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The Panther Pride

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Mark Your Calendars

Book Fair
December 4th-12th
November 27th – 28th:
No School

Surf Sample Sale
December 6th
9am-12pm
PAMS Café

Winter Wonderland
Dance
December 12th
4pm-6pm

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“Success comes when we all pull together”

A NOTE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

What an awesome **PRINCESS ANNE MIDDLE SCHOOL** community we have! THANK YOU ALL for making our school the best! So many of you have helped out in so many ways over the past few weeks and it has not gone unnoticed. What a great group to be a part of.

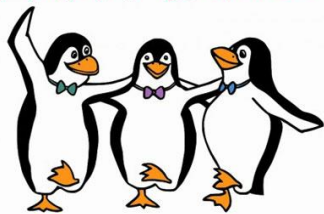
We are only 242 PTA Members away from our goal of 100% PTA Membership. The total number we are shooting for is 1473. If 61 people sent in \$20 to cover FOUR memberships we would be done. SIXTY ONE people! That is only 4% of our population. I am going to pledge the first \$20 so now we just need 60 more people to join me :) Would you consider helping us reach our goal? I have to tell you, it was a really proud moment when some administrators from other areas of Virginia came in to talk to a group of volunteers and they were awe stricken to hear about the participation and support that we get from YOU.....our families.....and they wanted to know how we get 100% PTA participation. I told them we just keep asking. And we tell you where all of your money goes. Thank you all for making PAMS such a wonderful place for our children to be.

I hope that you all have a safe and happy holiday. We have so much to be grateful for. We have so much planned for 2015 with our #1 focus being the kids, staff and community at PA Middle. As always, PTA meetings are open to everyone if you want to join us and find out firsthand what we have going on. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm in the school's library. Thank you again for always supporting the PTA. You really do make it possible for us to work right alongside the staff and help with their needs which in turn helps all of our children.

Until 2015....

Janine Sarach
PAMS PTA President

Happy Dance



WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE

The SCA will be sponsoring a Winter Wonderland Dance Friday December 12, 2014.

The dance will be directly after-school from 4pm-6pm. Activity buses will run 30 minutes later.

Tickets cost \$5.

A permission slip is required to attend. Listen to the announcements for further information.



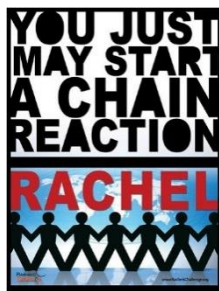
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PANTHERS PAWS WITH A CAUSE

Panther Paws with a Cause is collecting new or gently used blankets, scarves, hats, coats, gloves and socks. The donation boxes will be located near the security desk in the front of the building and near the cafeteria. **WE ARE SUPPORTING THE PAMS SCA AND CHICK-FIL-A ON GENERAL BOOTH BLVD.** These items will be donated to local homeless shelters to help those in need stay warm this winter. The collection will end December 15. Thank you Panther families!!

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE IN ACTION

Thanks to the support of our staff and students, Rachel's Challenge was able to send over 200 letters and cards to the VA hospital this year for veterans that are hospitalized. Mr. McGinnis again was able to deliver them so that every veteran in the hospital could have a card on their meal table on Veteran's Day.



Rachel's Challenge will be cooking up a storm with Mrs. Forbes on December 10th. On Thursday evening December 11th, the prepared food will then be transported to the PIN Ministry and served to the homeless by our FOR Club members. On December 18th we will be hosting a holiday party and will be presenting Dallas Stamper with the backpacks filled with warm weather items and toys for homeless children.

Rachel's Challenge 6th grade students have been meeting every Thursday during their PAMS/lunch time in room 551 for lunch bunch.

SPELLING BEE

The Princess Anne Spelling Bee is Coming Soon!

When: Classroom spelling bees will begin the end of December/beginning of January.

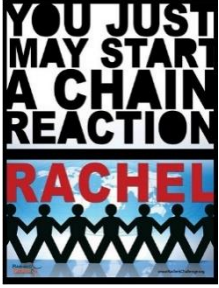
The winners of the spelling bees will be invited to the PAMS Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

Where: In the Library

How do I prepare? There are practice words on Mrs. DeWitt's wikispace which can be accessed from our PAMS website under "About Us" and "Our Staff". You will see Mrs. DeWitt's name and then click on her website.



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PIN MINISTRIES BACKPACK DRIVE



As the cold months approach, Rachel's Challenge FOR club is once again hosting the PIN Ministries Backpack drive. Last year we assembled 57 backpacks and are aiming to top that number.

PIN Ministries help the homeless in Hampton Roads. This drive targets homeless children and aims at providing them with warm clothing to survive the winter months. Each four person core team is asked to create at least one sturdy backpack of items to include a warm hat, scarf, gloves, socks, compact blanket, hot hands, and stuffed animal.

Teams with more than four teachers are encouraged to submit at least two backpacks. Extra items can be brought to Mrs. Burchett in guidance or Mrs. Walton in room 504. Please address all questions to Mrs. Burchett audram.burchett@vbschools.com or 648-4964.

Drive Runs from Monday, November 24 through Monday, December 12.

PAMS BUSINESS-RECYCLING CLUB

The Business-Recycling Club is now accepting SMALL BATTERIES for recycling!!! We are collecting 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



UPCOMING PAMS EVENTS

Princess Anne Middle School Book Fair

Date: December 4-12
Time: 11:00am-4:00pm

Note: We are open during the Surf Sample Sale.
Saturday, December 6
9:00am-12:00pm

Our Book Fair Homepage is:
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/princessannemidschl>

You can order books online November 29-December 19. any books ordered after December 18 won't be shipped until January 3.

Will you help us to make this Book Fair a successful fair for the school and the students?

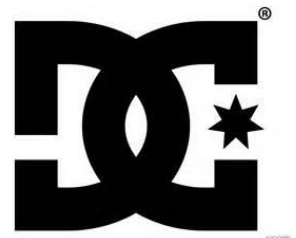
If you have any questions please email Stormie Henley Lv2swimfly@yahoo.com

Surf Sample Sale

When: Saturday, December 6th 9am-12noon

Where: PAMS Café

Vendors include: Roxy, Quiksilver, Sanuk, DC Shoes, Lost, and More!



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 school student, 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:

- 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.

ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Academy applications are available in guidance or on-line at <http://www.vbschools.com/curriculum/academyprog/appprocess.asp> Completed applications must be received in guidance by **Monday February 2, 2015**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Academy and Advanced Academic Programs Open House Schedule

<p>November 18, 2014 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Visual and Performing Arts Academy @ Salem High School</p>	<p>December 9, 2014 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Legal Studies Academy @ First Colonial High School</p>	<p>December 10, 2014 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mathematics and Science Academy @ Ocean Lakes High School</p>
<p>December 16, 2014 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Global Studies and World Languages Academy @ Tallwood High School</p>	<p>January 13, 2015 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Governor's STEM Academy and Technology Academy @ Landstown High School</p>	<p>January 14, 2015 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. International Baccalaureate Program @ Princess Anne High School</p>
<p>January 15, 2015 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Health Sciences Academy @ Bayside High School</p>		

GREEN RUN COLLEGIATE

Green Run Collegiate Open House and application: Applications for Green Run Collegiate are available in guidance. Completed applications must be returned to guidance by Thursday March 12, 2015. Open House is January 8th at 6pm at Green Run High School.

For more information: <http://www.greenruncollegiate.vbschools.com/>

ATC MIDDLE SCHOOL PLANNING

ATC Middle School Planning Night and Open House. January 6th 2015 6-8:30. Eighth grade students who are interested in attending the Advanced Technology Center in high school are urged to attend the open house and planning night to learn about the options available to them through ATC and to plan their academics accordingly.

For more information: <http://www.vbatc.com/vbindex.html>

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



Service learning projects are an ideal way for middle school learners to combine their intellectual need for complexity and their affective need to make a difference in the world. Many students in the eighthth grade are members of the **National Junior Honor Society** and will be instrumental in the success of the group's activities during the school year: a collection drive for personal products for Samaritan House; peer-tutoring; "Souper" Bowl of Caring to benefit the FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia; and sponsorship of the Eighth Grade Semi-Formal Dance in June. Students help to organize and lead the projects to improve their own leadership skills. Many sixth and seventh grade students have expressed interest in joining the NJHS.

Here's the scoop on the application process:

- **Seventh and eighth grade students** may apply by invitation-only **after the third quarter grades are posted**.
- A **3.5 grade point average** for the current school year is required to be invited to apply.
- A complete application with teacher recommendations must be submitted by the due date in May.
- A selection committee composed of teachers and school counselors reviews the applications and makes the decision whether to extend an invitation to join the society. **Through the application process, applicants must show evidence of outstanding citizenship, character, leadership, and service to school and community. The advisors do not have a vote in the process.**

If students have any questions about NJHS, they may ask Mrs. Solheim or Ms. Peterson (NJHS advisors). Eighth grade students new to PAMS who were inducted into the NJHS chapter at their former school should see the PAMS advisors for information about joining the group now! The first general meeting for eighth graders inducted last spring is September 17.

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 ___

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Parent's Phone # (____) _____ - _____

Grand Total:

Parent's Email _____

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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 jbeavers4@cox.net



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

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

**Next due date is:
January 5th!**

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