



Princess Anne Middle School

The Panther Pride

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If you would like to share your story about a Great teacher you currently have or had at PAMS please email your story to GreatTeachers@VBSchools.com

Principal's Corner

March 2016

As spring arrives, I am pleased to share my continued excitement over the innovative and engaging instructional practices occurring throughout PAMS, the overwhelmingly positive citizenship I see from our students daily, and the impressive service our students provide to help people in need throughout our community. I am excited to see the spirit of outreach so strong in the young people at PAMS. Our kids are making a difference in people's lives every day!

While our BYOD policy has many positive effects, and students are being provided numerous opportunities to use devices for educational purposes, I am compelled to provide some reminders regarding the use of cell

phones and other devices. 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. Chief among these rules is students may not ever have devices in locker rooms or bathrooms. I am certain the reasons are obvious, but the red zone must be enforced in these areas.

I also recently sent a message to the PAMS community asking parents to take the time to have a frank conversation

with kids about their social media habits as well as putting forth the effort to monitor social media use by students. It's easy to make bad choices behind the protection of a computer or phone screen, and sometimes those choices have far reaching consequences. And don't limit your watch to Facebook, Twitter, and texting. It's Snapchat, Kik, Oovoo, and more. It can be challenging, but it is important to our kids' safety.

D. Alex Bergren, Ed. D.
Principal

13 TIPS FOR MONITORING KIDS'



Literacy Corner

Dear PAMS Parents,



As we continue to celebrate National Reading Month here at PAMS, I wanted to link you to a blog by author James Patterson called "How to Get Your Kid to be a Fantastic Reader." It ran as a special to CNN in 2011. Much of the information I've shared with you this year has

been about encouraging your child to read. Here's one more view on the subject. I love that he has some special tips for helping boys develop a love for reading. Check it out...see what you think about James Patterson's views on getting our children to read. <http://www.cnn.com/2011/09/28/opinion/patterson-kids-reading/>

Happy Reading!
Jennifer

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PAMS JS2S

Meeting Changes:
We will meet during the students' lunches in room 305. Location may change.

6th graders will meet on the following Mondays:
2/8, 2/22, 3/14, 4/4, 4/25, 5/16

7th/8th graders will meet on the following Thursdays:
2/4, 3/17, 4/7, 4/28, 5/19

You do NOT have to be military connected to participate in this club!



LEND - A - HAND



Registration for the PAMS 1M Fun Run is OPEN! Registration forms can be found on the PAMS Website and in the guidance office. The cost is 15.00 if you register



before **April 8th**. All entry forms need to be turned in to Ms. Tynes in the Guidance Office at PAMS. SHOW YOUR PANTHER PRIDE and help an AWESOME cause!!!

Race day is **April 30th** at 11:00am on the PAMS track. ALL proceeds benefit FEED THE NEED! Here is a link as well: <http://www.princessannems.vbschools.com/pages/news/content/pdfs/PAMS%201M%20Fun%20Run%202016%20Registration2.pdf>

Food Pantry



The PAMS food pantry, that services four PAMS families is in need of supplies. If you would like to donate a gift card to Walmart or the Commissary we will be happy

to do the shopping for you for them :) Thank you to all that have donated this year. It truly is an awesome feeling taking care of our own.

Homework Center

The Homework Center provides students a quiet, monitored place to complete homework and projects or to study. Laptops are available for students who have the need.

Before School: M-F / 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria
After School: M-TH / 3:55pm – 5:30pm- Room 106 (Activity Buses are available after school)

Library Offerings

The Library Media Center Before School @ Your Library program is available for all students. Students may come to the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM to check in/

Out books, research, print from flash drive, work on a group project, or BYOD.



Updated Volunteer Procedure

Virginia Beach City Public Schools has issued a new volunteer procedure. Please note that if you intend to volunteer in any capacity at any time during the school year, please

download and complete this volunteer agreement link, complete the form and return it to the PAMS security desk prior to volunteering. All forms must be verified in ad-

vance. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation
[REQUEST TO VOLUNTEER](#)



Log Your Volunteer Hours

Princess Anne Middle School and their PTA are grateful for all of their parent volunteers. Please remember to log your volunteer hours!! Logging your volunteer hours has now been

made easier. You can access the mobile friend website where you can log your volunteer hours quickly and easily. Should you not have access to a smartphone, tablet or com-

puter, the Volunteer binder is still available at the security desk for your convenience. New Volunteer Website - [LOG YOUR HOURS HERE](#)

Like PAMS



Subscribe to the VB School calendar for the 2015 / 2016 school year by clicking here



Harris Teeter

Re-Link your VIC card. Visit www.harristeeter.com or give the number 6741 at the register. Either way works! Harris Teeter will donate a percentage of your purchase to Three Oaks. We have to re-link every year after August 1st.

Target

Raising funds for our school is as easy as using your REDcard. Designate our school through Take Charge of Education to give our kids a boost. And save 5% every time you shop. REDcards are available as a debit or credit card. The new Chip-and-PIN cards will need to be enrolled. The account numbers are different from the original REDcards. Enroll at Target.com/TCOE or call 1-800-316-6142.



Farm Fresh



No more receipts! Key tags have already gone home. Parents and supporters scan your key tag to help our school earn free educational equipment.

Both Harris Teeter & Target send us a check to support student activities. Farm Fresh provides a list of educational equipment for us to order. Encourage extended family and neighbors to support these programs. This is a simple process and a win win for all.

Labels for Education

From soup, cereal and snacks to dairy products, beverages and food storage – your kitchen’s probably full of eligible *Labels for Education*® items. Get clipping and start earning free stuff for your school! Turn them in to your homeroom teacher



Click to keep up on our events





8th Grade Parents!

We are already thinking about the end of the year 8th grade picnic! If you would like to help please let me know! The PTA serves the kids hamburgers and hot dogs after school on Wednesday June 8th in the football stadium. We need tons of help and would love for you to join us!

Contact Janine to help!
jsarach@mac.com
757-620-4022

PTA! Membership Update:

We are 338 members away from reaching 100% PTA membership. It is never too late and your support is always appreciated. Let us once again be the ONLY middle school in the city to achieve our 100% membership goal!

[JOIN HERE](#)



School Store

The school store is located in the Library Media Center and is open daily from 8:55am until 9:10am. Supplies include: pencils, lead refills, flash drives, spiral notebooks, rulers, etc. A

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SPIRIT... SPIRIT... LET'S HEAR IT!!

Get your PAMS Spirit Wear now and make a statement loud and clear. We're Panthers and We're Proud!!

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