



## Principal's Desk

I am so proud of our students who participated in the National History Day competition since three students made it to the state level. Congratulations to the following students who made it to the state level in National History Day competition.

Abigail Hubner Emma Hubner Shelton Ried

We have many opportunities for you to get involved with your child's education this month. Please read through our newsletter to see how you can be involved in your student's education in the month of May. This is an opportunity for you to be involved with your student in learning about your student's curriculum requirements for next year.

If your contact information changes, such as address or phone numbers, please take the time to contact the school to update your information.

I am very proud of our students for putting their best effort on the FSA Reading and Math and FCAT Science. Many teachers complimented their students about their positive behavior and for trying their best during FSA. I am confident they will show the same efforts and good behavior during their End of Course Exams (EOC) for Civics and Algebra Honors.

As this school year is closing out, Please take the time to check your student's grade via e-sampler. If a conference is necessary, please contact your child's teachers to schedule a date. Please remember, all middle school students are under the State mandated promotion rules, which are as follows:

**According to the State of Florida rules, middle school students must successfully complete Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies each year (6th - 8th) to be promoted to high school. Successful completion of these courses require the earning of a grade of "D" or higher. Your child will also be required to complete a career component before leaving eighth grade and being promoted to high school.**

**In addition, all 7th grade students must pass Civics as part as part of the middle school promotion requirements to high school.**

Thank you for being partners in your child's education.  
Go Eagles!  
Susan Seibert  
Principal



**Astro Skate Nights**

**Will be held**

**May 20th**

**from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Entrance fee will cost \$7**

**then stay from 8-11 pm for free**

**Earn money for your school while having fun.**

## SAC

The last SAC meeting of the year will begin at 7:30 A.M. in the Media Center.

May 19<sup>th</sup>

## Pasco County Schools Civility Policy

The District School Board of Pasco County has a Respect and Civility Policy which believes that a safe, secure, nurturing and civil environment is essential in accomplishing its mission to create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential. Thank you parents and guardians for displaying mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct with PRSMS administration, staff, and teachers when you are calling for assistance. This policy is not intended to deprive any person of his/her right to freedom of expression; but rather, it is intended to maintain, reasonable, safe, harassment-free workplace for students, families, and staff that is free of disruptive, demeaning, intimidating, threatening, or aggressive behaviors.

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## Counselor's Nest



### May is National Mental Health Awareness Month!

Did you know that nearly one in five adolescents has or will have a diagnosable mental health condition? It's important to seek treatment for mental health conditions and most insurance companies provide coverage for mental health treatment. If you need assistance locating a provider or obtaining insurance, please contact a member of our Student Services team!

#### Warning Signs to Look For:

- Feeling very sad or withdrawn for more than 2 weeks
- Trying to do harm to oneself or make plans to do so
- Severe mood swings
- Drastic changes in behavior, personality or sleeping habits
- Out of control behaviors
- Extreme difficulty concentrating
- Sudden, overwhelming fear for no reason
- Intense worries or fears that get in the way of daily activities
- Significant weight loss or weight gain

#### Resources:

<http://www.healthychildren.org/>  
<http://www.samhsa.gov/children>  
<http://www.nami.org/>  
<http://ow.ly/LBhNN>  
<http://www.changedirection.org/>

### ***Make your student's year unforgettable at Paul R. Smith Middle School***

#### **BUY A YEARBOOK**

Don't miss out on your memories for the school year. Order your copy now.

Buy online at [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com) or in person in Mr. Heffron's room 3-232, in the mornings before school.

Yearbooks are on sale for \$30 now. These are the days your child will want to remember forever.

### **Yugioh Duel Monsters Club**



Yugioh! Grand Champion for 2015-16 is  
Joseph Gonzalez-Torres

### **Anti Bullying Plan**

Please remember, our school has an Anti-Bullying Plan. The definition of bullying has three components: purposeful, imbalance of power, and repeated over time. If your student is a victim of bullying, please contact your child's guidance counselor, teacher, or administrator to report the incident since we are your first line of defense. We will investigate and take appropriate actions.



**Family Meals** – Eating together gives parents and children a chance to chat about the day’s events. It also strengthens family relationships. Whether you have time to cook or are picking up carryout on the way home from work, try to sit around the table and enjoy each other’s company while you eat.

**Celebrate accomplishments** – Your middle school student needs to see herself as capable of meeting expectations. Watch for opportunities to point out times that she reached high. For instance, you might say, “You got frustrated learning the songs for your strings concert, but you kept practicing. Look how much you’ve improved.

### May State Testing

- 5/9 – Algebra EOC
- 5/10 – Algebra EOC
- 5/11 – Civics EOC
- 5/12 – Civics EOC
- 5/13 – Civics EOC

### Spring Band Concert



May 12<sup>th</sup>  
7 pm

### ALEKS SUMMER INCENTIVE:



Students please continue working on ALEKS over the summer. If you complete all of your grade-level topics over the summer, you will be invited to an ice-cream social when we return from summer break.



### PRSMS Athletic Banquet

**When:** Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Gym

**Cost:** Athletes are Free

**Parents, siblings, and others \$5**

**Deadline to purchase tickets is May 25**

**Business Attire**

**Tickets go on sale May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Final day to buy tickets is Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tickets will be on sale before school in the gym**

**Cost:** Athletes are Free

**Parents, siblings, and others \$5**



### 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Ceremony

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Ceremony 9:30 am.**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Ceremony 1:15 pm.**

## **Eighth Grade End of the Year Activities 2014-2015**

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Formal Dance*

Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: *Faculty vs. Students B-Ball/Volleyball Game*

Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> : *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day*

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>: *8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony*

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### **Eighth Grade Dance**

Where: Cafeteria

When: Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Cost: \$10 (No tickets will be sold at the door)

**No Limos.**

#### **Dress Code for the Dance:**

No jeans or hats of any kind!

#### **Girls**

No strapless garments

No bare midriffs

Skirts/dresses may be no shorter

Than 4" above the knee

Neckline must not fall below armpit level

Girls may wear dress pants

#### **Boys**

Pants must be secured at the waist

No t-shirts

### **Eighth Grade – Faculty vs. Students Game**

What: Students wear school colors, blue and silver for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Faculty vs Students basketball/volleyball game!

Where: PRSMS Gymnasium

When: Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 3-5 pm

\$3.00 Entry Fee at the door OR 10 Eagle Bucks per Person

### **Eighth Grade Field Day**

What: Students enjoy a cook out and field day with games, and yearbook signing; cost is for cookout and novelty games (Bounce House, Water Slides)

Where: PRSMS Back Fields

When: June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:40 (after promotion ceremony practice ends)

Dress Code: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade T-Shirt

Cost: \$22 Field Day and Cook Out (includes T-Shirt)

Students who attended the field trip already have paid for their class T-Shirt. These students will pay a reduced price for the remaining 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Events.

### **Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony**

Theme: *One Last Memory*

Where: PRSMS Gymnasium

When: June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am (Doors open @ 8:30 A.M. for Seating)

What: Students will be recognized by name and will receive a promotion certificate indicating completion of Middle School.

Students with express dismissal forms will be dismissed first and can depart our campus to start their summer vacation!