

Princess Anne Middle School PTA



A Note From Mr. Pohl:

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are close to ending our first nine weeks. This year is truly going at a fast pace. Our sixth grade students are no longer “new” students, our 7th and 8th graders have transitioned to the block schedule and all of our students are showing a great deal of school pride and spirit. Both debate and boys’ soccer won a city championship, and we had a very successful fund drive for the United Way. The SCA hosted their first dance of the year and our first ever haunted hallway for students and community. We are preparing for our first spirit assembly of the year where our Panther Pride will be loud and proud! Our students are off to the best start of the year yet!

We will soon issue report cards, November 23rd; however, you should have access to your child’s grades through our SchoolNet Parent Portal. If you have not yet had a chance to sign up, please do so via our home page. Once you are signed on bring a photo ID and your verification number to the school during normal operating hours. Please keep open communications with all of your child’s teacher as well as their guidance counselor if you have any questions, comments or concerns. I look forward to celebrating with the many students who make honor roll as well as principal’s list.

As you may know, we started our after school tutoring program in mid-October. We will start tutoring both before and after school at the start of the second nine weeks. Tutoring always follows the same schedule Monday – English, Tuesday – math, Wednesday – science and Thursday – social studies. If you have any questions about the schedule please check our home page or contact the school. These sessions are encouraged for any student with a grade of a C or below and open to any student who needs extra assistance.

As always, thank you for all of your support. It is my joy to work with all of our students and the community as we continue to make PAMS the best middle school at the beach.



What is happening in and around Princess Anne Middle School??

“How do I...?”

There are so many new families to our PAMS community we wanted to take a moment to ease some of the anxiety about middle school procedures.

Kids forget things at home. Parents are kind enough to bring them to the school. When dropping off forgotten gym clothes, flash drives, notebooks and projects please make it easy on the person(s) working the welcome desk at the front door and put your child’s items in some

sort of bag labeled with their full name. This makes it much easier for the staff person to keep the sometimes massive amounts of forgotten items organized in their work space.

Parents are always welcome to come enjoy lunch with their child in the cafeteria at the school. Tables are set up near the stage for your dining pleasure. Please do not sit with your child’s class. Sometimes it makes it difficult for the cafeteria monitors to decipher who is a student and who is not...and that is a flattering notion!

When entering the building to volunteer, please sign in at the front desk and then sign in in the Volunteer book on the counter right outside the guidance office and pick up a VOLUNTEER sticker. Just let the person at the front know you do not need a VISITOR sticker. If you do not have a personal sheet in the volunteer book please start one. When leaving, sign out in the volunteer book AND at the desk. As always, THANK YOU for taking the time to volunteer!! We truly appreciate it!

SPIRIT WEAR IS HERE!!!



We finally have replenished our spirit wear stock! Come by **FRIDAY, November 13th** during all lunches to make your purchases! Hooded sweatshirts in Navy blue, gray and pink are available for \$24. Zipper hooded sweatshirts are just a dollar more at \$25. Navy blue sweat pants are \$16, Softe athletic shorts for girls are \$12. Short sleeved t-shirts are \$10 and long sleeved are \$15. Crew neck sweat shirts cost \$17 and come in Navy blue, gray and the ever popular pink!

We have spirit beads - a favorite for the kids for just a \$1 and really cool beach towels for \$10 as well as tote bags for the same price! We will try to have another day available for purchase before Thanksgiving but we suggest not missing out on this Friday!

Halloween Dance and Haunted Hallway

Ghouls and Ghosts and Goblins...Oh, My!

On October 30, 2009, the PAMS SCA and Drama Club hosted the first Halloween Dance and Haunted Hallway Event - they were frightfully successful! Over 300 students frolicked to the ear-splitting tunes provided by our out-of-this-world disc jockey from Astro while over 200 adults and children dared to venture through the horrifying arrangement of diabolical vignettes.

The screams that not only emanated from the cafeteria but also the hallowed halls stood as testament to the ghoulish fun that was being had by all who were in attendance.

It is important to note that this goose-pimply experience would not have been the hair raising success that it was without the chillingly awesome help of the many parents and staff who showed up to help us scare up some enjoyment for the PAMS family and community!

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday November 18th is Bus Driver, Cafeteria staff and Teacher Assistant appreciation day!

PLEASE join the PTA!!!
Let's become the **FIRST** middle school to have 100% participation! It is only \$5 per person per child...and there is SO much we can do with the membership money to make our school the absolute BEST!

Did someone say pizza & iPod ?

Hello Panther Parents !

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has joined PAMS PTA this year. We are grateful for your support. However, we are still in need of memberships. Without the support and funding that comes from joining PAMS PTA, we would be unable to fund assemblies, programs, scholarships, etc. for our students. We need your help !

PAMS PTA will be offering an **iPod Nano** as a door prize!!! Yes, that's right !! Everyone who joins our PTA will be eligible !! Membership is only \$5.00 per adult!

Every class that reaches 100% class membership will receive a **Pizza Party** during their lunch period !! You can't beat that !! :) Please consider joining today! Thank you and good luck !!

Lauren Norton
PAMS PTA
3rd VP
Membership Chairperson



\$5/person

Membership form

Cash ___ Check# _____

Member Name _____

Member Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Student Name _____ Grade ___ Core _____

Teacher _____

E-mail _____

***Please make checks out to: PAMS PTA**

Principals of American Citizenship

Princess Anne Middle School is proud to present the Principals of American Citizenship nominees for the month of September for Responsibility and October for Diligence. Each core selected a student who exemplified the trait of the month and set a good example for others to follow. Congratulations Students! You've been noticed!!!

September =
Responsibility

CORE

STUDENT

GRADE 6

Dolphin
VIP
Wizards

Jordan Moore
Jessie Walker
Connor Yager

GRADE 7

Jaguars
Super Novas

John Cowen
Chrissy Chisnell

GRADE 8

Explorers
Legends

Jessica Carpenter
Bhakti Raval

October =
Diligence

CORE

STUDENT

GRADE 6

Dolphin
VIP
Wizards
Element

Maggie Sullivan
Ben James
Noelle Varney
Ryan Buzzy

GRADE 7

Jaguars
Lynxs
Super Novas

Justin Seldon
Joseph Atkins
Madison Chaplain

GRADE 8

Explorers
Seekers
Synergy

Nicole Park
Marissa Barrios
Lindsey Herring

AND A FINAL WORD FROM OUR PAMS PTA President...

We are off to a great start this school year and are please to see so many people getting involved! It's exciting to be a part of such a great school. Please remember to join the PTA and contribute to the Stress Free Fundraiser. These are easy ways to support the school and benefit the students. There are membership/fundraiser forms in the office, or on the PAMS PTA website (pamspta.com). As always, if you have any questions, or want to get involved but are not sure how, please do not hesitate to call or email me. Remember: "If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito" (Betty Reese)