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The Panther Pride

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FEBRUARY 16TH
PRESIDENT'S DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED

FEBRUARY 19TH
ADJUSTED DISMISSAL

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"Success comes when we all pull together"

A NOTE FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

I am going to be the ultimate optimist and say that Spring is right around the corner- although my kids would like snow and the cold weather to stick around for skiing. And with that, comes the mad dash to the end of the school year. Before all of that....we have to keep going and continue to support the students and staff at PA Middle. I want to thank all of you that have come out this year to the dances, pep rallies, concerts and sporting events. Supporting your child and our school means the world to all of us.

YES...we are STILL trying to get 100% PTA membership. And we are only 190 away.....if 31 people donated \$20 we could finish this thing! And the staff is still looking forward to giving the kids a dancing treat at the next pep rally! Can we finish this and be done???. And of course be the ONLY traditional (Kemps doesn't count) middle school to reach 100% PTA membership?

If you are still on the fence about why you should join here is a quick abbreviated list of where your support has gone:

- **Grants:** \$5659. This includes oysters for 7th grade science, a 6th grade math program, chorus, 3D pens for science, PE, 7th grade math, Special education (they are making smoothies!), the Destination Imagination teams, 7th grade English, and they are still being requested!
- **Rachel's Challenge** \$1200 to renew the program every year - and we have a VERY active club that does great things for our students and community centered all-around kindness!
- **Opportunity Fund** - \$200 - we pay for field trips, supplies and memberships for students that cannot pay for them themselves.

And thank you to all that send in items for luncheons, parties and our food pantry. Your donations make it so that we can give more back to the school in grants and opportunity funds.



PTA PRESIDENT - CONTINUED

So let's get the last of this membership drive complete and concentrate on the fun things that the PTA can do for the remainder of the year. We have our Lend a Hand event coming up at the end of April and then we have Teacher Appreciation followed by our 8th grade picnic and dance. You are all wonderful. We appreciate you and thank you for being a part and supporting the PTA.

Janine Sarach
PAMS PTA President

Heart, Health and Happiness Dance to benefit the American Heart Association

Friday February 13, 2015 after school from 4-6.

PANTHERS PAWS WITH A CAUSE



The PAMS Panther Paws with a Cause team recently created Valentine's Hearts and cards for the residents at Sullivan House. The students were tasked with creating 200 hearts and cards.

Panther Paws with a Cause is a community service team and is open to any requests for support or service. We would be glad to help.

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!

Mark Your Calendars!!

The Book Fair returns March 12-21 and will be open from 11:00am-2:00pm!! We accept cash and checks from students and we accept cash, check, & credit from adults (no American Express)! A volunteer list will go out the end of February.



Let's get books into each student's hands.



2ND ANNUAL PANTHER PROWL 5K

PAMS was able to raise over **\$8,000.00** for the Wounded Wear organization last year through our Lend-A-Hand and Panther Prowl 5K events! Well, we would like to do it again and I am seeking sponsors to ensure this year's race is a success! The proceeds from the 2015 5K charity race will benefit **the Virginia Beach SPCA**. The **2nd Annual PAMS Panther Prowl 5K** is set for **Sunday, April 26th, 2015** and will be the finale for our **PAMS Lend-A-Hand** weekend. We are so excited that this has become an annual event!

Sponsors who donate **\$200.00** will be featured on our race t-shirt that will be worn by all runners/walkers/volunteers and Panther Prowl team members. I hope you will consider joining us in our efforts to support the **Virginia Beach SPCA**.

If you have any questions, please contact Hunter Tynes (me) at 648-4963 or hunter.tynes@vbschools.com. Thank you again for your time and continued support!

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

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/pamidlegifted/>

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.

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 _____

\$ _____

Student Name _____ M ___ F ___

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Student Name _____ M ___ F ___

Grade _____ Teacher _____

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Grade _____ Teacher _____

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:
March 6th!**

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