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Welcome to the 2012-2013 School Year
General Information

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year. Our students are off to a terrific start! We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and parents. Please contact us if we can assist you in making the transition a smooth one.

Newsletter

This is the first newsletter of the year. 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.

Email Communication

In an effort to assist with going green, Pembroke Pines Charter Schools are sending messages and information via technology. It's very important that you keep your contact information up to date, including your email address. There are three (3) ways for you to obtain information: 1. Messages will be sent via ParentLink, which is by telephone and/or email. 2. Messages will be posted on-line on our website, pinescharter.net. 3. Messages will be sent via global email.

Please be sure to keep the school informed of any changes in your address, phone number(s) and email address.

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.

Volunteering/Service Hours

Now is a great time to begin your service hours. Please review our volunteer guidelines that went home in the first day packets. Parents remember to log your hours on a volunteer log sheet and get it signed each day you volunteer. This is how your hours are recorded.

Parents, if you would like to fulfill some of your service hours via donations, you must make your donations at the campus your child attends.

Advisory Meeting

The next Advisory Board meeting for East, West & Central will be on October 2nd at 6:00pm at the West Campus. You will receive service hours for attending.

Arrival/Dismissal

PPCS is committed to providing students an education in a safe and secure learning environment. Please know that for school safety, children are not to arrive at school prior to 8:15 am or to remain on school grounds after 3:45 pm. The school has a supervised before and after school child care program for students who need to be dropped off or picked up earlier or later than the times listed above.

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 Principal - Alan Pfau

East Campus
954-443-4800
Principal - Sean Chance
Assist. Principal - 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.*

Safety in the Carpool Line

Parents - for the safety of our children and staff, we ask that you please refrain from using cell phones in the car drop off and pick up lines. Thank you.

Thank You!

Thanks to all our volunteers who assisted with the very busy preparations for the new school year. Your services are very much appreciated!

Important Dates

September
6-19 East PTA Fundraiser
10-10/12 C. Middle PTSA Chocolate Fundraiser
11 West Middle Club Kick Off
12 PPCS Whole Foods Event 5% donated to PPCS
12 West Middle Open House
13 FSU PTA Board Meeting
13 C. Middle Open House
13 C. Elem. Papa John's Fmy. Nt.
14 C. Elem. PTA Fundraiser Kickoff
14 Charter Family Night At Flanigan HS 5:30-9 pm
17 **NO SCHOOL**
19 FSU Dress Down Day
19 C. Middle Dress Down Day
19 C. Elem. Dress Down Day
20 East Dress Down Day
20 FSU All Pro Dad
21 C. Middle Field Trip FEA/ESE
21 East Kinder Apple Festival
21 West Elem. Whole Foods Nt.
22 C. Middle Sat. Detention
24 FSU PTA General Meeting 6pm
25 C. Middle Parent Meeting For Washington field trip (8th)
25 C. Elem. First Mates Breakfast
26 **NO SCHOOL**
27 **Early Release** (12:45 pm)
27 C. Middle Career Day
27 Central Kinder Apple Festival
27 Central 1st Johnny Appleseed
28 Interim Reports
28 First Mates and Meet the Masters Breakfast 9:00 am
29 FSU Swim Party

October
1-5 West Elem. Book Fair
2 East, West, & Central Advisory Mtg. at West 6 pm
3 FSU Dress Down Day
3 FSU Give Me Five
4 West 5th Science Day
5 West Elem. Dress Down

Faculty Expanding Their Areas of Expertise

We would like to recognize the following teachers at Pembroke Pines Charter Schools who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified in another subject(s). While doing this they are teaching those subjects to students. They have been approved to teach out of field by the Pembroke Pines Charter School's Governing Board.

Central Elem.
Sarah Bradley — Gifted
Maria Dominguez — Gifted
Mary Sammarco — ESOL

Central Middle
Rita Campbell — Reading
Glenda Franco — Reading
Cecilia Moss — Civics
Judy Mulcan — Civics
Amber Touhy — ESOL

West Elem.
Jennifer Bauer — Gifted
Amanda Land-Riveron — ESOL
Marly Martinez — ESOL
Maria Marquez — Elem. Ed (K-6)

West Middle
Maria Morin — Reading

East
Jill Berman — Reading K
Jaime Bloomfield — Gifted
Heidi Meyers — Gifted
Teresa Peña-Diaz — ESOL
Glenda Piompino — ESOL
Erica Rzucidlo — ESOL
Sheri Trammell — ESOL

FSU
Hayley Barrocas — ESOL
Alyssa Lavoro — Gifted
Ashley Leff — ESOL
Kerry Guevara — Elem. Ed
Mary Wassenaar — ESOL

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 Open House
We are pleased to announce our Annual Parent Open House to be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 6:30-8:00pm. Due to space limitations, we ask that ONLY parents/guardians attend and that NO students come to this event. Students who do attend will not be permitted in the Middle School for this event, but will be redirected to the elementary to be supervised by elementary teachers who will be administering FCAT practice packets for completion.
This will be an important opportunity for parents/guardians to meet their child's teachers and collect important curriculum information. As a result of time limitations, we ask that you not use this time to approach teachers about personal concerns with your child. You may contact the school's guidance counselor, Jill Baer at jbear@pinescharter.net or contact the office at 954-322-3300 to schedule a conference with your child's teachers.
Feel free to come a few minutes early to register with our PTSA who will be offering memberships, selling spirit shirts and kicking off our Annual Chocolate Fundraiser. Also, our yearbook students will be available to pre-sell our 2012-2013 yearbook at a reduced cost.
We are eager to meet our parents and look forward to a very informative evening.