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General Information

Newsletter

The newsletter is distributed monthly on the first Friday of the month. The newsletter will be posted on-line and emailed to all parents. Please be sure to read the newsletter each month for important information and upcoming events.

Uniform Policy

All students must be in uniform each day. Navy blue bottoms, appropriate uniform shirt as well as **uniform sweater and/or jacket.** Solid navy blue jacket/ sweater may be used. Please remember to put your child's name on all sweaters, jackets and sweatshirts.

Advisory Meeting

The next Advisory Board meeting for East, West & Central will be on May 1, 2012 at the West Campus at 6pm. You will receive service hours for attending.

Important Phone Numbers

City Manager/ Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Charles Dodge
954-435-6500

Central Campus
Elem.-954-322-3330
Middle-954-322-3300
Principal - Kenneth Bass
A.P. Elem - Linda Montoto
A.P. Middle - Kimberly Pizzo

West Campus
Elem.-954-450-6990
Middle-954-443-4847
Principal - Devarn Flowers
A.P. Elem. - JoAnna DiGioia
A.P. Middle - Michael Castellano

FSU Campus
954-499-4244
Principal - Dr. Lisa Libidinsky
Assistant Prin. - Alan Pfau

East Campus
954-443-4800
Principal - Sean Chance
Assistant Prin. - Jenny Iznaga

Elementary News

Mission-*Our mission is to provide an environment where all students can learn, achieve, and develop confidence to meet the challenges of a changing and complex society.*
Vision-*Pembroke Pines Charter Elementary School is dedicated to providing a high quality education to a diverse community where all students are expected to succeed as life-long learners.*

Children's Book Author Visit

Don't miss this opportunity! Children's book author, Jennifer Hartivickson will share how she and her husband, Hans, created, illustrated and published their award-winning book, Mister Lemur's Train of Thought (www.MisterLemur.com). This spring, Jen has been delighting audiences with her high-energy, interactive assembly. Students leave excited about reading and inspired to create their own short, rhyming stories! Jen will personalize and autograph your child's book after the assembly. As a special offer to Charter School students and families, books can be purchased for $15.00. This book and assembly are an excellent compliment to your child's reading program. The schedule for PPCES is:

May 7 FSU Campus
May 9 East Campus
May 10 Central Campus

Ms. Hartivickson has already delighted the West campus with her visit in January.

FCAT Testing Schedule

4/16	Grades 3, 4, 5 Reading Session 1
4/17	Grades 3, 4, 5 Reading Session 2
4/18	Grades 3, 4, 5 Mathematics Session 1
4/19	Grades 3, 4, 5 Mathematics Session 2
4/24	Grade 5 Science Session 1
4/25	Grade 5 Science Session 2

Important Dates

April
6 NO SCHOOL
6 FSU Give me 5
9-20 East Kinder Swim Central
11 Elem. Chess Club Competition At FSU Campus
11 Central Kinder Parent Conf. Night
12 FSU 1st Field Trip
12 Central 1st Field Trip
12 East Dress Down Day
14 ESE Autism Walk at Nova
16-27 FCAT Testing
19 Report Cards
24 Central MS Dress Down Day
25 Central MS FCAT Fest
26 Central ES Princ. Honor Roll
26 East Menchie's Family Night
27 East Principal's Honor Roll
27 Central MS Field Trip
27 Central 8th High School Tour
28 Central MS Saturday Det.
29-5/3 Central 8th Wash. DC
30 4th Grade Spring Fling
30 West Middle Honor Roll

May
1-2 Central 4th Field Trip
1 Central, East, West Advisory Board Mtg. At West 6 pm
1 Central, East, West PTA Board Mtg. 5 pm
1 FSU Campus Spring Pictures
2 East Community Reading Day
2 FSU Principal's Honor Roll
2 Central PTA Gen'l Mtg.
2 Central MS Dress Down Day
3 FSU All Pro Dads
3 FSU 3rd Grade Field Trip
3 East 3rd Grade Field Trip
7-11 Teacher Staff Appreciation
7-11 Central Scholastic Book Fair

Middle School News

Vision-*All children will achieve educational excellence and become productive citizens in a diverse and ever-changing society.*
Mission-*PPCMS is committed to providing a high quality education in a safe and supportive environment that fosters life-long learners. In partnership with parents and community, the school promotes a culture of achievement that maximizes the potential of all children empowering them to become positive contributors to society.*

Central Middle Band News
10 Years of Superior Ratings!

It is with great pride that we congratulate this year's advanced band for their straight superior ratings at the Florida Bandmaster's Association Middle School Band Assessment. The event took place on March 28 at Hollywood Hills Senior High School and it is a required assessment for all middle school band programs in the State of Florida. As a result of the exceptional direction and leadership of Ms. Edith Shendell-Frankel, it is the 10th consecutive year that the PPCMS Central campus band has received the highest possible rating. These students worked very hard these past few weeks in preparation for this event! All band students are to be commended and congratulated for their hard work and dedication necessary to achieve this level of excellence!

Central Middle Science

The Pembroke Pines Charter Middle School Central Campus Science Olympiad Team took home Second Place overall at the Broward County SECME (Science, Engineering, Communication, Mathematics, and Enrichment) Science Olympiad held at Coral Springs High School on March 24th. "The purpose of SECME is to prepare and encourage students to complete post-secondary studies and enter careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics," said Piper Spencer, Science Teacher and school SECME Coordinator.

The Campus Science Olympiad Team members are: Ezekiel Alexander, Devin Frankel, RandyFils, Juan Ardila, Michel Dellepere, Monica Cordero, Jana Ambre, Aily Walker, Breanna Jomsky, Jordan Cuevas, Angel Santiago, Akshitha Balachandar, Katie Foss, Kayla Williams, Brandon Rios,, Sameera Vedantam, Demi Iglesias, Saman Govaria, Jessica Nelson, Angelica Chirino, Arielle Hernandez, Celya Walker, Kel cey Hernandez, Devin Demenezes, Ian Teng, and Max Pfau. The Teacher/ Coaches are: Mr. Michael Walker - Bridge Coach, Mrs. Piper Spencer - Rocket Coach, Ms. Marisabel Soliman - Mousetrap Car Coach, Mrs. Cecilia Moss - Art Coach, Mrs. Amber Touhy and Ms. Melissa Maestu - Essay Coach.

"We are so proud of our outstanding Science Olympiad Team," said **Ken Bass**, Principal at the PPCM Central Campus, "They represented our school with honor and pride!"

FCAT Testing Schedule

4/16	Grade 6	Mathematics Session 1-2
	Grades 7-8	Reading Session 1
4/17-25	Grade 6	Reading Sessions 1 & 2*
4/17	Grades 7-8	Reading Session 2
4/18	Grades 7-8	Mathematics Session 1-2
4/19	Grade 8	Science Session 1-2

* Computer based reading tests for 6th grade administered in 2 sessions on 2 separate days.