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The Panther Pride

Princess Anne Middle School

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Mark Your Calendars

January 20th:
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day
School Closed

January 24th:
Staff Day
School Closed

Upcoming PTA
Meetings:
February 11th
And
March 11th
PAMS Library 5:30pm

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"Success comes when we all pull together"

Principal's Corner – January 2014

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin with a particularly bright spot in an exciting time of pending transition. Join me in congratulating Princess Anne Middle's 2014-15 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Janet Marx, a grade 7 mathematics and Algebra 1 teacher. Mrs. Marx was selected by her peers for her ability to inspire a love of learning and for her contributions to the profession. Mrs. Marx is an outstanding teacher, worthy of the distinction of Teacher of the Year.

As we approach the end of the first semester, please reflect on your child's current academic progress and the pending release of report cards on January 31, 2014. Are you registered for Parent Portal and checking your child's academic progress daily? Do your child's grades reflect his/her abilities? Are you satisfied with the grades your child is earning? Are you looking for assistance for your child? It is important to me and the staff at Princess Anne Middle that your child meets with continued success, and we have dedicated ourselves to that purpose. To that end, we have put in place several programs to help students who need extra assistance:

AM Homework Center: Students may arrive early to school at 7:40 AM where a supervised environment conducive to sustained silent study is provided until 9:00 AM each morning. Morning homework help is also available during this time each Monday-Wednesday.

PAMS Support Center: Tutoring is available after school Monday-Thursday from 4:00-5:40 PM. The tutoring schedule is sent out weekly through Myschool Mail.

PM Homework Center: As with the AM Homework Center, supervised homework time is available Monday-Thursday in computer lab 405 from 4:00 PM-5:30 PM. Activity buses are available to provide transportation home if necessary. Students who attend must arrive on time.

SOL Lab: Students who are not meeting with success in the core classes of English and math are candidates for this program. With SOL Lab students are removed from one of their two elective classes and meet instead with grade level teachers for reinforcement of objectives studied in English and math. Parents who feel this program may benefit their child should contact the child's core teachers or counselor.

Academic Support: Students who fail or receive below a 70 in a core course of English,

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math, science, or social studies at the end of each nine weeks will be removed from an elective and placed in a mandatory support bell where the child's core teachers ensure completion of work and provide remediation in the core subjects. Students are assigned to this mandatory class.

Independent Reading: Students who are below grade level in reading are assigned to this program which also takes the place of one of the elective classes. Teachers generally recommend students for this program; however, a parent may also recommend a student's participation by contacting the child's counselor.

On another matter, as the Kellam High School students move to their brand new building at the end of January, we will be preparing in earnest to move to a new location in April. In order to assist our students with a mid-year transition, plans are in the works for each grade level to take an orientation field trip the week prior to Spring Break. Also, mark your calendar for Saturday, April 5, 2014. We will host an Open House with tours for all interested students and parents. More details will be forthcoming. Finally, when your child receives a third quarter schedule, you will note the classes will show two room numbers. The first is where the class is currently held. The second is where the class will be held once we occupy the Kellam site. We are excited for the opportunities our move to the NEW Princess Anne will bring!

As always, I look for your child's continued success. Please do not hesitate to call on me or any member of my staff if we may be of assistance. You will find email links to all staff members on Princess Anne Middle's Website at www.princessannems.vbschools.com.

Sincerely,

D. Alex Bergren
Principal



HAVE SCHOOL SPIRIT??
WANT TO SHOW IT???

Click on the link below to
get your own
PAMS Spirit Wear

<http://www.pamsptavb.com/spirit-wear.html>

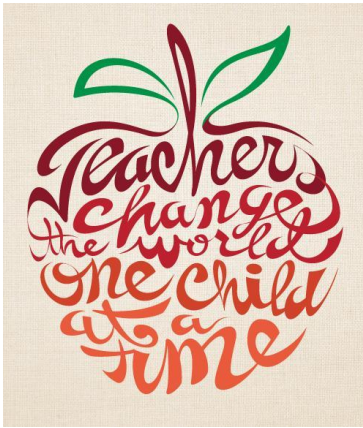
THE GRAND TOTAL IS IN!!!!!!



Rachel's Challenge FOR club, with the help of our PAMS community, assembled FIFTY-NINE backpacks for the PIN Ministries. This not only met our goal of 43, but has set a new record! We could not have done it without your generosity, kindness and compassion for the less fortunate! Thank you to all of the teams that met their goal as well as those who worked to exceed it! Also, a

special thank you our students and their families who selflessly gave to help those in need! Our Rachel's Challenge group is planning a field trip in March to help prepare food and feed the homeless in conjunction with the PIN Ministry.

January Rachel's Challenge Project



The Rachel's Challenge FOR club wants to extend a thank you to all PAMS teachers and get them ready for the 2nd semester – and you can help!

Bring in small items of appreciation – pens, markers, sticky-notes, k-cups, chocolate – or even write a note of gratitude to a teacher who has made a difference.

Beginning **Friday January 10th** and ending **Tuesday January 21st**

look for collection boxes located at the front of the school and throughout the halls.

Help us show PAMS teachers we are thankful and ready for a great second half of the school year!



Referral Process for Gifted Eligibility

Students may be considered for any gifted program through referral by parents, guidance counselors, administrators, teachers, students, and self. Eligibility is based on multiple criteria that vary somewhat as to its gifted identification. Please go to the following site to find out more about the referral process:

<http://www.vbschools.com/curriculum/gifted/index.asp>. The parent information form for the referral also may be requested from Ms. Peterson, PAMS GRT.

The application process for intellectual identification occurs once each semester, and arts identification occurs annually. Intellectual testing dates for Princess Anne Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year are:

- **Kemps Landing Magnet School: February 18, 2014 (forms due by February 3)**
- Spring Semester: June 3, 2014* (forms due by May 16)

*Please note that fourth quarter testing is only for students who are new to Virginia Beach City Public Schools after Jan. 1, 2013. Referrals may still be made for current VBCPS students in the spring, but eligibility testing would occur in Fall, 2014.

PANTHER PROWL 5K



Princess Anne Middle School is in the process of organizing a **5K charity race for Sunday, April 27th, 2014** to benefit the local organization **Wounded Wear** (<http://www.woundedwear.org>). This race will be the finale for our **PAMS Lend-A-Hand** weekend and we hope to make it an annual event!

In order to get the **Inaugural Panther Prowl 5K** up and running, we need your help!!! **The Tidewater Striders** will be assisting us with the technical aspects of the race.... **IF** we can raise at least **\$2500.00** in firm committed sponsors to cover the various costs of the 5K run. This is where we hope your business is willing to *put on your running shoes and get in the race!* 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.

We are really excited about this race and think it will be a great opportunity to get the PAMS community involved in giving back. I hope you will consider joining us in our efforts to support **Wounded Wear**.

April is the **Month of the Military Child** and I can't think of a better way to honor our military families! Thank you so much for your time and continued support. If you have any questions, please contact Hunter Bolling at 648-4963 or hunter.bolling@vbschools.com.



Reduce...Reuse...Recycle...

The Business-Recycling Club collects old/broken cell phones, empty ink cartridges, MP3 players, iPods, digital cameras, GPS devices and tablet computers!

We do not collect batteries or desktop and laptop computers. Students may bring their items to Mrs. Vinikoff in room 623. Parents may drop their items off at the front security desk.



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Princess Anne Middle's
2014-15
Teacher of the Year

MRS. JANET MARX

Have YOU Joined the PTA Yet??? No? Why Not????? Simply complete the form below



PAMS PTA OPPORTUNITIES YES! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Please Print Clearly
PTA Membership for Adults

WE NEED BOTH PARENTS TO JOIN

Members _____ at \$5.00 each \$ _____

Member's Name _____ M ___ F ___

Member's Name _____ M ___ F ___

Email/Phone# _____

Student's Name _____ Home Room Teacher _____ Grade _____

STRESS-FREE FUNDRAISER

We want to bring great programs to our school for all students

Tax Deductible Donation of \$20.00 per Student Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Parent Name _____

Email/Phone _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

MAKE IT EASY AND WRITE ONLY ONE CHECK! CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO PAMS PTA

PTA Memberships (\$5.00 each) _____ + STRESS-FREE Donation _____ =

Cash _____ Check # _____ TOTAL _____



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!



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Volunteers!!!! We Need 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 Bobbi Vinsand (Volunteer Coordinator) at vinsand@cox.net

Have something to add???

Have an announcement to share???

Do you have any questions or comments concerning the newsletter??

Or perhaps there is something you would like to see included??

I would love to hear from you!

All articles for the next PTA Newsletter must be received by **February 14th**. Email Tiffany Jones at: jonesfamilyfour@live.com



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