

The Panther Press

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Pine View Middle School

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Dear Panther Staff and Families,

We are excited to continue our second year as an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Candidate School. We see Panthers displaying the Learner Profiles on a daily basis and couldn't be more proud to be part of Panther Nation!

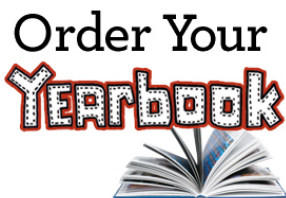
Learner Profile of the Month: Open Minded

As a PVMS Family, we will focus on a different Learner Profile (a trait that we strive to display to become the best people possible) every month. For December, we are focusing on being *Open-minded*. We are *Open-minded* when we understand and appreciate our own cultures and histories and when we are open to the perspectives, values and traditions of others. PVMS staff members have green #IBSTRONG tickets that they are giving out throughout the month to students who are displaying that they are *Open-minded*. Teachers will also be choosing students for "Student of the Month" who are an example to others in exemplifying that they are *Open-minded*. We encourage students to wear green on Fridays during the month of December to represent our Learner Profile of the month.

You will see signs displaying the Learner Profiles throughout the school. The profiles are also posted above the white board in each classroom. Teachers have a second set of magnetic Learner Profiles that will make it easier to highlight which Profiles are relevant to the current classroom activity.

It's getting cold outside!

Will some cool weather PVMS Spirit Wear make you happy? Keep an eye out on our website for details coming soon!



Yearbooks!

Yearbooks ordered by December 22nd **at school** or by December 31st **online** are still \$30. As of January 1st 2017 yearbooks will be \$40. Order early and save \$10!

Upcoming Events

December:

- 12/8-9 Winter Plays
- 12/9 Quarterly checks/District Finals begin
- 12/15 Winter Concert- see pg. 2
- 12/22 End of Quarter 2 and Semester 1
- 12/23-1/8 Winter Break

January:

- 1/9 Students return
- 1/9 Pasta for Pennies begins!
- 1/16 No school- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/17 Report Cards
- 1/23 LOLHS Renovation Meeting @ the LOLHS Gym at 6:00

What's going on at PVMS?

Winter Concert at PVMS



The PVMS Music Department will have its annual concert on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 pm at the Wesley Chapel High School Center for the Performing Arts. Admission to the concert is free and all are welcome. Report time for all musicians is 5:00 to complete sound checks and run throughs. We hope to see you there!

1st Annual PVMS Week of Service



One of the many exciting things about being a Middle Years Programme (MYP) Candidate School is service learning, or community service. It's important for students to make an impact on their community, and what better way to make an impact than to give back? During the week of February 13th-17th, our goal is to have all students off campus for part of a day taking part in giving back to our community. The activities in which students participate will be tied back into the classroom standards. If you would like to support PVMS in this wonderful opportunity through volunteering, please contact Becky Cardinale at rcardina@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Year 3 End of Year Activities

Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure's Gradventure

On Friday, May 19, 2017, the Year 3 class at Pine View Middle School is invited to Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure's Gradventure. This is an end of middle school celebration for students from across Florida. All eligible Year 3 students are invited to participate in this exciting evening of fun and entertainment. The buses will depart Pine View Middle School at approximately 3:00 P.M. and will return at approximately 1:30 A.M. Your punctuality in picking up your son/daughter is very much appreciated. Please note that students will not be allowed to walk or ride a bike home after returning to school and thus must have transportation arranged at the end of the evening.



Inquiry in the Classroom with Breakout EDU!



It's time for something different in learning.

Many of our Panthers have had the awesome experience of participating in an engaging, inquiry based classroom version of a Lock Out room. This activity has students using clues based upon the standards in the classroom to figure out how to crack the codes to locks, and therefore a victory. Check

out the youtube video at this link to see an example of Breakout EDU at PVMS!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxckBtclRzK>

Special Olympics!

On December 9th, our Special Olympic Unified Team will be participating in Skills Basketball at Land O'Lakes High School. Go Panthers!!



PVMS Staff Members of the Month

Our School Culture Committee sponsors our monthly Staff member of the month in two categories: Kids' Choice and Staff Choice. Voting boxes are set up in the cafeteria for students to vote for their staff member of the month. Ballots are returned to all staff members so they can see the wonderful things our students say.

Congratulations to our November staff winners!

Staff Choice Award: Mrs. Torrina Mauradian (Learning Design Coach)

Kids' Choice Award: Mrs. Annette Worley (Year 1 Language and Literature)

The Pulsera Project at PVMS!

This was the first year that PVMS hosted "THE PULSERA PROJECT". Beginning Spanish students from Mrs. Martinez' classes hosted this amazing fundraising activity to help artists in need from Nicaragua and Guatemala. They collected \$1,200 in donations to help more than 150 families. With this initiative and service learning activity, our student community was able to create awareness of the needs of people in other countries and to contribute to their global growth and success. The proceeds will fund scholarships, community programs, interest-free micro loans, support for YOUTH SHELTERS, sustainable energy initiatives and so many other projects that create bright futures for the artists and their communities.



We would like to THANK all the students, staff and people that supported our PULSERA PROJECT this year. We look forward to working with you in the future to help more and more people around the world!!!

Adventure Society is traveling to COSTA RICA!

Join us in June 2017 for an exciting group trip to Costa Rica! We will be zip lining, white water rafting, kayaking, horseback riding, visiting waterfalls, volcanoes, hot springs, and even a local school. This adventure is an all-inclusive trip with EF Tours for both students and adults. **Enrollment ends 12/22!**



For more information and pricing, see Ms. Arrington in room 710 or check out our tour website!

<http://www.eftours.com/tour-website/1820347VJ>



Adventure Society is NOT a school or district affiliated group

Birthday Fun!

Do you want to celebrate a friend's birthday in a BIG way? During lunch, students can join the PVMS Administrators in the café singing a PVMS Panther version of "Happy Birthday" to a special friend that you choose. The birthday Panther will also be treated to a balloon and a treat from the café. The song, balloon and the treat are available for only \$5, which will be used with other Principal's Fundraiser money to buy needed items for the school that will make a direct impact on our students' education.





Take Stock in Children Scholarship

Since 1997, Take Stock in Children, a program within the Pasco Education Foundation and supported by Pasco County Schools, has helped students from economically disadvantaged families achieve the goal of going to college. Awarded to Pasco County's undergraduates, the scholar's progress is continuously monitored through college.

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity (up to four years tuition paid), your child must meet the income eligibility requirements, agree to remain crime and drug free, and get good grades with good attendance. Up to two school reference forms are required. A mentor and a college readiness coach will be assigned.

The online application is available now at <http://www.pascoeducationfoundation.org/students> and closes on January 12, 2017.

Please review the requirements noted on the website carefully. If chosen, you will be asked for detailed documentation of income.

Scholarship opportunities available (all of which require the student to be eligible for free/reduced lunch status) are:

- Take Stock in Children- Year 3 students only (minimum 2.5 GPA)
- Take Stock in Children/ChairScholars- Year 3-10th grade students who have a documented physical disability or certain chronic diseases (minimum 2.5 GPA)

If you have any questions, please contact the Take Stock in Children Pasco County office at rheyser@pascoeducationfoundation.org or 813.794.2134.

Support our supporters!

A HUGE thank you to our local businesses who support us. If you own a business or know of one who would like to support our school, please contact [Becky Cardinale](#).

Thank you to our supporters:

Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel- Thank you for providing wrist bands for our students of the month!

JB's Sweet Addictions- Thank you for providing us with a generous donation toward our service t-shirts!

The Law Offices of Lucas/Magazine- Thank you for providing gift cards for our students of the month!

McDonald's- Land O'Lakes (and partner restaurants)- Thank you for providing certificates for our students of the month!

PVMS Social Media and Helpful Links

Instagram: pvmsmyp

Twitter: @pineviewmiddle

Facebook: Pine View Middle School

School Website: <http://pvms.pasco.k12.fl.us/>

*Be sure to check out the IB MYP tab for everything IB!

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