cannot be replaced with a worksheet, and with SOLs and final grades on the horizon, attendance is particularly important.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of my staff if we may be of assistance.

D. Alex Bergren
Principal, Princess Anne Middle School

Summer Program at William & Mary



From The Center for Gifted Education at The College of William & Mary: Great news! The brochure and application for the 2013 Summer Enrichment Program at William and Mary is now available. The process has changed, and the application process is now online! For more information and to access the application, which includes the brochure, please visit <http://education.wm.edu/centers/cfge/> (click on the link for the PreCollegiate Programs). The brochures for our Richmond and Washington, D.C. programs will be available next week. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Amy Schmidt at 757-221-2166 or sep@wm.edu OR Laura Ionescu lionescu@wm.edu or 757-221-2362.

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Lend –A-Hand Day



Princess Anne Middle will be hosting its Third Annual **Lend a Hand Day** on April 20th from 10 – 3. There will be a bake sale, entertainment, games, craft sale, basket raffle and many more. Come out and enjoy a day of festivities with your PAMS family. Proceeds from this year's community day will benefit Cerebral Palsy of Virginia.

Raffle basket themes from each core team this year will be:

- Tropics (6th grade): Chocolate! Chocolate! Chocolate!
- Elements (6th grade): Family Game Night–No Time be Bored with Board Games
- Sunations (6th grade): Backyard Camping
- Jaguars (7th grade): Coffee Break
- Lynx (7th grade): A Day at the Beach
- Wildcats (7th grade): Mamma Mia! (Italian)
- Spartans (8th grade): Pampered Mom and/or Spring Cleaning!
- Synergy (8th grade): Fit for Life
- Explorers (8th grade): Dog Lover
- SCA Members: Red-White-and-Blue!
- Rachel's Challenge: Car Wash

There will also be several raffle baskets donated by our fabulous Partners in Education from the business community! Start saving those dollars now!

National Junior Honor Society



Applications for the National Junior Honor Society will be posted to the NJHS wikispace (<http://pamsnjhs.wikispaces.com/>) after third quarter grades are posted in mid-April. Seventh and eighth grade students who have attained at least a 3.5 grade point average for this school year will receive notification that they are scholastically eligible to apply.

Students' applications are reviewed by a select faculty committee, and final decisions about the offer of membership are made by the Faculty Council. Ms. Peterson and Mrs. Solheim, the advisors, do not have a say in the selection process.

Applicants should provide evidence in their application of leadership, character, citizenship, and service to others, as well as excellent effort in their studies. **The due date for completed applications is May 9, 2013.** The wikispace will provide step-by-step directions for completion of the application.

BOOK FAIR!!

Our Spring Book Fair will be arriving soon. It will run from April 18-26 during the school day from 9-4. Also, it will be open on April 20 during our Lend A Hand Community Day from 10-3.

Please don't send debit or credit cards in with the students. They are not allowed to purchase anything using that form of payment. You may come in and browse and purchase for them using those types of cards though. They may purchase items using cash or checks which can be made out to PAMS.

Book prices range from \$2.00-\$30.00 and the other stuff ranges from a quarter to \$20.00.

Look for the flyers being sent home the week we return from Spring Break.

Thanks so much for supporting your school Book Fair!!

Principles of American Citizenship

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

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

Month of February: **HONESTY**

6th Grade			
Nominee	Teacher	Nominee	Teacher
Alexandra H.	Ammons	Gabby F.	Hoey
Jack B.	Anoia	Austin T.	Johnson
Corey C.	Arnett	Sean C.	McMurray
Ayla W.	Campbell	Matthew E.	Metsker
Cody L.	Chasse	Jackson F.	Scheuer
Noah R.	Cobb	George F.	Walton
Shirlin C.	DeWitt	Samantha B.	Williams
Kassidy B.	Hamby	Madison G.	Zell

7th Grade			
Nominee	Teacher	Nominee	Teacher
Joshua F.	Abrams	Emma A.	McClelland
Paige Z.	Byrd	Tristan W.	O'Malley
Cameron B.	Chaves	Nick S.	Parker
Christopher C.	Dean	Tanner H.	Reyes
Burton M.	Hardin	Jacqueline S.	Roan
Dorian S.	Hayward	Cameron R.	Solheim
John M.	Heischober	Charlie P.	Thompson
Shannon S.	Henry	Jaleel P.	Trojnar
Lindsay K.	Malbon	Daysha C.	Womick

8th Grade			
Nominee	Teacher	Nominee	Teacher
Isaiah Y.	Agami	Jason C.	Irish
Justin C.	Buddenhagen	Nick E.	Marx
Stephen T.	Cash	Delilah P.	McGinnis
Bridgette S.	Cole	Megan D.	Morgan
Ian P.	Doyle	Megan H.	Perry
Kayla W.	Dunlo	Garrett C.	Sudduth
Halley B.	Felter	Carter S.	Walsh
Catherine S.	George	Dylan M.	Zajac
Elizabeth B.	Hart	Danielle D.	Zajac
Bryce E.	Hopkins		



Delilah P. (8th grade: McGinnis) was selected as the overall winner for Princess Anne Middle School for the trait of **HONESTY!**

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

WAY TO GO DELILAH!!!



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 search for **Princess Anne Middle
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 WANT TO SHOW IT???

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

<http://www.pamsptavb.com/spirit-wear.html>

Tidewater Science Fair



Egan W. won 1st place in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. In addition he also received 5 special awards, including:

- American Helicopter Association – certificate and \$200
- Society of American Military Engineers - certificate and \$100
- Association of Communication and Electronics Engineers - certificate and \$250
- Prevalance Innovation Award - trophy and \$100. (This one he was especially proud of as the trophy will be engraved and presented to PAMS for display.)
- Navy/Marine Corps Office of Naval Research Science Award - certificate and \$50

Tristan W. won 4th place and honorable mention in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering

Nick L. and Connor P. won 2nd place in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering.

Trey C. received an Honorable Mention in Animal Sciences

Heather G. won 1st place in Animal Sciences and is also eligible to compete in the Broadcom Masters. If selected as a finalist, she will get to compete in the National Science Fair in Washington D.C. in the end of September.

Carson H. won 2nd place in Environmental Engineering

Kyra S. won Junior Second Place Award from Armed Forces Communications – Electronics Association, Hampton Roads Chapter.

Tanner W. won the Naval Science Academy Award and an Honorable Mention in Medicine and Health

Cade A. won 1st place in Behavioral and Social Science and is also eligible to compete in the Broadcom Masters.

Jake L. won 1st place in Biochemistry-- also eligible to compete in the Broadcom Masters.

Jessica L. and Kaeley B. won 3rd place in Microbiology

Benjamin P. received an Honorable Mention for Materials and Bio-Engineering

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

Riley K., Will F., Micah S., Jordan B., and Baylee K.

Physics Olympics



Congratulations to the PAMS team of Cade C, Eric G, Nate G, and Colin H for winning third place at the Physics Olympics held at Salem High School on Saturday, March 16. PAMS entered eight teams this year (more than any other area middle school), and all of our students made us proud. Of the six events, a PAMS team came in FIRST in five of them (Andrea F, RJ A, Adam Y, and Holden Mc snagged two first places!!)

A big thank you to Ms. Peterson (Gifted Resource Teacher) and Mrs. Zajac (Spartans Earth Science teacher) for helping to organize and chaperone the PAMS teams and parents Mrs. Caporale and Mrs. Scharf for their assistance with the snacks for the entire 300+ middle school and high school students who attended the Olympics.

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!



Have YOU Re-Linked YOUR VIC Card???

Lend a helping hand.



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!!!

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 **April 26th**. Email Tiffany Jones at: jonesfamilyfour@live.com



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