August 2014 Newsletter

Pasco Middle School

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Greetings Pirate Families!

It seems only yesterday that we were saying goodbye and looking forward to a nice long summer. Many people ask me, "What do you do at school, with no students there to look after?" I can tell you our custodial staff worked hard by cleaning, painting and making the facility look great. Our teachers took much needed vacations and brushed up on their teaching skills by taking advantage of professional development opportunities. Our cafeteria staff cleaned and learned new food safety guidelines. Our administration searched out excellent new staff to ensure the highest level of education for PMS students; we worked on the master schedule, took training to sharpen our skills as leaders and hosted band and training activities. WHEW! I'm sure glad that the children are coming back and we can settle into a routine.

Speaking of routine, even though middle school students are a bit older, they still benefit from the routine of family time. This can include, set times for homework, family dinner and, yes, bedtime. It is important that middle school aged children get at least eight hours of sleep each night, for maximum concentration during the day. I also encourage you to check your child's planner, homework, classwork, and eSembler on a daily basis.

I look forward to meeting all of you at our registration days and open house. Please feel free to seek me out and introduce yourself! Remember Pirates, we are here to support all students to achieve academic excellence.

Best Wishes,

Kimberly Anderson

Principal



Upcoming Events

August 7

Cambridge Registration, Gym, 9:00-12:00

August 12

Secondary Students Registration, 7:45-2:15

August 18

First Day of School

August 28

Open House, All Grade Levels

September 1

No School-Labor Day

Attention 7th Graders

All incoming 7th graders must have documentation of TdaP (Tetanus/Diptheria/Acellular Pertussis) immunization to receive class schedule and prior to attending their first day of class.

PRIDE Expectations and Gold Coins

It is the expectation that all students are <u>prepared</u> for the chool day, <u>respectful</u> to all peers and adults, <u>in control</u> of their actions, <u>dependable</u> citizens, and are <u>engaged</u> in their learning. When a faculty member notices students exhibiting the PRIDE <u>expectations</u> they will receive a Gold Coin. Gold Coin recipients receive a positive phone call home, free cookie coupon, and chance to win a surprise prize!

Cafeteria Update

STUDENT MEAL PRICES: Breakfast is free for all students. The reduced price for lunch is \$.40. The regular price for lunch has increased to \$2.60 for a classic lunch or \$3.00 for the alternative.

Apply for Free/Reduced Lunch at https://fnsmealapp.pasco.k12.fl.us/

Pay for lunch online: <u>MyLunchMoney.com</u>

More Important News

Football Games

Sept 9	Weightman @ Pasco
Sept 16	Pasco @ Stewart
Sept 23	Centennial @ Pasco
Oct 7	Pasco @ Dr. Long
Oct 14	Pasco @ Rushe
Oct 21	Pine View @ Pasco

Kickoff at 6:30 Home Games played at PHS

Away Games at their respective High Schools

Volleyball Games

Sept 8	Weightman @ Pasco
Sept 11	Pasco @ Dr. Long
Sept 15	Pasco @ Stewart
Sept 18	Centennial @ Pasco
Sept 22	Rushe @ Pasco
Sept 25	Pasco @ Pine View
Oct 2	Stewart @ Pasco
Oct 6	Pasco @ Centennial

7th grade games start at 6 and 8th grade games follow





Athletics

Football

Tryouts Begin: August 13th

Volleyball

Tryouts: August 18th, 1:45-2:30

2nd Quarter

Boys Soccer

Girls Basketball

3rd Quarter

Girls Soccer

Boys Basketball

4th Quarter

Boys and Girls Track

Sports physicals must be completed to tryout.

Supply Lists

Team supply lists can be found on the school website. <u>http://pms.pasco.k12.fl.us</u>