



## PBDA LOWER CAMPUS EVENTS

### November 2018-January 2019

#### **Important Dates:**

- 11/1 No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/5 Lower Campus Book Fair Begins
- 11/8 Pajama Day
- 11/13 Lower Campus Open House
- 11/14 Speaker Series – Billy Peebles @ 6:00pm
- 11/20 Lower Campus Thanksgiving Project
- 11/21-23 No School/Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/30 Noon Dismissal
- 12/13 K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Holiday Show @6:30pm
- 12/20 Pageant @1:45pm
- 12/21 Noon Dismissal – Winter Break
- 1/7 Classes Resume

#### **Friday Night Outs**

- 10/19 Friday Night Out – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Gym Night
- 10/26 Friday Night Out – Primary Pumpkin Night
- 11/9 Friday Night Out – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bingo
- 11/16 Friday Night Out – Kindergarten Paint & Play Party
- 12/7 Friday Night Out – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Creative Crafts Night

#### **Lower Campus Announcements**

The Lower Campus would like to say “Thank You” for the sweet treats that were provided for the teachers by the PSC. We appreciate the kind gesture and tasty snacks.

Our garden meetings have kicked off with AJ the gardener. AJ spoke to the students about our new garden beds and made plans for planting. The children voted on what seeds they would like to grow and are excited to begin the process. Planting will take place Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30. It will be a free dress day.



Friday Night Outs have been a hit! Thank you to those who have helped make these events a success.

The Lower Campus Thanksgiving Project has kicked off. The children will be boxing canned goods with Thanksgiving notes and shipping them off to families in need.

The Book Fair was a success and such a fun event. The children and their families had a wonderful time shopping for books together. We would like to thank our two Chairs, Juliana Gendelman and Lyanne Azqueta for the countless hours they put in to make it a wonderful week. Also, big thank you to Jason Briggs and his father for dressing up on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to get the kids excited about the book fair. Coach Kelly and Coach Rusty hosted our Pajama Day dance party, and Mrs. A and Mrs. Bjorkland came and read to the classes.

## **First Trimester Culminating Units of Study**

### **Pre-Primary**

#### **September:**

All About Me: My Body, My Feelings, My Family, School Family,  
The Hatching

#### **October**

Apples; Fall Leaves; Pumpkins  
10/10 Pre Primary and Primary Parent Night  
Halloween Class Party  
Harvest Fest – October 30th  
Spectators at Halloween Parade

#### **November**

Healthy Foods; Giving Thanks; Family Traditions  
Thanksgiving Feast  
11/7 Muffins with Mom

#### **December**

Christmas; Hanukkah; Travel  
Holiday Show  
12/6 Donuts with Dad



12/18 Pre-Primary & Primary Holiday Sing @ 9:00

**January**

Winter; Cold; Opposites

**Ongoing**

Tapestry Partners with 9th Graders

**Parent Volunteers**

Parents are encouraged to sign up to be a Mystery Reader for the class.

**Primary**

Our Museum partnership will begin with the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden in November.

The thematic units of study Primary will be focusing on in the first trimester are All About Me, Families, Friends, and Community Helpers.

12/18 Pre-Primary & Primary Holiday Sing @ 9:00

Primary loves their new classrooms in the new building ☺

**Kindergarten**

**September/October**

Unit of study on bears in preparation for Teddy Bear Picnic (September 28<sup>th</sup>)

Kindergarten spends the first six weeks focusing on school, being kind, and classroom routines.

Pumpkins and Pumpkin Math (5th grade tapestry Visit)

**November**

The Thanksgiving Story - children are engaged in a variety of Thanksgiving themed activities and lessons. The children will read stories, create crafts, and write about the pilgrims and Native Americans. We will also do a unit on thankfulness.

In support of the Coral Reef Project, Kindergarten visited the Upper Campus and explored the science lab. They went on a scavenger hunt with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and did several science experiments. The children had a wonderful time being with the older students.



### *December*

Units of study include winter, seasons, family traditions, and December Holidays. We would love to have parent volunteers come in to speak about their holiday traditions.

### *Parent Volunteers*

Kindergarten would love to have a “Lunch Bunch” on Fridays. Sign-ups will be sent to families soon.

### *First Grade*

First grade is doing thematic units this year and had their first Apple Fest & Jonny Apple Seed Day in the month of September.

All STEAM activities revolved around apples. The students created Lego apples, made apple bread and apple pie (using how to / sequencing skills), as well as competed in apple boat races.

### *October*

Bats and Spiders are the theme and their focus is non-fiction. They will be going to the Four Arts Library for a lesson on spiders and bats.

*November* is “Save the Turkeys”. The students utilize the Design thinking model to save the turkeys and house them afterwards.

First Grade is taking a field trip to the Busch Wildlife Center on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

*December/ January* will be a snowman theme.

### *Parent Volunteers*

First grade has parent Mystery Readers every Friday.



## *Second Grade*

### *November*

Fall Book Project

### *January*

Camouflage Day, Science Night

Our first Community Connection field trip will take place sometime before January (TBD). We're partnering with the Science Museum this year.

### **Second Grade Initiative:**

**Guest Speakers:** Similar to the Mystery Reader program in First Grade, Second Grade has a parent speaker series. This initiative invites parents to come into the classroom throughout the year and have a conversation with our children.

Topics for the speaker series can cover a myriad of subjects, including:

- o Our global studies countries: Italy and France
- o parents who have traveled, worked, or lived in Italy and France
- o reading a book on Italy and France to the class
- o discussing something that pertains to the curriculum
- o a passion project/ personal interest
  - Please contact the teachers if you have an interest in participating

### *Parent Volunteers*

Second Grade would love to have a "Lunch Bunch" on Fridays.

## *Third Grade*

### *September*

Book Tasting to help kids pick just right books

### *October*

Tapestry event October 10th – Metric Day

### *November*

Stone Fox book review

Author's Celebration

The Third Graders are heading to Glades Academy for their Thanksgiving Project on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Author/Illustrator Alex Beard will be speaking to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders on November 16<sup>th</sup>.



Third grade will also be heading to Busch Wildlife Sanctuary on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Third Grade will have local speakers on issues in the community. Some examples include water quality, recycling bikes (Jack the Bike Man), 4Ocean, plastic in the water, and Save the Turtle Foundation.

### ***Bulldog Outreach***

We kicked off the year with a whole campus project. Students brought in 84 new and used lunch boxes to give to Lunchbox of Love. They provide lunch boxes to children who do not have them. We plan on doing this again at the end of the year.

Operation Gratitude – A Halloween candy drive which sends candy to our military overseas and injured soldiers.

Hurricane Michael Drive – students brought in diapers and goods to help families in need.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – each grade is assigned a packaged food item to bring in. The week before Thanksgiving, the entire Lower Campus gets together to fill boxes with these food items. They will be shipped to families in need of a Thanksgiving meal.

E.R. Bradley's Holiday Party – A collaborative event with the students from Hope Rural. The Second through Fourth Grade students serve the children breakfast and provide gifts for them during the holiday season.