



PALM BEACH DAY ACADEMY

November 2018

UPPER CAMPUS PSC NEWS

Important Upcoming Dates: See Bolded Dates under each heading.

4th Grade News

- **Fourth Grade** was fortunate enough to have **two author visits** this past month of October
- Our first author was **Jen Calonita** - She spent time in the fourth grade pod sharing her books and ideas about writing. One of her newest books, Royal Academy Rebels Book #1: Misfits was a big hit and many of the fourth graders purchased it and began reading right away.
- Our second author visit was from our very own author in residence, **Jen Howard**. Jen also shared her love of writing books and introduced her newest ones *Sit, Stay, Love* and *Pugs and Kisses*. The students are also reading these with great enthusiasm. **3rd grade joined us for this event.**
- **Read-a-thon** During the week of November 5 – 9th the students are spending time in class and at home each night reading as much as they can for this worthy cause.
- **The 4th grade visit to the Bookfair** helped ignite our week long read-a-thon.
- Our first visit of our yearlong visits to the **Norton Sculpture Gardens** happened in November. (Erin will have more details.) Another visit is penciled in for December.
- Our **garden meetings have begun!** Plans are underway for planting the week of November 19th. (Erin will have more details.) Chalk talks and brainstorming were part of our first gathering for this.
- **Alex Beard – author visit on the LC** - 4th grade will be joining the 3rd grade in the media center of LC to learn more about him and his newest book *The Lying King*.
- 4th Grade will visit the LC to help with the **Thanksgiving Project on Wednesday, November, 14th**. We will also visit with our Tapestry partners – Primary – to create cards to include in the Thanksgiving boxes.
- **RCCA** – Our next visit to the preschool is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, when our students will read to our buddies. We also will continue to donate books to grow their classroom library.



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5th Grade News

- 5th grade is having their Walk-a-Thon on Thursday, November 15 at 1:45 p.m. We will be walking on the West Field. The money that is raised for the Walk-a-Thon will be used for our holiday celebration at Quantum House.
- AR Points and Community Service Hours are due on Friday, November 16.
- 5th grade will begin the “December Novel Swap” after Thanksgiving. Students are given the opportunity to sign up for one of four novels and experience reading class with a different teacher and different classmates. When we return from winter break, students will go back to their regular reading classes to begin the much anticipated Greek mythology unit.
- 5th graders are looking forward to their Day of Giving on Tuesday, December 18. On this day, we will visit our Adopted Grandparents at Morse Life and go to Quantum House to celebrate the holidays with the guests staying there. Students are planning all of the activities for the day.

6th Grade News

- 6th grade will be visiting Backpack Buddies on November 14th. Reading to the K and 1st graders and providing snacks for them.
- Community service opportunity for 6th grade: Race for the Cure will be having a water station this year. Would love to have as many runners or walkers sign up at <https://komensouthflorida.org>. Our team name is PBDA Bulldogs. You can join our team when you register. Students are only 10\$. The race is Jan 26th. Come out and support the Bulldog Team.

7th Grade News

- 7th graders had a wonderful class trip to Busch Gardens and the Tampa Aquarium. Many students commented on how much they enjoyed each other’s company and learned a lot during the Aquarium visit with our guide Dr. Gregory. Some 7th graders are already getting excited to be soon part of the coral project restoration that was started in PBDA science classes. Dr. Gregory pointed out many interesting species during our visit, making learning visible.
- **Community Service**
On November 3, twenty 7th graders helped our community with a very successful Beach Clean Up. We had a wonderful turn out of 63 volunteers. The beach at Root Trail was in need of some cleaning up and got a facelift! A couple of neighbors even came out of their homes to congratulate our students for a job well done! Thank you PBDA volunteers!



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- **Tapestry:**
7th grade is now planning for a visit with their 2nd graders friends before our December break. They would like to plan a common activity to continue our friendship theme. They are exploring making some holidays ornaments, or writing friendship notes to share.
- **Recycling:**
Several 7th graders boys and girls were also spotted in the hallways on Mondays and Thursdays recycling paper and plastic from our classrooms. Well done! Keep volunteering and sign up each week. We have had a very successful recycling program so far. Thank you for keeping our school green.

8th Grade News

- The 8th Grade is busy studying for SSATs, and visiting Secondary schools.
- They are working on Creating a Community service project in conjunction with Bulldog outreach to collect non perishable foods for victims of the Hurricane.

9th Grade News

- 9th grade playwriting was presented Thursday, November 8 in the Matthews Students wrote 10-minute, five-scene plays that were read/performed in the Theatre.
- Students are working on the Coral Reef project in biology. This is part of their curriculum and part of the preparation for the trip to Cape Eleuthera Institute in April.
- Ninth Grade will be doing major fundraiser in December for the homeless.

Math News:

- Mrs. Barbieri's 8th grade Algebra class went over to the lower campus to help with Harvest Fest. They enjoyed working with the Primary students and reconnecting with their LC teachers.
- Mrs. Barbieri went over, as Math Department Chair, and spent the day observing K-3 Math and Steam. She will be collaborating with the lower and upper campus teachers to confirm that our curriculum flows from one grade to the next and that we are reaching the needs of all of our mathematicians.
- The MATHCOUNTS team is practicing for February competition. (team: Bertie Azqueta, Caroline Ghirdini, Mimi Gochmna, Virginia Keen, Amelia Kelty, Emily Li, Jackson morass, Lucy Newmyer, Jonathan Schram, Mei Visconti)



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Science News:

- 4th Grade Science- We are well into both of FAU's ASAP and OrKids programs, which consists of hands-on, collaborative lessons learning about our local environment. The students have been collecting data about the orchids that we are going in our mini botany lab and sending it to FAU weekly.
- 4th and 5th Grade Science- We have started working in our garden project. The students are planning, designing and learning about what it takes to grow an organic garden. We are planning on planting our first seeds during Thanksgiving week. We are continuing too work with Reef Institute where the students are learning about aquaponics, our local environmental and coral reef restoration.
- Mrs. Mitchel and Mrs. Hollern went over to Lower Campus and did a Halloween Spooky Science presentation for K through three students.
- The ninth grade presented at flag regarding the Cara project.
- The kindergarten classes both came to the Upper Campus and participated in a number of activities regarding the Coral Project with our eighth grade hosting.
- This coming weekend Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Hollern will be at the Norton Sculpture Garden teaching STEAM activities for students.

English News:

- In Ms. Howard's English class there are five 7-9th grade students who have signed up to participate along with her in NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). They have set their own word count goal and we'll be writing buddies encouraging each other to hit our target by the end of the month. She hopes to expand this activity next year to include even more students who are interested in creative writing!

Drama News:

- Pageant signups are live! The first rehearsal is on Thursday 11/30 3:30-4:30
- 9th Grade class presented excerpts from their original 10 minute plays on 11/8. They will be fine tuning their plays to submit to Dramaworks Young Playwrights Festival on 12/15.
- The PBDA Musical will be announced within the next month and audition will take place during AE classes.

Art News

- In December we will be sending in one piece of art from each grade, 4th, 5th, 6th 7th and 8th grades, to the annual Artigras competition. Wild Florida is the theme.
- The 6th grade is doing a Dragon Fly with water color paint. There are ongoing ceramic clay projects in grades 7 & 8.



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Music News

- The following students were elected for the Florida Elementary All State Chorus: Brooks Boyd, Morgan Klann, Allison Taylor, Caroline Cristu, and Bella Zingaro. They were among 1000 students auditioning for 250 spots in the chorus. They will perform on January 10, 2019 in Tampa.
- The following students from PBDA were selected for the Florida Elementary All State Orff Instrumental Ensemble Caroline Cristu. She among 1000 students auditioning for 150 spots in the ensemble. She will perform on January 11, 2019 in Tampa. We also had a first this year as Jada McDonald represented our school in the Inagural Southern Regional Orff Ensemble Concert on November 3.
- We had 2 students who auditioned for the Florida All State Middle School Chorus'. Felipe Ma Pinto auditioned for the Mixed SATB Chorus and Reilly Hollern who auditioned for the SSA Treble Chorus. They were both selected and will be representing PBDA in Tampa January 12, 2019 at the All State Middle School Concerts.
- The 5th Grade has been busy preparing for upcoming holiday performances. Two of the groups are learning **handbells** and will be performing at three upcoming events:
-November 19 time 6-7 PM at City Place - Dress Uniform unless they are in chorus and they will wear chorus uniform. The 9th Grade has expressed an interest in performing at this concert, too.
-December 8, 2:00 at the American German Club for the Christkindlmarkt – Dress Uniform unless they are in chorus and they will wear chorus uniform.
-December 20 at 1:45 the 5th Grade and 9th Grade will perform Prelude Handbell Music for the Pageant.
-December 21 11:00 at the All School Sing in the Smith Family Theatre will consist of 4th Grade on recorders, the Bulldog Chorus, the Faculty Band, and the 5th Grade Steel Drums and Handbells.
- The **Second 6th Grade Percussion Ensemble** is busy at work and will perform on January 23 at the South Florida Fair along with the chorus and also at the Assembly on Friday, January 25 at 8:00 am.
- The Bulldog Chorus has begun practicing on Thursday mornings at 7:20-7:55. We are working on music for our holiday performances coming up on:
-November 19 6:00 PM at City Place
-December 8 at 2:30 PM at the American German Club,
-December 21 at 11:00 AM for the PBDA UC Holiday Sing,
-January 23, 5:30 at the South Florida Fair.
It's not too late to join in the fun!!!



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Sports News

- 6th grade sports girls are playing Basketball and have their first game on Monday at home against Gulfstream starts 3:45. The boys played last week and won 7-1 against Gulfstream in Soccer. Their next game is Away at Gulfstream on Monday as well at 3:30.
- Field Hockey has their first game on November 14th at 2pm. There are no other teams that play in South Florida so we scrimmage the Moms, Dads, Faculty, Alumni. Its a great alternative for the girls, it started many years ago at PBDA because girls going to Boarding School never played the sport before and wished we offered it. Currently Peyvie Wexler is on the JV team at Hotchkiss.
- Girls Basketball Varsity and JV are off to a strong start. Varsity's record is 4-1 only loss is a non-league. Big win this week against Rosarian 29-9. Jv tied Rosarian 13-13. They are working very hard and becoming a team to be reckoned with. Come out and support your Bulldogs! JV record is 2 wins, 2 ties and losses.
- Soccer team is undefeated 4-0-1. The last win was against Rosarian 4-0. Jv's record 2-0-1. Last game they tied Unity 2-2.
- The girls tennis team qualified for the playoffs.

World language News:

- The World Language classes participated in a joint activity with the "light bulbs" they created sharing their goals for the year. Our theme was "illuminate the world with your kindness" in all languages.
- Right now plans are in the making to pursue sharing work between World Language classes featuring holiday traditions and cultural events in diverse countries.
- Some students in Spanish classes are actively learning Christmas songs to go in other classes caroling. Part of these presentations and songs might be featured on BTV.
- At this time everyone is busy studying for trimester test and reviewing many chapters worth of vocabulary. Language is a subject that takes a long time studying! Stay strong Bulldogs!

National Junior Honor's Society

- The first Annual Hallway trick or treat was a success!
- The NJHS is currently offering Peer Tutoring to about 30 students weekly



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Bulldog Outreach

- On December 12, 2018, several students selected from PBDA's 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades will entertain the Pre-K4, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students from Hope Rural School at the annual Bradley's Christmas Party. PBDA's students read books during the recent Read-A-Thon to earn money for gifts for this long standing outreach program involving Hope Rural School and Glades Academy. The children give gifts to the Hope Rural School students from the funds they raised. Bringing even greater warmth and joy to the holidays, families and businesses will support the cause through their contributions of shoes, school uniforms, toys, books, and turkeys.
- Bulldog Outreach and the Palm Beach Flagler Rotary Club awarded 5th grader, Cate Goddeau - Hall, with the first Service Above Self Award. The next award will be given in December.
- We are continuing snack making the first Wednesdays of most months. 60 snack bags are given to kids at Opportunity, Inc. The next snack making is on Wednesday, December 5 at 7:15 a.m. in the Bulldog Cafe. Students are given 30 minutes of community service for participating in snack making.
- Faculty and Staff are kicking off the holidays by participating in Quantum House "Chef for a Day" on Saturday, December 8. We are looking forward to celebrating the holidays by making dinner and playing games with the guests.
- We are planning our annual Martin Luther King, Jr "Day of Service" on Monday, January 21, 2019 with Mrs. Juliana Gendelman. More information to come soon!

Student Council

- The Halloween dance was a huge success!! Almost a 100 students attended. Haunted house created by the students and an amazing DJ! Our next dance will be the spring formal.
- The PBDA Talent Show will be December 6 @ 9AM-10:00AM
Students in grades 4-9. Auditions are the week before. There will be different times for each grade level. Sign ups start next week.
- Student Council is selling snacks at home basketball games in Halmos
Thursday, 8th @4:00
Tuesday, 13th @4:00
\$1 for snacks, \$1 for drinks. Come hungry and thirsty and support our Student Council.
- Back by Popular Demand **The PBDA Carnival** will take place on **February 1, 2019**.



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Notes from Ms. Kemeness:

- The Upper Campus is spending a lot of time on the Lower Campus.
- Mrs. Barbieri spent the day visiting with math teachers from K-3.
- The Kindergarten was here last week for Science fun!
- We are reviewing and aligning the curriculum between Lower and Upper Campus thoughtfully.
- We are in trimester tests, secondary school applications, a 9th grade preview party, and making sure we're working hard and being kind.

Miscellaneous Notes:

- The 7th grade lunch table discussions with faculty each week is up and running.

Respectfully Submitted:
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