



PALM BEACH DAY ACADEMY

March, 2019

UPPER CAMPUS PSC NEWS

4th Grade News

- March 1st - Visit Florida Crystal's Agricultural Center of Excellence where we will visit a farm field to learn more about a vegetable harvest, rotate around interactive stations: drones, tractor, lab, greenhouse, and then finish off with an excellent Cuban lunch.
- March 6th and 7th - The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach's "living history" program takes children back in time for a mini-day in a one-room school of the 1890s. Our modern little Red Schoolhouse scholars will relive the school day as it was at the turn-of-the-century: learning Spencerian script, practicing arithmetic, reciting stories from *McGuffey's Readers*, participating in a spelling bee, and experiencing classic recess games. Furnished with period pioneer education artifacts, the Little Red Schoolhouse provides children with a true early American educational experience.
- March 26th - fourth graders will join students from the LC at Bradley's for another fulfilled morning serving breakfast, conversing, and sharing a magic show with students from Hope Rural School. The students will receive a book, matching plush animal, and some other fun items, as well as some apparel necessities.
- March 28th - Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach again visits - this time with a focus on the Mizner and Revival era of architecture.
- March 29th - fourth grade gets their turn to visit the Four Arts to view the President Bush painting exhibit.

5th Grade News

- 5th Grade had a great visit with their Adopted Grandparents at Morse Life on Tuesday, February 19.
- The Banquet of the Gods is on Thursday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m. This year, the Banquet is taking place at the Breakers. Students will deliver their speeches and have lunch before heading back to school at 12:30 p.m.
- 5th Grade will visit President Bush's, "Portraits of Courage," exhibit on Monday, March 25.
- After break, 5th Grade will begin the poetry unit. Students will pick a poem to recite for the Poetry Contest. Important dates: Wednesday, April 17 - Classroom Round, Tuesday, April 23 - Semi-Final Round, Friday, April 26 - Final Round
Week of March 29 - CTP Testing

6th Grade News

- 6th grade continues with Backpack buddies.
- 6th Grade is also gearing up for trimester tests.

7th Grade News

- The seventh grade's Valentine Sale was very successful. \$513 were raised. Half of the money will go to the Children's Hospital at St Mary's and the other half will be sent to the Chimpanzee Foundation in Fort Pierce. Thank you for all the families who donated candy or items to sell (a special thank you to the Bell, Koch, Ramos and Womble families).



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8th Grade News

- Eagerly anticipating secondary school results in the next few days.
- Participated in a fabulous day of service at Palm Beach Empty Bowls. Over 70\$K raised during the day directly for the Palm Beach County Food Bank.
- In advisory, we are having meaningful discussions on stress and anxiety and how mental health is at the forefront for teens.
- We also hosted Turner Benoit '94, and discussed drugs, alcohol and addiction. We are working with the Hanley center to bring in further learning opportunities for the upperclassmen.

9th Grade News

- Freshmen attended the Dramaworks Young Playwright performances to see two of the winning plays written by Danny Beck and Taylor Handley. These were of the ten selected in the county competition. Parker Costas was runner up.
- Leave for Eleuthera on Wednesday, April 5 for marine biology trip that extends the classroom experiences with the marine lab and coral reef project. Students will do hands-on research with professors at the Cape Eleuthera Institute for five days while in the Bahamas.

Math News:

- The Math department had a very successful PBDA Pi Day (celebrated early because we are on Spring Break on 3/14). Winning over all was Bertie Azqueta who recited 261 digits. Winning in grades 3-4 was Leah Aronson with 208 digits memorized. The Mathcounts team competed and Mei Visconti was our top performer.

Drama News:

- Playwriting: 9th graders Taylor Handley and Danny Beck were honored on Tuesday 2/26 at PB Dramaworks for their original 10-minute plays. These two students spent the weekend with professional actors, directors, and dramaturgs to rehearse and refine their pieces for the sold out performance on Tuesday. Each student was awarded a \$250 cash prize and will have their play published in an anthology with the other 8 winners.
- Musical: Save the date for Grease! May 10th @ 7pm and May 11th @ 2p and 7pm. 7-9th Graders are working hard to show you that "you're the one they want"!
- 6th Grade Drama: 3rd rotation is busy rehearsing their play "The Faculty Meeting". Their performance is scheduled for April
- 4th Grade Drama: Students will receive the scripts for their FL History play about PB dowager, Lila Vanderbilt, on Monday 3/4, and should work on memorization over spring break.

Art News

- 2019 Arti Gras Youth Art Competition winners (judged by grade)
5th grade 2nd place Annabel Bridger
6th grade Jackie Turner 3rd place
7th grade Tate Webster 2nd place



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- 5th grade:
Learning about how to paint values with color
- 6th grade:
Completed clay dragons. Look for them at the Fine Arts Festival U.C. April 22.
Starting paper mache suns. Students are learning how to form facial features on the sun using newspaper.
- Pottery classes:
New rotation just starting.
- Artistic Expressions:
Using line, texture, value, and color mixing to create a tropical scene acrylic painting

Music News

- 4th, 7th and 8th Grade students started learning the Ukulele.
- 5th Grades are learning Steel Drums and Handbells.
- 6th Grade percussion has learned their first song for the April 22 Fine Arts Festival and are beginning their non-traditional instrument song.
- The Bulldog Chorus performed at the Palm Beach Town Square Memorial Fountain on Wednesday, February 27 for the Fun at the Fountain opening events.
- **The Fine Art Festival date has moved to April 22, 6:00 PM with performances starting at 6:15.**

Media Center News:

- 5th grade students are working on their presidential outlines following their huge successful presentations!

Sports News

- Girls Sports:
Girls Varsity Lacrosse won against Rosarian and kings academy this week!
Field Day was a huge success again! Can't say enough of how gracious Oxbridge was to us! It still remains the highlight of our sports year! Congratulations to the Pelicans! And to the Flamingos! It was a great day for fun healthy competition.
- The 88th Annual Walter H Butler Field Day was a huge success. The Pelicans hung on to defeat the Flamingos 264-237.
- The Varsity Boys Lacrosse team is off to a great start as they defeated Rosarian Academy this week 13-3.

Go Bulldogs!

World language News:

- The World Language students have been studying for their National Examination. 7th - 9th grade French students took theirs last week. Spanish students will take when we come back at the end of March. We are looking forward to their results and wish everyone good luck.



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National Junior Honor's Society

- We had a successful Babysitting Night and made a \$500 donation to Mission Possible. Students are creating "stress less" goodie bags for all students taking Trimester Tests Peer Tutoring is servicing more than 20 students and will continue after Spring Break.

Bulldog Outreach

- The Upper Campus will be visiting the Four Arts to see President Bush's exhibit, "Portraits of Courage." The visits are scheduled the week of March 25. We will welcome students back from Spring Break the morning of March 25 with a kick off assembly. First Sergeant Matt Eversmann and Ms. Lynelle Zelnar, Executive Director and Founder of Forgotten Soldiers, will speak during the assembly. We have a number of follow up activities planned after our visits to The Four Arts including an assembly and veteran round table discussions on Tuesday, April 2, led by Lieutenant Commander Hector Delgado, having a collection drive from April 8 – April 23 for the Forgotten Soldiers organization, partnering the Lower Campus/Upper Campus tapestry grades for a letter writing to veterans campaign on Thursday, April 25, and finally, taking 20 students to Forgotten Soldiers in Lake Worth to drop off our collected items/letters and to pack care packages for actively deployed soldiers on Friday, May 3 at 3:30 p.m.
- Remaining snack making dates (in the Bulldog Café at 7:15 a.m.):
Wednesday, April 3
Wednesday, May 1
- Service Above Self Assemblies (a partnership with the Flagler Palm Beach Rotary Club and honoring students for going above and beyond in community service)
Friday, April 5
Friday, May 17
Tuesday, May 21 (final breakfast of the year with the Rotary Club)
- Quantum House "Chef for the Day" with the Rotary Club – Friday, May 17 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Student Council

- The CARNIVAL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!
- Information to come soon about the Pet Show.



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Miscellaneous Dates:

Pet Show: We are working on having an Animal Rescue Center set up a booth at the event this year as a Community Outreach.

Monday, March 4

Assembly: Zach Rago from "Chasing Coral" 8:00 a.m.
Varsity Boys Lacrosse Away vs St. Mark's 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5

SLC Meeting 7:30 a.m.
Kiwanis Student of the Month Lunch 11:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m.
PSC Executive Meeting 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6

****Trimester Testing Begins ****

4th Grade visits the Little Red Schoolhouse 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 7

Trimester Testing
4th Grade visits the Little Red Schoolhouse 10:00 a.m.
Banquet of the Gods (5th Grade) 10:00 a.m.

Friday, March 8

Trimester Testing
Noon Dismissal
Have a restful break! Classes resume 3/25.

Spring Break: March 8 - 22

Respectfully Submitted:
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