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# The Panther Pride

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### SOL TESTING

March 17<sup>th</sup> (multiple choice)  
March 18<sup>th</sup> (writing)  
March 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> (make-ups)

### ADJUSTED SCHEDULE

March 16<sup>th</sup>- May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Dismissal will be 4:14

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*"Success comes when we all pull together"*

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER – MARCH 2015

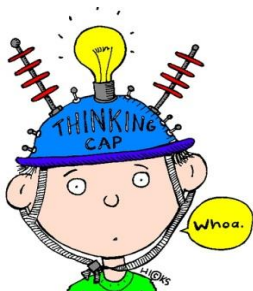
As spring finally approaches, signs of positive change continue at Princess Anne Middle, chief among them, improved student conduct. An analysis of discipline data from the first semester of this school year compared to the first semester of last year shows a significant decrease in student misconduct. In particular, the number of total student discipline referrals declined by 66%, an astounding drop. In addition, the number of students assigned ISS or OSS has dropped precipitously. I attribute these positive changes to strong instructional practices in the classroom and to clear expectations of student conduct from both the home and the school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Students have also adapted quickly to our new portable device (BYOD) policy, the details of which are available on our web site. Although middle school students may have cell phones in their possession, they are nonetheless expected to abide by the rules as they apply in different zones of the building, and may still be disciplined or have the phone confiscated for disregarding them. Please do not send your child a message that it is OK to violate the rules by encouraging them to use their cell phones to contact you at inappropriate times.

We are excited to introduce the EDGE Academy at Princess Anne Middle School. EDGE will be a 7<sup>th</sup> grade middle school team open to all students rising to 7<sup>th</sup> grade in 2015-16. An information night will be held Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 PM in the PAMS auditorium, and is open to all interested 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students. The instructional focus of EDGE will be project-based learning and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), and will be led by an enthusiastic group of teachers dedicated to transforming teaching and learning in engaging and innovative ways. Please come hear more about what the EDGE Academy will offer.

Our grade 8 students will take the SOL Writing Test this week. Students will take the multiple choice portion on Tuesday, March 17, and the actual Writing Prompt, where students will respond in essay form, on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. As with all testing, ensure your child is in school on these dates, and is well-rested, has eaten a hearty breakfast, and is aware of the importance of such test results.

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER - CONTINUED



For information about the PAMS Gifted Education program, please access Ms. Peterson's blog: <http://blogs.vbschools.com/pamiddlegifted/>

The adjusted schedule for snow day make-up time will begin Monday, March 16. School will be dismissed at 4:14 PM through May 22, and the end time for activities will adjust accordingly. As the weather, (FINALLY!), begins to warm up the temptation to violate dress code may increase for some students. I ask for your help in ensuring students are coming to school appropriately dressed, even on very warm days. Spring Break for students occurs on Monday, April 7 - Friday, April 10, 2015. I trust you will enjoy this time with family. As always, please do not hesitate to call on me or any member of my staff if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,  
D. Alex Bergren, Ed. D.

## 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.

## PASTA FOR PENNIES

Pasta for Pennies to support the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society** - will begin Tuesday March 10 and run thru March 27. Every teacher with a PAMS Time will receive a collection boxes for Pasta for Pennies.

**THE CLASS WITH THE MOST COLLECTED WILL RECEIVE A THANK YOU PASTA LUNCHEON FROM OLIVE GARDEN.**

An SCA member will come by and empty the box a few times throughout the three week fundraiser, so we can give updates on the leading classes. If any of you have been touched by these diseases and would like to share, please contact Kimberly Piper.

Thanks in advance for all your support to make this a success!



Princess Anne MS will be hosting the 5th annual Lend a Hand Community Day on April 25th from noon-3pm. Activities include a crafter's market, bake sale, cake walk, bounce house, basket raffle, WRV Skate Camp, and musical performances by our PA school band. Food vendors will be on site and all proceeds from the event benefit the ASPCA.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PANTHER PROWL 5K

PAMS was able to raise over **\$8,000.00** for the Wounded Warrior 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PAMS Panther Prowl 5K** is set for **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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**.

For a registration form, [click here](#)

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

## MILLION T-SHIRT MARCH



On May 2nd, 2013, over 400 PAMS students and staff took a stand against bullying by participating in the nationwide Million T-shirt March. Take a look at the attached photo that is on display in our main office and was part of a segment on WVEC news with Lasalle Blanks. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could get the entire school to participate this year? Please join schools across the country as we take a peaceful, yet active, stance against bullying by purchasing and wearing a T-shirt on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Current 8th grade students may wear the shirts they purchased in grade 6 (if they still fit!); however, in order to participate, they must sign up during their lunches (Monday or Thursday) at the T-shirt Sales Table. A group photo will be taken on May 1<sup>st</sup> and ice-cream will be provided by the PTA during lunches for all students wearing their Million T-shirt March shirts. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help support Rachel's Challenge projects that foster kindness and compassion within our school environment and our community. Thank you in advance for spreading the word and showing your support!

Beginning March 9th through March 30th, staff and PTA volunteers will be taking orders for The Million T-shirt March t-shirts. Shirts will be preordered during lunches on Mondays and Thursdays during this time frame. Each shirt costs \$10 and can be paid for by cash or a check made out to PAMS. Payment is due at the time of ordering and you cannot order a shirt later than March 30<sup>th</sup>. Any questions can be directed to Audra Burchett@ [AudraM.burchett@vbschools.com](mailto:AudraM.burchett@vbschools.com) or 648-4964.



## PAMS BUSINESS-RECYCLING CLUB

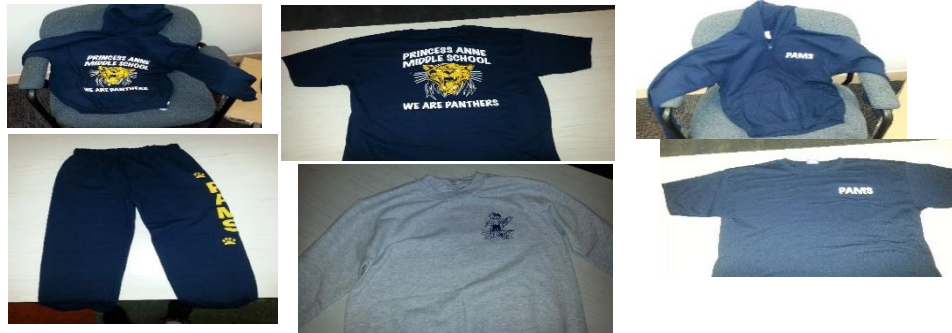


*The Business-Recycling Club is now accepting **SMALL BATTERIES for recycling!!!*** We are collecting throughout the school year the following items:

- 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**

## GOT SCHOOL SPIRIT??? SHOW IT OFF!!!



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing available in youth sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large  
 and adult sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X-Large

ITEM	AVAILABLE COLORS	PRICE	SIZE	COLOR	QUANTITY
Hooded Sweatshirt(New Design)	Blue	\$30.00	Varies		
Zippered Sweatshirt Jacket(New Design)	Blue	\$32-\$35	Varies		
Sweatpants	Blue	\$20.00	Varies		
Soffe Shorts(Last year design)	Blue and Gold	\$5.00	Varies		
Short Sleeve T-Shirts(Last year and New Design)	Gray	\$7.50-\$15	Varies		
<b>GO PANTHERS!</b>				<b>TOTAL \$ DUE:</b>	

Paid by Cash or Check # or charge

Send completed order form and payment in with student and place in envelope marked Attn: PTA/Spirit Wear

Please make checks payable to: PAMS PTA

Questions: Contact PAMS Spirit Wear Chairperson: Jean Blackwell @ jblackwell961@gmail.com or 650-6116

# CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!

Visit Princess Anne Middle School PTA's new website for PTA News: [www.pamsptavb.com](http://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](mailto:jbeavers4@cox.net)



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

**Send your info to Tiffany Jones at [jonesfamilyfour@live.com](mailto:jonesfamilyfour@live.com)**

**Next due date is:  
APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> !**

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