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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Terrier Families,

Robert Collier once said, "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." That quote resonates with me as we end the 2023-2024 school year, and I want to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for your unwavering support of our school. The following highlights just a few key moments from the Spring Semester:

- Our students once again showcased why we have consistently been one of the highest performing schools in Charlotte County. Our consistent level of high performance on the FAST ELA, FAST Math, Science FCAT, Civics EOC, and Algebra I EOC state testing assessments puts us in the running to be recognized yet again as a high performing middle school in Charlotte County and in the state of Florida.
- Our school year ended with celebratory activities such as a fun filled 8th Grade Farewell Dance, 8th Grade Breakfast, 7th & 8th grade field trip to SeaWorld, awards ceremonies & more!
- Our talented vocalists and musicians showcased their talent during incredible concerts and performances.
- Students also participated in various incentive programs that encouraged and rewarded positive school behavior and promoted continued student success.

To our graduating 8th graders, we wish you great success as you embark on a new educational journey in high school! We hope that when you look back on your time at Port Charlotte Middle School you are proud of your accomplishments and the legacy you left behind.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school directly if there is anything that we can do to help make the transition into the new school year a positive one.

As always, thank you for being an essential and vital part of the Terrier Family!

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STUDENT SHOWCASE



Sophia Marchese-Brown on the keyboard



Students showcasing their talents at the chorus concert



January Students of the Month

6th Grade winners: Zia'Kaira Borden and Oliver Pelon
7th Grade winners: Landon Tobolski and Esther Sung
8th Grade winners: James Sterbutzel and Ella Marrero

March Students of the Month

6th Grade: Kamaiya Delva and Quinton Washburn
7th Grade: Averi Davis and Daikiel Ricardo
8th Grade: Ariella Hamilton and Quinton Booker



February Students of the Month

6th Grade winners: Emel Palmeri and Bayne McNamara
7th Grade winners: Kaleb Eliasson and Khloe Cornish
8th Grade winners: Vincent Son and Giuliana Augustin

April Students of the Month

6th grade - Isabella Peralta and Peter Triana
7th grade - Savanna Ricker and J'ahron Charles
8th grade - Giuliana Augustin and Damian Pinson Quintero

PCMS SGA AND MRS. ANDERSON'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES

This year we hosted a service project to help animals in need.

We collected supplies for both the Suncoast Humane Society and the local Rescue Garage. These are both non-profit organizations that help to find homes for animals that are in need of a home.

Seventh grade won 200 spirit points for bringing in the most donations. Thank you to all who participated.





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We at Port Charlotte Middle School are sincerely thankful for all of the incredible support from the community this past year.

- Kim Seward and Ali Lobb generously gave of their time and were instrumental in spearheading all of the PTO activities this year. Thank you.
- Tri County Educator Insurance, Sonshine Baptist Church, 3 Pepper Burrito, Make It Count Sports, Carmelo's Italian Ristorante, our PTO, Buff City Soap, Suncoast Credit Union, Wawa (Chancellor Blvd)), New Day Church, The Exchange Church, and Chick-fil-A sponsored our Staff-Appreciation Week. We were extremely well-fed that week and definitely appreciated the daily gifts. Thank you.
- Publix, Walmart, and Insane Conez provided gift cards for our PBIS incentive activities. Thank you.

A NIGHT IN THE CITY: 8TH GRADE FAREWELL DANCE

On May 11, 2024, PCM Student Government hosted the 8th Grade Farewell Dance. Our PCM Terriers were dressed to impress that night and had a great time dancing the night away. Over \$500 dollars' worth of prizes were given out for students who bought their ticket prior to the dance. Students enjoyed an all you can eat buffet of finger foods, chips drinks and desserts. Our PCM terriers were also able to get photo strips of themselves and friends that were available in our photo booth. A great time was had by all. Thank you to our sponsors for making this event affordable and fun for our rising 8th graders.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

Students in PE classes are preparing for their final exams with cooperative game review. They have learned many standard based skills this year through a variety of activities. Students have had the ability to work on team work and sportsmanship as well as maintaining a positive attitude and supporting others. We have focused on the importance of life time fitness with some HITT (high intensity), cardio, and dance workouts as well. We hope students enjoyed the variety of games and activities we planned over the course of the year and can see the importance of having a strong, fit body and mind!

OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS

The following teachers are currently teaching Out of Field:

- Cherstin Haga ESOL
- Brittany Lynch ESOL

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WE WELCOME NEW SMILES!

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PCMS SPRING FEST

PCMS hosted the first *Family Spring Fest* on March 14th. The event featured a variety of food, fun, entertainment and games for the family. Families enjoyed a special performance by the PCMS gold band. Families were also able to explore 6th Grade History projects. The Language Arts department hosted a variety of themed games such as *ELA Jeopardy*, *Figurative Question Trail* and *Next Level Poetry*. The math department held the 10th annual *Math Carnival* in the school gym. The *Math Carnival* featured math-themed games for all ages. Attendees of the event were issued player cards that were exchanged for food and prizes. Spring Fest was made possible by a grant from Suncoast Credit Union and donations from Publix Supermarkets.



HOPE AMBASSADORS

HOPE ambassadors club provided students with some testing inspiration for PM3 and final exams with inspirational pencils and mints. Attached was the message, "Stay Fresh for the State tests!" They also provided staff with a small token of appreciation for helping students to be successful. In the fall they look forward to presenting their "care tote" project to families, staff and the community to benefit patients at Galisano's Children's Hospital. The club advisors Coach Hibbard and Coach Renne were present at 5th Grade Riser Night (April 11) offering incoming 6th graders the opportunity to pledge to be kind and spin the wheel for a variety of prizes.

The club also supports the Kind Kid awards and luncheons. Each month staff members nominate a student (or multiple students) they feel represent kindness in their actions and words. 2 (occasionally 3) students are selected from the list of nominees each month to receive a free luncheon, picture, certificate of recognition and a brag tag. We also send home a postcard to any student who was nominated (even if they don't win) to make sure their home support system knows they are behaving with kindness in their daily life at school! We are so proud of all the students nominated and hope their kindness is contagious and catches on over the course of the year. This school year, we had 113 students nominated for their kindness and 16 overall winners recognized with prizes, lunch, etc.

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

On May 4th, Science teachers hosted the first Super Science Saturday. Thirty 8th grade students made (and ate) homemade ice cream, created and launched pressure rockets, and reviewed state science curriculum in preparation for state testing. The students had a great time working together to just "do" science. We are looking forward to seeing the rising 8th graders at next year's Super Science Saturday - Spring 2025.



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RISER NIGHT FUN

On April 11th, PCMS welcomed our incoming 6th grade class. PCMS staff members had booths to help showcase all of the fun activities that our school has to offer. The band and chorus performed and our Student Government Association and Leadership Classes took our incoming students and families on tours around the campus.



PCMS STUDENTS WORE GREEN FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

May 16th was Mental Health Awareness Day, and our students and staff showed their support by wearing green.



Front: Hannah Uy, Delaney Nelson, Samiah Collins-Archangel
Back: Rayna White, Calvin Pratt, Jeremiah Garcia, Lyndon Cvitkovich, Sophia Marchese-Brown, Tairianna Scott



Annabell Boone, Yaimarie Rio, Patrick Rice, Daniel Harris, Violet Wallin, Avah Sifford, Ashton Garrett, Lillian Manning



Reagan Reynolds, Katelyn Zillow, Danica Palmieri, Ryder Lawhorn, Andrew Cruz, Charlie Below



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Principal Kunder and Assistant Principals Whisenant and Wheeler making and serving the staff lunch during Staff Appreciation Week

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ART UPDATE FROM MR. NICOLAS

I am extremely proud of Sophia Bishop for placing 1st and Abigail Lin for placing 2nd for their bodies of work in the art show at the Visual Art Center last month. It truly has been remarkable to be part of these students' success when it comes to their growth and development in art this year. Our students' determination and drive to finish strong with each assignment was incredible. Our students drew and painted on wooden canvases with acrylic paint, created 3-Dimensional objects out of newspapers, aluminum foil, masking tape, and plaster, created 3-Dimensional objects out of air-dry clay, and made tote bags with the sewing machine. It has been an honor and huge pleasure to have been these students' art teacher this year.



Giuliana Augustin



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CERTIFICATIONS

Ms. Carboni's Computer classes have been busy all year learning new computer and workplace readiness skills as they work toward earning their Career and Professional Education (CAPE) Digital Tools Certifications. The first part of their journey was to learn about keeping themselves safe while using the Internet as they worked toward achieving their ICT Cyber Security Essentials Certification. Throughout the year, students have been adding to their Google Sites ePortfolios to showcase their work. Each student created a Tech ePortfolio to add their earned certificates and digital creations, and a Coding in Minecraft site, which they are using to demonstrate their mastery of their newly acquired coding skills. They have learned how to use Microsoft PowerPoint as the multimedia powerhouse it has become to make magical presentations, videos, screen recordings, and graphics while working toward earning their ICT Multimedia Essentials Certification. Students worked diligently to earn their certifications and we are proud to share this extensive list of all our PCM students who certified. Congratulations to all for your hard work and determination on a job well done!



Quarter 4 Certifications List:

- Entrepreneurship and Small Business: Vincent Ritta, Autumn Millington, Austin Phillips, Royce Sasa, Jayden Zapien, Faith Blyth, and Sophia Bishop.
- ICT Computing Essentials: James, Polak, Gabriel Cranston, McKennley Tercier, and Jayden Morris.
- ICT CyberSecurity Essentials: Kylie Howell, Makayla Ackerson Skiles, McKennley Tercier, Jose Lozano Tarrago, and Joseph Combs.
- ICT Multimedia Essentials: Damian Lewis, Kimora Lemons, Daikiel Ricardo, Alexandra Hernandez, Katie Long, James Sterbutzel, Aiden Le, Chanya McGowan, Jada Fils, Avery Bockhol, Ruth Augustin, Alexandra Diaz-Franceschi, Jaylynn Dunnell, Stephen Toth, Marcos Nava, Nehemiah Rosario, Justin Santos, TaLiyah Lloyd, Jaden Misir, Mario Martinez-Monroy, Kaelle Gilles, Abigail Donahue, Evan Legried, Brayden Parker, William Quintero Labrada, Gavin Fulton, Samir Larach Banegas, Ariella Hamilton, Andre Milos, Bailey Powell, Nathan Ordonez, Lillianna Haberlin, Jayden Garcia, Aaron Magallanes, Connor Glinsky, Jayel Nesmith, Eddie Delizo, Sophia Booker, Kiara Nicotra, Dillon Ramirez, Justin Simo, Mason Le, Benjamin Marier, Giuliana Augustin, Joon Purpura, DeRiona Bryson, Jorfe Ortiz Cuevas, Kevin Farina Rodrigues, Brooklynn Zwer, Welin Del Rosario, Railean Smith, Juliana Mazzoni, Jayla Pinnock, Racquia Lloyd, Tyler Odum, Samiah Collins-Archangel, Deja Mitchell, Trinity Robinson, KeyMaree Wright, Aubree Egan, Logan Schlosser, Gabriel Cranston, Andrew Huertas Bover, Laila Espinal, Anabelle Harrington, Aries Carrasquillo, McKennley Tercier, Monica Duffus Leiva, Desia Mitchell, Amaya Smith, Sean Donnelly, Mya Alfonso Barnard, Joriel Fernandez Rodriguez, Naleya Epting, Mariah Francis, Jaiden Nugent, Caleb Race, Rayna White, Noah Ginther, Hunter Ninia, Wyatt Murabito, Alice Vanderveer, Starlette Gonzalez, Kenya Epperson-Brownlee, Austin Etienne, Jackson Natke-Brown, Jaeden Roberts, Avah Sifford, and Landon Tobolski.
- ICT Word Processing Essentials: Ava Bolta, Aurora Mietz, Arieanna Purdy, Dean Lobb, Riley Bryant, Scarlett Mixon, Malia Reyes, and Brian Perez Hernandez.
- Microsoft Excel (Office 2019): Isiah St. Jacques, Noah Mercado, Anthony Scully, and Ethan Bourdreaux.
- Microsoft PowerPoint (Office 2019): Kyle Zhang
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