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# The Panther Pride

## Princess Anne Middle School

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MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
MEMORIAL DAY  
NO SCHOOL

MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>-JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
VIRGINIA SOL TESTS

JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TRIP  
BUSCH GARDENS

JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PICNIC

JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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*"Success comes when we all pull together"*

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER – MAY 2015

As we head off into summer at the end of another successful school year, I want to take some time to reflect. First though, on behalf of the entire staff, we want to wish over 480 8<sup>th</sup> grade students all the best as they move on to the next phase of their education and their lives. We know they will make us proud!

In looking back I must once again offer thanks to the PTA and the parents who support our students and staff. It is because of you that we have been able to accomplish a major library redesign, to maintain our thriving Rachel's Challenge program, to undertake beautification projects of the grounds, to provide much needed athletic equipment, to provide resources to support our music programs, and to provide support for countless classroom initiatives through teacher grants, and to accomplish many other goals. This is the result of over \$30,000 given to support the school just this year! Just as impressive is the time you have given. We cannot express enough appreciation for the over 150 parents who have logged hours working with athletics and music programs, chaperoning dances and field trips, serving on boards and councils, and volunteering in the office and classrooms! Please know that we welcome you and we appreciate everything you offer.

Throughout the year, Princess Anne students have demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence, and a high standard of citizenship and service, while competing and exceling in both academic and athletic endeavors. Students from Princess Anne have competed in and been recognized for excellence in events and contests including the Tidewater District Science Fair, the Elie Weisel essay contest, the Physics Olympics held at ODU, and the Destination Imagination program. Our music programs have received the highest honors in both district, regional, and national competitions. PAMS' students were again selected to perform for the mayor and state leaders on the National Day of Prayer and for the Human Rights Commission program. PAMS' students also exceled in a STEM Robotics competition, qualified for state competition in Destination Imagination, and won 7 team city championships and several individual championships in wrestling, forensics, and track, while earning a citywide sportsmanship award.

PAMS' students made us proud away from school this year as well: 6<sup>th</sup> graders partnered with Chesapeake Bay Foundation to work on environmental restoration and conservation projects in Back Bay and along the Chesapeake. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will also travel to Portsmouth for an educational experience at the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame while 7<sup>th</sup> graders will travel to Richmond to visit the Virginia Science Museum and Holocaust

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER- CONTINUED

Museum. 8<sup>th</sup> graders traveled to Monticello, Montpelier, and Wallops Island, and have an upcoming class trip to Busch Gardens. In every case the feedback we received was evidence that our students conducted themselves with the highest caliber of citizenship and class, evidence that gives us confidence in sending our students to educational experiences beyond the classroom.

Our students' service to others is also breathtaking, whether by coming together to raise money for breast cancer research, providing moral support to military personnel, providing companionship to senior citizens, and providing time and service for the Virginia Beach SPCA during our Land a Hand Day.

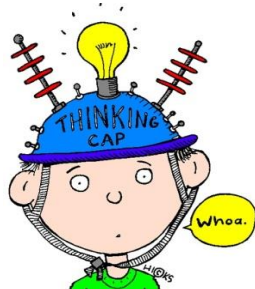
And, as I travel throughout the building I routinely see students highly engaged in content and challenged to utilize their thinking skills and creativity. The evidence of it is everywhere you turn. Thank you, parents, for your continued support of our efforts to become a true 21<sup>st</sup> century school, for ensuring your child attends school regularly, for supporting the hard work of teachers, for fostering citizenship values in your children, and for enabling students to take advantage of so many of the opportunities that present themselves.

Though the data will soon be coming in, I am confident PAMS' students' performance on SOL tests will once again place us among the highest performing middle schools in the area! Additionally, the final report cards heading home after school is out will feature nearly 1,000 students on honor roll or principal's list!

I encourage parents with concerns regarding academic progress to contact the child's counselor to arrange a conference with teachers. Regular communication with teachers is critical to assisting struggling students, and it's not too late! As always, I thank you for your continued support of Princess Anne Middle School. Together, staff, parents, and students are making a difference in the Princess Anne Middle community. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Princess Anne Middle Administrative Team if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

D. Alex Bergren  
Principal



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

## RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

PAMS took a stand against bullying on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Approximately 300 students and staff donned their Million T-shirt March shirts. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders even broke their shirts out from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to participate. Many students were greeted with kindness notes on their lockers that morning made by our Rachel's Challenge FOR club members and all who participated were treated to ice cream during their lunch bells provided by the PTA. LaSalle Blanks from WVEC-News surprised our students and staff. He applauded them for their continued effort to stamp out bullying through kindness and compassion. <http://www.13newsnow.com/story/news/local/making-your-mark/2015/05/01/making-your-mark-million-t-shirt-march/26731035/>

## PANTHER PARTNERS

**Attention All 7<sup>th</sup> Graders:** Have you seen the 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the yellow Panther Partner shirts serving as leaders and helpers in our school? Well, it is your turn to apply to be a Panther Partner for next year! Just go to the Panther Partner page on Mrs. Cole's wikispace and follow the directions.

## REFLECTION CONTEST WINNERS

Great Job Reflections Contest Winners!! The Reflections Contest took place at our school level earlier this year. Thank you to all of the students who participated in this great contest. We had over 400 students take place at the school level. What a great showing!! Please see the list below of the winners at the school level and beyond!!

PAMS Reflections School Level Winners - Great Job Panthers!!

### Visual Art:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Johnathan R., he also won at the VB Council of PTA's and received the Award of Merit at VAPTA level
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Katelyn B.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Josie Z.

### Literature:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Jacqueline F., she also won at the VB Council of PTA's level and received the Award of Merit at the VAPTA level
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Margaret B.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Jack S.

### Photography:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Eric F.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Shelby M.

### Film Production:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place co-winners - Leah B. and Katie F.

### Dance:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Jacqueline F.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Eric F.



Thank you again to all of our great students who participated!! Please note the Reflections contest theme for the 2015-16 school year will be: "**Let Your Imagination Fly.**" Good Luck!!

## 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)

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