



Piedmont Lakes Middle School

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Home of the Chiefs!



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Principal's Message

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Welcome to Piedmont Lakes Middle School and the 2018 – 2019 school year. I can hardly believe that it is almost time to begin the new school year. I want to welcome back our returning students and their families, and extend a special welcome to our new students and families. I look forward to a smooth opening on August 13, 2018 for our approximately 1,100 middle school students. Many interesting and enriching learning experiences are being planned and I am very excited about the upcoming school year.

I am confident that this will be a wonderful year and I encourage all parents, students, teachers and community members to become actively involved in our school. There are many volunteer opportunities available with clubs, activities and teams for students to join and others to support.

I am honored to be the school principal for Piedmont Lakes and I will continue to make the middle school experience a fantastic one! Go Chiefs!

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



AUGUST 2018

School Wide Supplies, Needed Daily

- Loose Leaf Notebook Paper, Regular Rule
- At least: 7 #2 Pencils
- 1-hand held sharpener
- At least: 3 Glue Sticks
- At least: 2 Erasers
- At least: 3 Blue or black pens
- At least: 2 highlighters, Multiple colors
- Colored Pencils
- Set of headphones/ear buds



Calendar of Events

August 1	Digital Open House
August 2	Digital Device Pickup 6th grade
August 3	Digital Device Pickup 7th & 8th Grades
August 9	Meet the Teacher
August 13	School Begins
September 3	Labor Day Holiday
September 11	Fall Picture Day
October 12	End of First Marking Period
October 15	Student Holiday
October 19	Fall Picture Make-Up Day
October 26	Student Holiday
November 19 - 23	Thanksgiving Break
December 20	End of Second Marking Period
December 21	Student Holiday
Dec 24-Jan 4	Winter Break

Congratulations to our 4.0 students!

8th Grade

Timothy Bradley
Jayceon Brown
Javier Fernandez
Leonardo Gil
Helena Glatz
Jamaelle Guerrier
Armana Hai
Priyanka Harrypersad
Jenna Japak
Mya Joachin
Trenyce Morales
Presephanie Muthra
Markisse Nazairre
Cassidy Palmer
Akylah Scott
Troy Thomas
Sidra Walker

7th Grade

Jaime Alarcon-Covarrubias
Jennifer Arredondo
Kevin Clayborn Jr.
Molli Derfuss
Shelbi Dunn
Cecilia Eberle
Sophia Hernandez
Travion Herring
Isaiah Ingram
Delaney Jocelyn
Chloe Lloyd
Joselyn Logan
Mallory Mc Culley
Daniel Newell
Tyler Nguyen
Deysi Padilla-Garcia
Josephine Russo
Jorge Sauri
Koby Siffort

6th Grade

Keyun Anderson
Colleen Arcand
Rayna Chowdhury
Blessing Davis
Dekauri Grady
Jake Heffner
Delanie Martin
Shayna Pinthieve
Kevin Thomas
Rolando Tovar



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Join us for an interactive open house about the digital learning program coming this year to your school.

August 1 • 6 p.m.

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Topics to be discussed:

- Student Device Overview and Care
- Checking the Canvas Calendar
- Sending Messages to Teachers in Canvas
- Checking Online Storage
- Accessing LaunchPad



Laptop

Students will be issued a district laptop. This should be charged nightly and brought to school every day.



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.



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Meet The Teacher

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Congratulations to the following students for passing Microsoft Office Industry Exams:

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Kyle S. Bennett	Carla Pinedo		Ayanna M. Myles
Coralys M. Gonzalez-Salgado	Kema R. Pinthieve		Melissa Pena
Jovani Hernandez-Aguirre	Guadalupe Serrano		Anaya A. Sherman
Grant T. Herring	Myles J. Smith		
Maya E. Joachin			
Nickenson Maynard			
Calvin Morris			
Andres J. Otriz			
Elionel J. Vertus			

Achieving a Microsoft Certification enables students to confidently enter the workforce with proven technical skills and an internationally recognized certification, both of which can significantly increase their chances of finding employment. Ninety-one percent of hiring managers consider certification as part of their hiring criteria (Microsoft, Microsoft Certification Program Satisfaction Study, April 2012). Most jobs today require some degree of technology skills, and this only increases over time.

A few spots are left!



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How to Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunities

Part One

1. Please visit volunteer.ocps.net
2. Under ADDitions School Volunteers, click Volunteer Now!
3. Scroll to the bottom. Click the Previously Registered ADDitions School Volunteer if you were a volunteer in the past. Click New Volunteer if this is your first time registering.
4. If you were previously registered, you will need to press "click here" in order to get your new User ID login account information. Enter your OCPS Username and Password to retrieve it.
5. Once you have successfully logged in to the system, you will need to edit your profile. Annually, your application will be pre-populated with previously submitted information, and you will be prompted to update information, as well as review the OCPS guidelines. Please make sure to answer all of the questions carefully.
6. Be prepared to upload a photo. If you do not have a photo attached to your profile, the system will prompt us to take one when you arrive from our camera. You will not be able to volunteer without a photo on your profile.
7. Save your application.

Part Two

1. Once your volunteer profile is complete, you will need to attach yourself to available volunteer opportunities.
2. If you are still logged in, you may click "search opportunities" at the top of your profile page. If you are not logged in to the system, please visit volunteer.ocps.net. Under ADDitions School Volunteers, click Volunteer Now! Then click "search opportunities".
3. Click Volunteers.
4. Search for School Name.
5. Scroll through and look at all of the volunteer opportunities we have available for our volunteers. We recommend to sign up for the "Become an ADDitions Volunteer..." – this will tie you immediately to the school.
Some other opportunities that might be available all year are:
 - a. Classroom Assistant – If you want to help a teacher
 - b. General Volunteer
 - c. Other Volunteer Opportunities
 Please keep an eye out for other wonderful opportunities that will be posted throughout the year.
6. Once you have made your choice(s), click View Details.
7. Click sign-up.
8. That's it!

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Guidance Department News

Greetings from the Guidance Department at PLMS! We hope you are having a good time relaxing and getting rejuvenated for the upcoming school year. During the summer break, please encourage your children to spend time reading for at least an hour per day as part of your schedule for the summer. Research shows that just reading six books in the summer may keep students from struggling to get back into the regular routine of reading activities in the regular school year. We encourage you to utilize your local library and other digital resources for reading activities. Make it a family activity; have children read aloud to you to promote reading in the home.

As the new school year approaches, the Guidance Department at PLMS is committed to supporting well-rounded students. Mrs. Brotherson has successfully transitioned the 8th graders to their respective high schools and will usher the 6th graders in with various transitional activities throughout the school year to ensure a mood transition to middle school. Mrs. Stanton will move to the seventh grade with her students. The focus of college and career readiness skills will continue through NAVIANCE a college and career platform available for all students. The lesson from this program will increase awareness of preparation for college and career readiness. Mrs. Maciak is now the 8th grade counselor, and she will focus on transitional pathway to high school. Over the last two years she focused on ensuring success in middle school by focusing on the habits of a highly effective person. The intended goal is to ensure high school planning goals are established throughout

middle school. She will create opportunities for students to explore and deepen their knowledge in the high school process by engaging students in activities that will assist with the application process.

For the upcoming school year, we are excited about the digital classrooms coming to PLMS with each student having a one to one device. Our department will have digital information classrooms for each grade level to assist you and your children. Through our digital classrooms, we plan to highlight school counseling related activities for the school year that we will cover with our students. Also, it will be an effective way for our families to make outreach regarding questions and areas of concern. Overall, it will be an effective way for our families to connect with teachers regarding the various academic pathways.

In addition to the academic and career development, we support your children by providing an extension of support at school with family and community norms in our school culture and climate. There is always an opportunity to stop by the three guidance offices to learn about ways to enhance your personal development, learn about academic planning and find resources in the community. We promise a vision that is built on collaboration, shared open dialogue and a strong effort to advocate against systemic and other barriers that diminish success. Please know that you are not alone in this middle school journey, reach out to us immediately so that we can join with your family to make middle school a successful venture. Our multi-level intervention comes with different resources to ensure remedies are in place to help everyone.

There are various resources for support in our offices. We understand that life can become challenging; there is a love pantry with non-perishable goods that can be utilized weekly for your family to extend your pantry as needed. Additional community information is offered for support as needed when we understand the needs of our families. Mrs. Stanton is taking on a clothing closet initiative to assist with supplementing your needs during difficult times. She will have a request form available to complete so that the process can be completed to meet your needs.

Continue to enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in August well rested and ready to have a successful and positive 2018-2019 school year.

Leanna Brotherson, 6th Grade Counselor
523-2248

Laurie Stanton, 7th Grade Counselor
523-2246

Ashlie Maciak, 8th Grade Counselor
523-2034



Student Dress Code

1. Clothes need to be in good condition and fit appropriately (No rips or tears where bare skin can be seen; tights must be worn for rips or tears).
2. Shorts and slacks must be worn at the waistline.
3. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 5 inches from the top of the knee.
4. Belts should be secured above the hips and appropriate size for the waist.
5. Boxer shorts, night garments or pajama bottoms may not be worn as outer garments.
6. Tank tops and muscle shirts are not permitted unless a T-shirt is worn underneath.
7. Spaghetti strap dresses or shirts (must meet the width of school ID or wider) need a T-shirt worn underneath.
8. Short crop-tops, halter-tops, tube tops, or outfits that allow skin to show at the waist or garments torn above the knees to expose skin are not permitted.
9. See through clothes must be worn over appropriate clothing.
10. Any tight fitting/body hugging clothing must have appropriate cover and follow the dress code of no shorter than 4 inches from the top of the knee.
11. Hats, head covers, hoods, and/or sunglasses are permitted only with a written medical excuse.
12. Makeup worn in excess is not permitted.
13. Any open shoes or slippers need to have a strap around the back of the heel.
14. Intentionally altered clothing or unbuttoned and ill-fitted garments are not acceptable.
15. Clothing, jewelry, key chains, and accessories shall be free of inflammatory, suggestive, models of weapons or other inappropriate writing, advertisement, or artwork.
16. Piercings are accepted in the ears only. Adornments which are attached (pierced) to exposed body parts other than the ears or writing on exposed body parts are not acceptable even if covered. These present a health and/or safety problem.
17. Hats, bandannas, sunglasses, wallet chains, body art, tattoos, and/or any symbols that may represent gangs are not permitted.
18. Any student whose appearance causes any disruption in the learning environment will meet with an administrator.
19. **Students must have Identification badges in their possession at all times.**



Students violating these rules will be cited and sent to the office to call home for a change of clothing, be given code appropriate attire from the grade level office or asked to adjust the attire to comply with the dress code.



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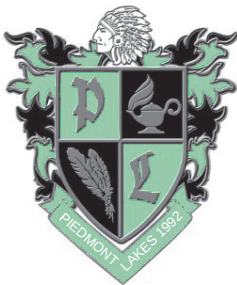
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