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Principal's Desk

Parents, Students, and Families,

The time is near for the FSA Test. All students will be taking the Florida FSA Writing Test on February 30th. This year, I am challenging all students to score 8 or higher on the FSA Writing exam. It is very important for all students to attend school everyday. In addition, parents can support your student on testing days by doing the following:

- Ensure your child has a good night sleep
- Eats a healthy breakfast
- Arrives on time each of the testing days
- Tries their best on the assessment
- Reviews and re-reads answers and writing

Remember, we have After-School Homework Help on Tuesdays and Thursdays for any student. This is paid for through our Title 1 funds and bus transportation is available. Parents and students, please take advantage of this resource by contacting your student's teacher to sign up. For students who need assistance in math, we have Math Lab every Wednesday morning from 7:45 to 8:30 AM.

Lastly, please continue to provide a learning environment at home by discussing with your student his or her progress in all classes, reviewing homework assignments, and providing a quiet place to read. We ask that our students read at least 30 minutes per evening. Our goal is for all students to make grade level progress, pass all of their classes, and be promoted to the next grade level.

Susan Seibert
Principal



Astro Skate Nights Will be held

Feb. 19 Mar. 18 Apr. 15
May 20

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 School Advisory Council supports family and community involvement in Florida public schools. The SAC will assist in the preparations of PRSMS annual School Improvement Plan, the expenditure of Title 1 funds, and determine other ways to improve our school.

SAC members are required to attend all SAC meetings. Meeting will begin at 7:30 A.M. in the media Center.

Feb. 25 Mar. 24
Apr. 21 May 26

**Volunteer of the Month Congratulations

Donald Jellings
Thank you for your help in our
Band Department.

If you would like to become a volunteer,
Remember to apply online: at
<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/communications/volunteer>
you must be approved to begin volunteering!

Call Ms. J. Nantz
At 727-246-3230



Counselor's Nest

More than 1 in 4 children will experience some form of bullying each year.
90% of teens ages 12-17 who have witnessed some form of online cruelty say they have *ignored* the behavior.

Bullying is different than conflict or disagreeing with someone. It's bullying if:

- The person is being hurt, harmed or humiliated with words or behavior.
- The behavior is repeated.
- It is being done intentionally.
- The person being hurt has a hard time defending himself or herself from the behavior.
- The student(s) who are doing it have more power.



The I Am A Witness campaign aims to activate the "silent majority" of kids (bystanders) who witness bullying each day and transform them from passive bystanders into a united, empowered and active collective that will **speak up against bullying**.

Encourage your student to download the emoji, as it enables them to take a stand against bullying and show support for someone who is being bullied by **posting it online or through a text message**. Your student can learn how to get and use the emoji, send and create other messages of kindness and get additional resources to help stop bullying at <http://iwitnessbullying.org>

Your Guidance Department
Mr. Cruz - 6th Grade
Mrs. Cuviallo - 7th Grade
Mr. McGodrick 8th Grade

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

BUY A YEARBOOK

Don't wait to reserve your student's copy of the PRSMS yearbook!
Buy online at www.schoolpay.com or in person in Mr. Heffron's room 3-232.
Yearbooks are on sale for \$30 now. These are the days your child will want to remember forever.
Buy their yearbook now to help make it unforgettable.

Yugioh Duel Monsters Club



The Yugioh! Club continues into 2016
We have new champions this month:
Congratulations!

Grand Champion: Joseph Gonzalez-Torres

Congratulations to Joseph who defeated 3 opponents in a row.

Current Tag Dueling Champions: Tiler Bowen & Farooq Siddhiki

Current Deckmaster Champion: Joseph Gonzalez-Torres

Paul R. Smith CNA alumni students visit

Mrs. Smallwood's class had a surprise visit from the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students from Anclote High School in December. The BEST part was that these kids used to be PRSMS students! They talked to the class about CNA and other academy opportunities at Anclote, and tips for surviving high school. It was a great visit and such a nice surprise to see 'old' students!





Family Meals

Eating together gives parents and children an 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.

Worth quoting

"The time is always right to do what is right." *Martin Luther King Jr.*

Stay informed

Parents of Paul R. Smith Middle School students are able to receive information about our school and events happening through our connect calls, school newsletter, and our school website. School newsletters are on our website and in our front office. <http://prsms.pasco.k12.fl.us>

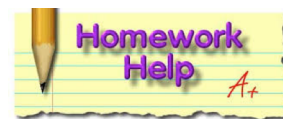
PRSMS on Facebook!



Please follow our school on Facebook to get updates, announcements, event information, and celebrations of student and staff success!

<https://www.facebook.com/eaglesprsms>

Homework Help



Parents & Students

Homework Help is held every
Tuesday & Thursday
3:00 pm – 4:20 pm
Snack will be provided

Student's who need a bus stop assignment for the late bus, which leaves campus at 4:30 must communicate this to a teacher on their team. The teacher will present the student's name and the Homework Help team will request a bus stop for the student. It may take up to one week before a bus stop is assigned from District. The student must wait to receive confirmation that a bus stop has been assigned before staying after school.

Car riders, walkers, and bike-riders must inform a parent that they are staying after school for Homework Help. Car-riders must be picked up no later than 4:30 pm.

This is not "one-on-one tutoring". The students will be expected to work independently, and come to the Homework Help sessions with overdue assignments or homework. If they need some help to get started then they can seek help from one of the teachers who is part of the Homework Help Team.

Box Tops for Education



The Box Top for Education program is an easy way for you to help support our school every time you shop for groceries. Clip Box Tops for hundreds of your favorite products and have your child bring them into school. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢.

Friendship Valentines

Sold in the front office during homeroom



\$2.00

Dog Tag Necklace



\$1.00

Valentine with ring

Paul R. Smith Dress Code

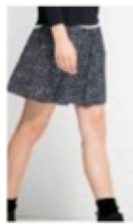
Dress Codes will be Enforce.

Dress Code Examples

No



Yes



Skirts/shorts can be no higher than 4" above knee.



Pants/Jeans/shorts need to be secured at the waist.

No



Yes



Shirts must cover the chest area and cover the shoulder.



Skirts/shorts can be no higher than 4" above knee.

No



Yes



Muscle Shirts are NOT permitted. Boy's must have sleeves on their shirts.

Math Lab



Wednesdays 7:45-8:15 a.m.
Room 3-104

A Night Among the Stars



March 1, 2015

7:00-8:30 pm

View the stars, win prizes, and enjoy snacks with the whole family!

Save the Date

February 23rd.

Curriculum Fair

For all incoming 6th grade students 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Gifted Family Night

5:30-6:00 pm

Infinity Family Night

5:30-6:00 pm



Paul R. Smith Middle School
 8th grade girl's basketball team
 On their undefeated conference championship

PRSMS Athletics



Girls Soccer

Date	Opponent	Location
Feb. 1	Paul R. Smith	Seven Springs
Feb. 4	Bayonet Point	Paul R. Smith
Feb. 8	Crews Lake	Paul R. Smith
Feb. 11	Chasco	Paul R. Smith
Feb. 16	Paul R. Smith	Hudson
Feb. 18	Paul R. Smith	Gulf

Games start at 6:00 admission is \$2.00

Boy's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location
Feb. 1	Paul R. Smith	Paul R. Smith
Feb. 3	Smith	Paul R. Smith
Feb. 8	Bayonet Point	Paul R. Smith
Feb. 10	Point	Hudson
Feb. 17	Crews Lake	Gulf

Games start at 6:00 pm. Admission is \$2.00

