



PALM BEACH DAY ACADEMY

April 2019

UPPER CAMPUS PSC NEWS

4th Grade News

- **Thursday, April 4 - Grassy Waters**

Activity description for Swamp Tromp:

Get your feet wet on an off-boardwalk hike through the Everglades! Pretend you are a member of a Florida Native American tribe as you slog through the swamp. Learn how plants have adapted to live in this habitat, and which species you could use for food, medicine, and to build a shelter. What would happen if all those resources were used up?

Activity description for canoeing:

Fine-tune your canoeing skills while learning about the importance of Grassy Waters Preserve and the Greater Everglades Ecosystem. Learn about Everglades geology and natural history to discover why conserving this ecosystem is so important. Trace the path of water from the clouds to the marsh to your faucet and discuss the factors that affect water quality and availability both for humans and our native plants and animals. Learn how wetlands sequester carbon and moderate our climate and discuss what would happen if Grassy Waters was converted into agricultural land or commercial development.

- **Thursday, April 11 - Preservation Foundation "Heritage Education" presents "Development of Sea Streets"**
- **Monday, April 15th - MacArthur Beach State Park** - Our experience includes seining in the estuary, collecting specimens for the lab, mangrove walking and water quality testing, followed by experiences in the education center where we examine the specimens we collected under microscopes.
- **Throughout April and May - Butterfly Garden Replenishment**
- **Friday, April 26th - Walking tour of Worth Avenue**, noting the various architectural aspects/vocabulary, etc. that we have studied throughout the year.

5th Grade News

- **Poetry Contest** - Students have selected their poems to recite for the Poetry Contest. The Poetry Contest is the final activity in our series of 5th Grade public speaking events.
Classroom Round: Wednesday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the individual reading classrooms.
Semi Final Round: Tuesday, April 23 at 1:30 p.m. in the Smith Family Theater.
Final Round: Friday, April 25 at 8 a.m. in the Smith Family Theater.
- **CTP Testing** - Week of April 29 - May 2. Make ups will be Friday, May 3. Testing takes place in English/reading classes.



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- **Final Adopted Grandparent Visit** at Morse Life - Tuesday, May 21

6th Grade News

- 6th Grade will go to backpack buddies 4/17, read to the Kindergarten and 1st graders. Giving out filled Easter eggs along with their snacks.

7th Grade News

- Several 7th graders were spotted in the hallways on Monday and Thursday this week recycling paper and plastic from our classrooms. Let's end the year very strongly by participating at least once this third trimester. Keep volunteering and sign up each week with Mr. Crane. It is always such a help to our school as we want to stay "Green" and help our environment.
- Congratulations to Bertie A. as he scored on the top 100 in the geography bee organized this past second trimester.
- April 12 will be our beach outing. We are all excited to join 4th, 5th and 6th grades and have a wonderful time together.
- 7th graders and 2nd graders will be collecting chapsticks for the Forgotten Soldiers organization. Drop your items in the appropriate box in the atrium. Thank you.
- There will be a final tapestry activity between 7th and 2nd graders regarding water safety. 7th graders will read a book written and published by the Sheriff's Office called "Caspar's Big Day". It tells the story of a dog named Gaspar and his friends learning how to swim and using cautionary steps. A Sheriff's office representative will also be there to talk about water safety to the group. More details will follow as we plan this activity. Thank you to Mrs. Annette Johnson for discovering this book and idea.

8th Grade News

- On April 11th the 8th grade will be going to the South Florida Fairgrounds to participate in a STEM activity, involving Custom Car Designs.
- Busy with revisits and making final decisions on secondary schools. Many students are enjoying the acceptance from their first choice schools.
- Last Friday the students participated in a hands on learning experience at Munyon Island with FAU. The students learned about water quality testing, seine netting and even caught fish and turtles.
- The students thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Portraits of Courage exhibit at The Four Arts last week as well. Fruitful discussions on service to country and sacrifice took place following the visits.

9th Grade News

- Marine biology trip to cape Eleuthera institute April 5-10
- TED talks being presented
- Research paper in English



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Math News:

- Math teachers (Jim, Wendie, Christi, Courtney and myself) are heading to San Diego to the National Council Teachers of Mathematics annual conference. We are excited to have this opportunity.

Science News:

- 4th Grade:
What: **Habitat Restoration**
When: Saturday, April 27th from 8:00- 12:30
Where: Jupiter Ridge Scrub at US-1, Juno Beach, FL 33408 (directions to come)
Details: As part of the OrKids Program, our 4th grade students will work alongside FAU Pine Jog and the PBC Dept. of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) on a large-scale restoration event. The goal of this event is to restore a critically endangered orchid species, the Dancing Lady (*Tolumnia bahamensis*), to a natural scrub site. There are only about a thousand of these orchids left in the wild. If your child would like to and is able to participate, please let me know and fill out the permission slip, which will be emailed later this week. Of course, parent participation is always welcome!
- 4th and 5th Grade:
What: **Engineer It! Competition (OPTIONAL)**
When: Saturday, April 13th (see the link below for times)
Where: South Florida Science Center and Aquarium
Details: Please see the link below for details and rules about the event and the different competitions the students may enter. Please email me and send in \$5 (registration fee) if your child would like to and is able to participate in any of the events. I will register him or her as part of PBDA's team.
<https://www.sfsciencecenter.org/engineer-it>
- Coral Restoration Foundation and Reef Institute have visited classes this month to focus on environmental issues, specifically looking at different aspects of coral habitats, anatomy, resources, threats and restoration.

Drama News:

- 6th Grade Play (Rotation 3): "The Faculty Meeting" @ 8a on Friday 4/12
- Countdown to Grease: Save the date for the 7-9th grade musical on May 10th @ 7p, May 11th @ 2p and 7p. Tickets on sale 5/1...look for an e-card!
- 7th-8th Grade Playwriting: Working on monologues based on their trip to the Portraits of Courage exhibit.
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Belfer Conference for Educators Scholarship: Mrs. Cook was awarded acceptance to the USHMM Belfer Conference for the summer, in addition to receiving one of 5 scholarships available for travel and



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expenses. She will attend the 3 day conference this July to further her studies as a teacher of the Holocaust.

Art News

- The Fine Arts Festival is April 22 at 6:00 PM.
- 5th grade learning how to shade create values with tempera paint . Then will apply what they learned into a painting.
- 6th grade working with the art element pattern.
- Artistic expressions students are creating a 3D dragon fly wire sculpture incorporating buttons and beads into the design.
- Pottery classes are learning about glazing and colors to begin to glaze their wares.

Music News

- The Fine Art Festival Date is April 22, 6:00 PM with performances starting at 6:15. This will feature all 4th (Yellow T-shirts) and 5th (Red T-shirts) Grade Students, the Bulldog Chorus (Neon Bulldog Chorus shirts and class colored shirt), 6th Grade Percussion Ensemble (Black t-shirts) and the 7th-8th (Dark Pink T-shirts) Grade Ukulele Class.
- Percussion Ensemble will perform on Friday, April 12 at assembly at 8:00 AM. They will be playing mallet instruments and non-traditional percussion instruments.
- Callidus Home and Décor Grand Opening: The Bulldog Chorus and selected students from the Grease musical will perform. Callidus is doing an “All Palm Beach” evening, celebrating different vendors and designers with Palm Beach roots, and want local people involved. Two of the vendors are PBDA alumni, who thought it would be great to include performance from the school.
- Join me in congratulating the following 8 students who will represent PBDA in the Elementary Honors Chorus at the Spotlight on Young Musicians. They will rehearse 2 full Saturdays along with Mrs. Johnson from 9:30 to 5:00. They will then perform at the Kravis Center’s Main Dreyfoos Hall on May 10 at 7 PM.
Lian Azqueta
Bohdan Dutkewych
Destiny Herd
Morgan Klann
Jada McDonald
Soleil Mukherjee
Veera Salminen
Allison Taylor
- Mrs. Johnson was nominated by one of our PBDA families for the Norwegian Cruise Line Giving Joy Contest. If she gets the most votes not only does she win a cruise, but the best part is the school will receive \$15,000. The voting ends on April 12.



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Sports News

- 6th grade boys lacrosse team had their first game lost 7-6 against Gulfstream. Girls won 6-2. Their next game for both teams are on 4/18 at Gulfstream boys at 3pm girls at 4pm.
- The boy's varsity lacrosse team has 3 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie heading into the conference playoffs. As the 3rd seed, they travel to King's Academy on Monday for a semi-final matchup. If they win, the team will travel to The Benjamin School to play in the conference finals. We defeated Rosarian, Jupiter Christian and St. Mark's with losses to Benjamin and King's. The lone tie was against Gulf Stream.
- We have about 20 7-9th grade girls and boys in our Fitness program. This is an alternative to playing Lacrosse. They do yoga, run the lake trail and fitness type activities.

World language News:

- All students in French and Spanish have taken their National Language Online Exam. We are eagerly waiting for results beginning of May and hope to have several recognitions with medals and certificates. 8th and 9th graders will be taking their placement language tests at the end of the year in all languages to determine if they qualify for a high school credit. Good luck to all.

National Junior Honor's Society

- Students are still tutoring every afternoon.
- They handed out goodie trimester test bags to all students in grades 6-9 before the tests!

Bulldog Outreach

- **Bulldog Military Outreach Program** - We are into our Bulldog Outreach Military Program, and it's going very well. Last week, Matt Eversmann and Lynelle Zelnar, from Forgotten Soldiers, helped us during our kick off assembly. All Upper Campus students visited The Four Arts to see President Bush's exhibit, "Portraits of Courage - A Commander-in-Chief's Tribute to America's Warriors." A number of classes have written reflections and Mrs, Jan Cook's playwriting class has written monologues based on their reflections. We are hoping to share these with the Upper Campus student during a future assembly. Our collection for Forgotten Soldiers will begin on April 8 and go through April 23. Tapestry grade level will collect the same items:

Travel Size Foot/Baby Powder - 9th Grade/Pre-Primary

Snack & Breakfast Bars - 8th Grade/3rd Grade

Chapstick - 7th Grade/2nd Grade

Foil tuna packs - 6th Grade/1st Grade

Travel Size Baby Wipes - 5th Grade/Kindergarten

Microwavable Macaroni & Cheese/Ravioli (cans with lift tops) - 4th Grade/Primary



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- On Thursday, April 25, the Upper Campus will travel to the Lower Campus and partner with their tapestry grades for a letter writing to soldiers event. This will be from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. We are inviting veterans of current students to the event. So far, we have 4 veterans attending, and we hope to have more. Bulldog Outreach thanks PSC for asking room parents to email parents about this special event! On Friday, May 3, we will take 20 students to Forgotten Soldiers to drop off the items collected and the letters. We will have a "Sponsored Packing Event" where each student will pack his/her own care package to send to an actively deployed soldier.
- **Snack Making** - We had a great snack making event this past Wednesday, April 3. Our final snack making of the year will be on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:15 a.m. in the Bulldog Cafe. We pack 60 snack bags, with sandwiches, fruit, cheese sticks, Goldfish, Oreos, a drink, and a surprise treat, for children at Opportunity Inc. Thank you so much to the Georgas family for sponsoring this activity all year.
- **Service Above Self** – Ryan Petcove was the recipient of the April Service Above Self Award on Friday, April 5. The final Service Above Self Award will be given on Friday, May 17. All Service Above Self Award recipients will be recognized at the Rotary Club breakfast on Tuesday, May 21.
- **Quantum House "Chef for a Day"** - We are partnering with the Flagler Palm Beach Rotary Club to make dinner for the guests at Quantum House. We will take up to 20 students to Quantum on Friday, May 17. The service event will be from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. While there, students will prepare dinner with Rotary Club members. They will also do arts and crafts, coloring, and play Bingo with the families. This service opportunity is open to 6th - 9th Grade.

Student Council

- Pet Show will be on Saturday, April 6. Lots of fun categories to sign up for and Peggy Adams Rescue League will be there with a few animals for adoptions and willing to accept donations of towels, baby blankets, unopened dog and cat food, unopened treats, training pads, toys, crates, leashes, harness, heating pads, Plastic ice trays and blow dryers.
- Middle School Dance on April 26th 6:30-9:00 - Luau theme

Miscellaneous Dates and Information:

- **Student Success Team**
On April 16th Palm Beach Day Academy will host the second meeting of the South Florida Learning Specialists Association (SFLSA). The mission of this new consortium is to bring like-minded professionals together in an effort to better meet the needs of students with learning differences in our school communities through collaboration, networking, professional development and mutual support. The group is comprised of learning specialists, counselors and school psychologists from 15 FCIS accredited schools from the Keys to the Palm Beaches. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Catherine Wharton, Director of the Diagnostic Center for Educational Assessment at Lynn University, to discuss ADA regulations as they pertain to independent schools.



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Respectfully Submitted:
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