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Pineapple Perspective

-A Classical Conversation

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PCCA Mission:

“The mission of Pineapple Cove Classical Academy is to develop graduates in mind and character through a classical, content-rich curriculum that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility. We are building intelligent, virtuous American citizens.”

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School Updates

Our first month of school has been busy! We can't thank all of our parents and scholars enough for their continued support and patience as we've worked through changes in protocol for everything- arrival, dismissal, hallways, lunch, and instruction. Our teachers have worked so hard to adapt our curriculum and instructional methods to accommodate the needs of our scholars participating in Innovative Learning. As the first interim reports are issued this week, we encourage all of our families to continually review FOCUS to monitor scholar progress. Parents can personalize updates and notifications through the FOCUS site and app. Please note that the posting of grades may take a little longer than usual, as grading online items is more time consuming.

We are aware that Governor DeSantis' recent move to Phase 3 for Florida has raised some questions about the continuance of current safety protocols. Dr. Mullins, Superintendent of Brevard Public Schools, released a statement that all policies, including mask wearing, will remain in place. We will be sure to communicate any policy adjustments to our families as they are updated.

Warmest regards,
Mrs. Wheeler, Ms. Engeron, Mr. Ottinger, and Mr. Ramirez

School Safety

The safety and security of our scholars is of the utmost importance to us. Our administrative team recently completed the FSSAT, Florida's Safe Schools Assessment Tool. Through this assessment, we survey our campus for vulnerabilities and ways that we can improve campus safety. As a requirement to this, members of the Palm Bay Police and Fire Department visit our school. In August, Officer Porter toured our school to review safety protocols and safety plans. Officer Porter is on campus

regularly and participates in all of our mandated Critical Incident Drills, including lockdowns and shelter-in-place drills.

With social distancing needs, these drills will continue, but without movement. Teachers and scholars will simulate movement and discuss best practices.

In September, the Palm Bay Fire Department also visited our campus. During their tour, we reviewed emergency

protocols, evacuation procedures, and safety measures. Both agencies were pleased with our plans and feel that our school is doing a great job keeping our scholars safe and staff prepared.

PCCA will continue to contract with PBPD for daily security coverage. The cooperation and support of our local agencies is very appreciated!

Picture Day

Elementary scholars will have their individual pictures taken on Tuesday, October 6. Please note that all scholars should wear their light blue, button down shirt, regardless of PE day. Girls may wear skirts, shorts, dresses or rompers. Jr/Sr scholars will have their individual pictures taken on Wednesday, October 7. All scholars should wear their light blue, button down shirt and tie. DSP will have all scholars take their picture standing up, eliminating the need for sanitization of chairs. Our Innovative scholars can contact DSP to set up an appointment in the studio to have pictures taken. In addition, we will offer afternoon times on our Retake Days (Elementary-11/10 and Jr/Sr- 11/12). Any scholar wanting to be pictured in our yearbook will need to have a picture taken during this timeframe. Please look for more information to come home with further details.

Yearbook

Our Jr/Sr Journalism class has been busy planning for a great 20-21 yearbook! Ordering for this book is now available at jostensyearbook.com. The cost for this year's book is \$37.00. If you have questions or an interest in advertising, please contact Mrs. Barna at barnaj@pccaf.com. Information about our Elementary book will be coming soon.

Spirit Week

While we won't be able to celebrate with a Homecoming Dance this year, we are excited to still have everyone participate in a Spirit Week on October 26-October 30! Our Jr/Sr scholars will receive information on this fun week soon.

Arrival and Dismissal

To ensure the safety of our staff and scholars, it is required that all drivers obey this law. Cell phone use is NOT permitted while in the car loop. Citations will be issued for any drivers not cooperating. In addition, drivers should not be making left hand turns when exiting the school, as it is dangerous and delays dismissal.

Curriculum Day

On Friday, October 30, elementary scholars and staff members are invited to participate in Curriculum Day! On this fun day, kindergarten - sixth grade scholars can dress as a character or figure they have studied in class this year. In the past, we have been amazed with the creativity shown by our families. Costumes can be homemade or store bought. Look for more information to be sent by your child's teacher.

Front Office

The front office is not able to accept lunch boxes, homework, water bottles, missing school supplies, uniform pieces, etc. from parents wishing to drop them off for scholars. The only items that may be dropped off in the office once the school day has begun are medications and prescription eye glasses.

PSAT Administration

Our 10th and 11th graders will be taking the PSAT on October 14. Please note that scholars should not have access to technology (phones and other electronic devices) during the testing session. Eleventh graders should sign up for this assessment with Mrs. Terry.

FOCUS

Parents have been sent personalized sign on information and should be able to access class and assignment grades. Consider downloading the FOCUS app for easy, on-the-go use. If you experience any difficulties with log-on, please contact Ms. Engeron (engeront@pccaf.com) or Mr. Ottinger (ottingeri@pccaf.com).

Cafe News

The cafeteria staff has been working diligently at implementing measures to keep our scholars safe at lunch while keeping it fun at the same time. Free and Reduced Meal applications will expire on 10/5. If you have not submitted your online application for the 20/21 SY please do so to avoid a possible disruption of benefits. For those elementary scholars that have a lactose intolerance or food allergy and need a substitution, please submit medical documentation to Laura Sroka, cafe manager, so it can be noted and a substitution made. We encourage parents to prepay online for their scholar to minimize contact. We have enjoyed serving your scholar a nutritious meal the past month and look forward to their smiles each day.

Out of Field

Please be advised the following teachers are Out of Field pursuant to F.S.1012.42, for the 2020-2021 school year. These teachers meet all of the state requirements to teach in the public schools and are working toward certification in the required subject area. Mrs. Marcum, Mrs. Faria, Mrs. Vitulli, Mrs. Bravo, Mrs. Rodriguez, Ms. Johnsten, Mr. Asch, Mrs. Oppelt, Mr. Splain

Before and Aftercare

We have enjoyed having scholars in our program for the past few weeks. Our team is enjoying this time to learn all about our scholars- their personalities, behaviors, and preferred activities. Please contact Mrs. Bunche at bunches@pccaf.com if you have any questions.

Spirit Shirt Day

Our Spirit Shirt Days for the next two months will be on October 23 and November 20 due to Spirit Week (Jr/Sr), Curriculum Day (Elementary), and Thanksgiving. On these days, scholars can wear Patriot spirit wear (two approved shirts), club shirts, and team shirts. Field Day and Boosterthon shirts are not included.

Mark Your Calendar

10/2	Elementary Interims Issued (please sign and return)
10/6	Elementary Individual Pictures
10/7	Jr/Sr Individual Pictures
10/14	PSAT Administration
10/23	Spirit Shirt Day
10/26-10/30	Jr/Sr Spirit Week
10/28	Jr/Sr Report Card Grades Available on FOCUS
10/30	Elementary Report Cards Issued, Curriculum Day
11/10	Elementary Picture Retakes and Makeups
11/11	Veteran's Day- NO SCHOOL
11/12	Jr/Sr Picture Retakes and Makeups
11/20	Spirit Shirt Day
11/25-11/27	Thanksgiving Holiday- NO SCHOOL

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-Hillsdale College