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The Panther Pride

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Mark Your Calendars

October 2nd
Adjusted Dismissal
@1:20pm

October 9th
PAMS Band
Spirit Night @ Lucky Oyster
5-9pm

October 10th
Progress Reports issued

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“Success comes when we all pull together”

A Note from the PTA President

Thanks to everyone that came out to Open House. And thank you to all who stopped by the PTA tables to pay membership dues, stress free money and purchase spirit wear. Every penny that you put into the PTA is going right back out to our students. Here is what we have already done with the money we have collected so far:

- Every science room in the building is getting an electronic scale to be used in lab activities
- Every 6th grade math class will have access to the Classmarker on line tool which the teachers will use to collect real time data on lessons, take quizzes, tests and do on line assignments.
- All 7th grade Life Science classes will receive baby oysters to grow, observe and then release
- All 8th grade sciences will have access to a 3D Printing Pen to use with their STEM labs
- Special Ed kids will receive money to purchase a blender and supplies to start an in-house work experience program. They will develop a marketing plan, and sell smoothies in a “shop” environment.
- The chorus is able to add eight uniforms to their uniform collection.

And this is just the beginning. Teachers have the opportunity to submit grant requests to help them purchase items they need to enhance lessons. And the more money we bring in, the more money we can provide in grants. THIS is why your stress free donation of \$20 per child is SO important! Please consider participating.

And the gauntlet has been thrown!!!! Great Neck Middle School contacted us asking how we managed to get 100% PTA membership two years ago - we fell short by 60 members last year! And they have challenged us to a race to see who can get to 100% first!!!! I told them THEY ARE ON! As of right now we have around 890 members. We need to get to 1473. We are MORE than half way to the goal! We can do this! Just 583 more!!!! Will you help us???? Membership is just \$5 per person representing EVERY child. So if you have two kids in our fabulous school two people should join. Please please please.....let's see if we can get there before the end of October. And there will be a special surprise for the kids if we do. Let's just say that it will involve dancing by some of our outgoing teachers!

We welcome all of our new families!!!! If you have any questions about what is going on just contact one of us. Our e-mail addresses are listed in the newsletter every time and we are more than happy to help! We cannot do any of this without our members! Thanks for ALL of your support!

Janine Sarach
PAMS PTA President



**PAMS Band
is hosting a car
wash
October 4th
8:30-1:00**

**Located at the 7/11
on the corner of
Upton and Princess
Anne Road across
from Food Lion.**



**Chorus Dept. is
hosting a
SPIRIT NIGHT
@ Lucky Oyster**

**October 7th
5-9 pm**

THE WORLD WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE...

The theme for the PTA's 2014-2015 Reflections Program is
The world would be a better place if...



What does "The world would be a better place if..." mean to you?

Celebrate your talents through photography, musical composition, visual arts, literature, dance choreography, and/or film production. All entries are due back to school by October 27th. You can print out the student entry form [here](#) and for more information, contact Amber Sloan at sloanys4@cox.net or visit the [Virginia PTA website](#) for rules and regulations.

Reflections Contest entry form:

http://www.vapta.org/new-unit-document-package/doc_download/3676-student-entry-form-fillable.html

GIFTED NEWS

There will be a meet and greet for parents with children in the PAMS gifted program on October 23, 2104, from 12-1 PM in the PAMS Library Media Center.

Parents of gifted students are asked to complete the RSVP form at this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1W4vIJH_sONONM8qb4C4Ez49GXetTJGgzO033zNrZeao/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link Since this is during the "lunch hour," please feel free to bring your lunch and join us. No worries if you have to arrive a little late or leave a little early because the boss wants you back at your desk pronto! (Can't come at noon? Please let Ms. Peterson know on the RSVP form if you would be interested in an evening session on October 23. Once I get enough responses, I'll let you know if an evening session will "make.") There will be a short presentation about the PAMS program and gifted resources available and an activity for you to partake in—and there will be plenty of time for questions and socializing. (Questions can be submitted ahead of time to Cathy.Peterson@vbschools.com.)

Thank you for completing the RSVP form (see link above) so enough materials can be prepared for everyone. If your child is scheduled to be assessed for gifted identification, this would be a good opportunity to come find out what the gifted cluster program is all about at PAMS and VBCPS.



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PAMS BUSINESS-RECYCLING CLUB



The Business-Recycling Club collects throughout the school year the following items:

- Cell phones • Printer cartridges • GPS devices • iPods and other MP3 players • Digital cameras • E-readers • Tablet computers • Eye glasses* •

All items can either be dropped off at the front desk or brought to room 308A. Please note: we do not take batteries, printers, laptop or desktop computers.

*donations given to Lion's Club.

THINK PINK

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!!

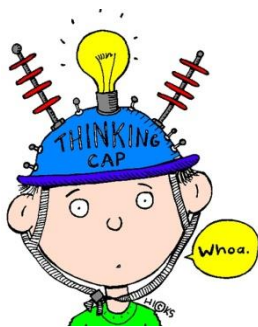


A fundraiser to support your local **Susan G. Komen Tidewater** office will be held at **Chick-fil-A on General Booth Blvd** Wednesday October 8th from 5-8pm!



We will be donating **15% of all sales** to our local Komen office! See the Cow wearing a pink tu-tu!!

GIFTED PROGRAM INFORMATION



Virginia Beach City Public Schools has a comprehensive gifted education program K-12 that serves the needs of intellectually gifted students in home schools and in full-time magnet schools. Home schools use a cluster resource model in which the gifted resource teacher works with the regular classroom teacher to design and implement curriculum and instructional strategies to specifically meet the needs of the high-end learner. Princess Anne Middle School's Gifted Resource Teacher is Ms. Cathy Peterson. If you have questions about the gifted program, please contact her at Cathy.Peterson@vbschools.com or 648-4950 x59137. To see what happens in cluster classes and to receive information about enrichment opportunities, parent workshops, and helpful details about the life of a middle schooler, please subscribe to Ms. Peterson's

blog: <http://blogs.vbschools.com/pamiddlegifted/>

Assessment for intellectually gifted identification will take place on the following dates at PAMS by a testing specialist:

- November 18, 2014
- February 19, 2015 (Kemps Landing Magnet applicants) May 14, 2015

If you feel your child is a good candidate for the gifted program, please contact Ms. Peterson in order to initiate the referral process. There are several forms that need to be completed and teachers must have time to write their observations/recommendations.

Students interested in the one-day-a-week pull-out program for dance at Old Donation Center or the full-time visual arts program at Virginia Beach Middle School should contact Ms. Peterson in October for information about the audition/assessment process. Applications for both arts programs are due to Ms. Peterson by February 2, 2015.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY SERVICE PROJECT



The Panther Pride Chapter of the NJHS will be sponsoring a personal items collection drive for Samaritan House October 13-17, 2014.

We will be collecting new, unopened items such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, baby wipes, etc. to help raise awareness about the needs of victims of domestic abuse. More information will be available closer to the collection date.

Please note: We need brown paper grocery bags! If you have any you can spare, please drop them off in Room 300.

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

Thanks to the support of the PTA, we had another successful Rachel's Challenge presentation for our 6th grade students and students new to PAMS. The assembly program took place on Thursday September 25th.



Our Rachel's Challenge FOR Club will be starting on Thursday October 9th after school in the library. Permission slips will be available in guidance after the assembly program. We must have a signed permission slip on file for participation in the FOR club. Any questions regarding this club should be addressed to Audra Burchett at 648-4964 or audram.burchett@vbschools.com

MIX IT UP DAY

Princess Anne Middle School will again be participating in mix it up at Lunch Day this year on Tuesday October 28th during all lunches. Any questions can be directed towards your child's guidance counselor. We would love parent volunteers for this day. Volunteers should contact Bobbie Vinsand @ vinsand@cox.net.

What is Mix It Up at Lunch Day?



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 have identified the cafeteria as the place where divisions are most clearly drawn. So on one day – October 28 this school year – we ask 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.

Information about this national event can be found at <http://www.tolerance.org/mix-it-up/what-is-mix>

DONATIONS!!! DONATIONS!!! DONATIONS!!!



One of the biggest money savers for the PAMS PTA is generous donations! We need Pepsi products for our concessions stands! We would also like to have two or three picnic benches donated so that our staff can enjoy time outside during their lunch. Do you think you can help? All donations can be dropped off in the front lobby. We appreciate all the help you can give!

COMING SOON.....

When you sign up for the PAMS PTA - and we are eagerly striving for 100% this year - and give us your e-mail, we will make sure that you stay in the loop on everything that is happening at the school. First up.... we need for your voice to be heard! Be on the lookout in a few weeks for a Survey Monkey on the proposed state legislation items. There are only two this year so the survey will be quick and easy. But we would like for everyone to participate!

Together we can make huge changes to support our children!

WE TAKE CREDIT CARDS!

This year we are happy to take your stress free and membership payments by credit card! Makes like a little easier doesn't it???



WHY JOIN THE PAMS PTA?



You are always asked to join the PTA at every school your child attends. We want to tell you why it is beneficial for you to join.

First off, with your \$5 membership \$3.25 of it is sent to the state and national PTA. That means PAMS only keeps \$1.75. Not a lot, but with 1500 potential memberships that is \$2625 to our bottom line. This is why the \$20 Stress Free donation is important. Selling wrapping paper or chocolate only nets us maybe 20% of the total sales. \$20 per child in the school is WAY better and we don't have to deal with selling, hitting up our family and neighbors and delivering. So with 1500 students in the school at \$20 per child that is \$30K that goes right to our bottom line! And what do we use it for? EVERYONE! We make it a point to make sure we 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, it is reviewed by a committee (let us know if you want to be on this committee!) and we usually approve the grant.

Last year we bought the **entire 6th grade** a math program that they used on electronic devices to hone their skills and give the teachers real time results on where they needed to revisit lessons that the kids didn't understand. We bought the **7th grade science classes'** baby oysters to grow. We also got them owl poop - ok, they called them owl pellets but it was really poop! We bought the **chorus** uniforms to start their in house uniform collection - this is ongoing and they are asking for more this year. We bought the **8th social studies classes'** atlases.....yes....they still use books! And we bought our

Computer Resource Specialists a pocket projector with accessories that is available for any teacher to use with their students.

And that was not all. We spent close to \$9000 on Teacher grants and we feel this is money WELL spent. We want you to be confident in where your membership and stress free money goes. We want you to know that we, as a PTA, are not wasting your money.

Please consider participating. **IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF OUR STUDENTS.**



PAMS SPIRIT WEAR

The PTA will be selling spirit wear every Friday and will begin September 12th during lunch so all throughout lunch. We have the last year's design in tee-shirts, long and short, crew neck sweat shirts, hoodies and zippered hoodies, sweat pants, soffee shorts and string bags. We also have a tee-shirts and zippered hoodies in a new design. All of last year's design is fifty percent off and the new design is from \$15 to \$30. Come out and get your spirit wear during lunch and also during the Open House on Tuesday, September 9th.

GOT BATTERIES???

We have all been told NOT to throw away old/dead batteries, but most don't know what to do with them. PAMS Business Recycling Club found the answer. All you have to do is drop off your old batteries in the box at the front desk and we will take care of the rest.

Acceptable Batteries: AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt, 6 volt lantern, hearing aid, watch, calculator, and dry cell



HOPE
FAITH
CURE

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.

Member Only

Stress Free
w/Membership (\$5.00/ea.)
(\$25.00/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 _____

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 9th!

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

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!

Visit Princess Anne Middle School PTA's
new website for PTA News:
www.pamsptavb.com



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!

Thank 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

JoElla Beavers (Volunteer Coordinator) at
jobeavers@coastalcreations.hrcoxmail.com



**Stop SHOUTING your news!!
SHARE it in the PTA Newsletter!**

**Send your info to Tiffany Jones at
jonesfamilyfour@live.com**

**Next due date is:
October 31st !**

Princess Anne Middle School PTA

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