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Home of the Chiefs!



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all who have completed our spring survey! If you have not, please consider. We would like your feedback to let us know how we are meeting the needs of your student. Please provide us with your honest opinion on a wide range of issues that impact your child's education and the school environment. Providing this information allows the school to review the data and determine what is going well in your child's educational process as well as areas that you feel are in need of some improvement.

Please use the link provided below to access the survey. The link is also posted on our school website, Facebook and our weekly newsletter. The survey window for parents is from Monday, January 22, 2018 through Wednesday, March 14th. You may use any computer, tablet or mobile device to complete the survey.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We truly value your feedback and opinion.

OCPS Parent Survey Spring 2018 https://ocps.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cP9ZqTrmIkN0Rh3

Sincerely,

Thanks for all you do,

E. Jerome Thompson, Principal
Piedmont Lakes Middle School
407-884-2265



Canvas is Here!

In the past, there were too many systems to check and no easy way for parents to view student assignments, homework assignments, events and calendars. We heard you. To address this, OCPS has adopted a single Learning Management System, Canvas. In Canvas, parents are observers of their student's school lives. They have easy access to view the calendar, assignments, grades/feedback for work completed in Canvas and messages sent between students in Canvas. Parents can login to Canvas using the credentials below. Parents have one username/password for each student.

Login Address: <http://canvasparent.ocps.net>

Each student generates their own parent account. All parent accounts use the same formula:

Username: The letter "G" then the dstudent ID number

Password: The letter "G" then the student date of birth (YYYYMMDD)

For Example:

Student, John T. - Student ID: 4801780000 + DOB: June 21, 2000

Username: G4801780000

Password: G20000621

After you log in for the first time using the credentials above, you will be asked to change your password to ensure the highest possible account security.

If you need help logging in, please click on the help link in the login window.



School Calendar

Thu.	Mar. 15	End of 3rd marking period
Fri.	Mar. 16	Student holiday/teacher workday
Mon.-Fri.	Mar. 19-23	Spring Break (Schools are closed. District offices are open.)
Mon.y	Mar. 26	Begin 4th marking period
Mon.	May 28	Memorial Day holiday (Schools and district offices are closed.)
Wed.y	May 30	End of 4th marking period/last day of school for student
Thu.-Fri.	May 31-June 1	Post planning for teachers



Cell Phone Policy for Students

A student may possess a cell phone on school property, at after school activities, and at school-related functions, provided that during school hours and on a school bus, the cell phone remains off and is concealed. Possession of a cell phone by a student is a privilege. Violations of this policy may result in confiscation of the cell phone and/or other disciplinary actions.

The parent/guardian will make arrangements to pick up the cell phone from the school.

At no time shall Orange County Public Schools be responsible for theft, loss or damage to cell phones or other electronic devices brought onto its property.



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8th Grade Field Trip to Gradventure

Our 8th graders are working hard this year and we would like to end the year in a fun way by going on a field trip to Gradventure on Friday, May 18, 2018 from 3:00PM to 1:00AM. Permission Slips were sent home on Friday, February 2nd. Payment and permission slips will be collected beginning February 5, 2018 through April 13, 2018. The cost for this event is \$105.00. It includes: Entry into 2 parks (Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure), transportation to and from Piedmont Lakes Middle, meal voucher, and field trip t-shirt. Payment and permission slips are due no later than Friday, March 30, 2018. Universal's Gradventure is the ultimate middle school celebration for graduating students, with cutting-edge rides and attractions, dance parties and more! They do not want to miss this spectacular graduation event!



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STUDENT SHOUT OUTS

Shout-Outs are always a favorite among students. Parents can send a special message or congratulations to your child. Students can send a funny or inspirational message to your friends. You can also send a personal thank you to a special teacher; or parents get together to send a special message to a team or group of friends. Send as many Shout-Outs as you like.

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You are destined for great things. Keep up the great work. We love you, Terry the Cat



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STEM Student Day Inspires All in Attendance

On February 9, 2018, Piedmont Lakes Middle School was chosen by Northrop Grumman to participate in the first ever STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) VIVA TECHNOLOGY student day. This nationally acclaimed education competition powered by Great Minds in STEM was designed to excite students to the endless possibilities of careers in STEM. Our STEM teacher, Mr. Mahoney, helped to organize this exciting day for the over 100 students that participated. The students had a full day of hands-on STEM related activities while they worked alongside college students majoring in a STEM field from local universities and professionals from Northrop Grumman.

The students began their day at 9:30 and were divided into 15 groups. Alongside their college mentors, they began their first challenge on geo-structures. Students had to create a geo-structure that would be able to withstand the most weight before becoming structurally compromised. Their second task was a telecommunications challenge that consisted of building their own telegraph system by use of circuits to decipher messages through Morse Code. Their third and final challenge was the 22nd Century Mission that allowed students the ability to think freely. Students were asked to create a product that would solve a problem of the future. At the end of the school day, awards were given to the first, second, and third place winners of each challenge.

We will be forever grateful to Great Minds in STEM, Northrop Grumman, and Mr. Mahoney for giving our PMLS students an experience of a lifetime!

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

STEM Day

Sever students participated in STEM Day sponsored by our Project Lead The Way Team and The Northrop Grumman Foundation.



Geo-Structure Challenge



Telecommunications Challenge



22nd Century Mission Challenge



Love Pantry

The Love Pantry is available for everyone on campus. The love pantry is a supplement for your pantry when you are experiencing temporary need for emergency food. Please contact the 8th grade office for more details.

After School and Tutoring

After school and tutoring has begun! Tutoring will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5:30, and will run through April 12th in different sessions. Please contact the school if you are interested in registering your child for tutoring.

Boys and Girls Club After School Zone

Have you joined the Boys and Girls Club After School Zone yet? If not, you are missing out on all the fun! We have so many exciting programs to offer...all at no cost! Stop by the front office and pick up an application today!



OUR 4th ANNUAL Free Dental Day

Must be Pre-screened to Participate

Who: Anyone that needs dental care but otherwise *can't afford it.*

What: You may receive **ONE** of the following:
 • A Filling
 • An Extraction
 • A Cleaning

Where: **Simmonds Dental Center**
 1601 Park Center Dr. Ste#1, Orlando, FL 32835

When: **Must be Pre-screened for the Free Dental Day. This will be on February 24th, from 8 am to 1 pm. Pre-screening starts at 8am, PLEASE do not come before hand.**

Event: Saturday March 10th 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Email: Simmonds1601@aol.com
Or Call 407-253-3787



Nation Junior Honor Society

Our PLMS Silver Chief Chapter of Nation Junior Honor Society hosted a change drive in January to help send care packages to soldiers overseas through the student run central Florida nonprofit organization Kids In Support of Soldiers. Piedmont Lakes students and staff helped raise over \$295 to assist in providing postage for the packages being sent out over the upcoming months. All Honor Society students thank you for your support and commitment to our yearly service project



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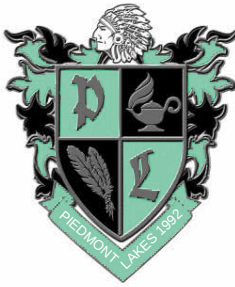
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I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM....

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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