



# The Eagle Express

Paul R. Smith Middle School - 1410 Sweetbriar Dr. Holiday, FL

## Principal's Desk

Dear Paul R. Smith Middle School Community,

I would like to thank our students, families, and staff for a great start to the school year. Our staff at Paul R. Smith is committed to help all of our Eagle students 'SOAR'. Your child's teachers will be working this year on creating engaging and exciting lessons that are directly aligned to the Florida State Standards. We plan on academically challenging our students and know we can count on you to support your child's learning at home.

Additionally, we have set very high standards of behavioral expectations for our students. During the first few weeks of school, we have reviewed our district's student code of conduct as well as our school's expectations for a safe learning environment. We know we can rely on you to help us keep our school a safe campus for all.

We are excited to let you know that our school offers a free and healthy breakfast every morning for every students. Students will be able to pick up a breakfast on their way to homeroom. We are also excited to notify you that your child can expect to receive 25 minutes of academic support each morning before the normal schedule starts. This support will be an excellent opportunity for students to get the educational support they need to be successful at school.

We plan to communicate through a variety of methods including this newsletter, our school website and also on social media through Facebook and Twitter. Please see our website for more information on our social media efforts.

Finally, I'd like you to know that I'm proud to be an Eagle and I hope you are too!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Di Vincent



### Important Dates:

#### Labor Day

Sept. 3, no school

#### Progress Reports

Available on myStudent Sept.  
Sept. 14

#### Please visit our school web site

where you can find dates for all our school events and athletics. <http://prsms.pasco.k12.fl.us>

### MATH LAB INFO

**Math Lab will start Sept. 12th and will be held every Wed. morning, from 8:00 am-8:25 am, in room 3-103.**

### School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council is a team of people representing various segments of the community- parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/ industry and other interested community members. The purpose of SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of our school success plan.



## Finding new friends

My son Justin had a core group of friends in elementary school. But when he started middle school this year, they grew apart. I noticed he was spending weekends alone, not hanging out with buddies. My heart broke for him because he felt like he didn't fit in. A friend told me she knew plenty of other kids who had to make new friends at this age. She mentioned that her own son met his best friend when he started playing soccer in middle school. She suggested Justin might have the same experience if he tried an activity or a school club. I shared her idea with Justin, and he decided to join the environmental club. He's still getting to know the other members, but he seems glad to have a group to belong to—and some potential new friends.

## World's Finest Chocolate Fundriaser

Students will have the opportunity to earn prizes while earning money for our school. Our fundraiser kickoff will start on August 30th and end on September 13th. Please look for all the information to come home along, with your child's permission slip to participate.

## Report Cards

This year, report cards will be available online in the myStudent portal. What this means for families is that paper report cards will not be mailed home; report cards only will be accessed in the parent and student portals of myStudent.

Please go to <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/parents> and select Check Grades/Attendance, under the Parent Links menu are located on the right hand side of the screen.

## NOTE-WORTHY

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## 6th Grade Health Screenings

will be held on Septemeber 18th

Annual Health Screenings will be held here for our 6th Grade students. The screenings include vision, hearing, BMI and scoliosis.

If you do not want your student to participae in these screenings, please send a written note opting your child out, with the student's name to the front office.

Thank you  
Eleni Vergos, BSN, RN  
Pasco County School Nurse  
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## COUNSELOR'S NEST

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We hope that you had a wonderful summer break. Our school counseling team is excited to be back and working with all of our PRSMS students and families. Please feel free to contact us at anytime with any concerns and/or questions you may have.

In September, we will meet with all students to deliver an introductory lesson and provide important information about our counseling department. We look forward to working with students and parents to make this year a great one!

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### Other Student Intervention Team Contacts

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