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Mission

Polo Park Middle School will empower our students to attain their maximum potential through partnering with parents and the community to foster the understanding, cooperation, and communication skills necessary for students to become literate, productive citizens. For the Parents, Staff, Students, and Community of Polo Park Middle School

Principal's Message

Welcome, Stallions, to another exciting year at Polo Park Middle School. For our returning Stallions, we hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to continuing your middle school experience with us. For our new Stallions, we hope you have taken the time to enjoy your summer and are ready to launch your middle school journey at Polo Park. We have so much to offer our students. We offer a variety of clubs and activities, sports teams, and high level academics. We promise to give you all that we have to offer, but in return we need our students to put forth their best effort to be successful and prepared to learn.

A successful middle school experience is a family affair. We have an amazing PTSA who are highly involved and always open to new members. We are planning several parent and family events this year. So, be sure to watch our PTSA facebook and instagram posting as well as notices emailed home. Please take a moment to check SIS and ensure that we have the correct email on file. The bulk of our communications will go home this way.

Finally, please take a look though this issue of the newsletter carefully. There have been changes to the cell phone policy, dress code, ID policy, and arrival procedure. We want to be sure you know what to expect when you arrive on August 10th. I will see you soon.

Polo Park Pride

- Be Positive
- Be Respectful
- Be Independent
- Be Disciplined
- Be Excellent

-Vision

Polo Park Middle School is committed to empowering students to become productive and responsible citizens with the skills needed to succeed in a diverse and global society. Students will become responsible, independent, and creative life-long learners.

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Student Identification (ID) Cards

The purpose of this policy is to ensure safety and security on the Polo Park campus for the approximately 1300 students, faculty, and staff on campus each day. Just as a driver's license authorizes driving a vehicle, a student ID card authorizes a student to be on campus. Every student must wear their schoolissued ID card with a school provided lanyard at all times while on school grounds. Identification of staff and students is a safety issue and will not be compromised when it comes to campus security. ID cards help us to identify students as well as trespassers.

- 1. All students must wear their school-issued ID card and school provided lanyard in order to:
 - Be in class
 - Move between classes and to the restroom
 - Buy lunch
 - Use the Media Center
 - Receive textbooks
 - Obtain early dismissal
 - Participate in campus activities (assemblies, sports, etc.)
 - Be on campus before or after school
- 2. The ID card must be worn on a school provided lanyard hanging around their neck.
 - School IDs cannot be worn on a shirtsleeve, pants, outside of pockets, under a coat/jacket, or at the bottom of their shirt.
 - If a student is wearing a jacket, the lanyard must be on the outside of the iacket and visible.
 - The ID card with the appropriate lanyard must be presented to any school staff member or a person of authority when seeking student identification.
 - The front and back of the ID card must remain plain and free of stickers, markings, other photos, etc.

Non-adherence to school rules will result in consequences as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Student Cell Phones/Earbuds

Students are permitted to use cell phones in the cafeteria, only during lunch. When classes are in session, students may not use their cell phones in any area on campus. Phones must be turned off and put away upon entering campus. Airpods or earbuds are only permitted in the cafeteria during lunch. Cell phones may not be used while in the stairwells, hallways, or any other common area with the exception of the cafeteria during lunch. Any cell phones or airpods/earbuds/headphones out and/or visible during non-designated times, will be confiscated and held until the end of the school day.



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PTSA

PTSA welcomes all of our Polo Park families back to the new school year! We can't wait to meet our new incoming 6th grade families. We are looking forward to another great year. We are already planning some exciting events for our students and staff in the coming months. Some events to look forward to are our Annual Walk A Thon, Glow Party in November, after school PDQ sales, Candy Days for PTSA student members, spirit nights and much more. Be sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages at Polo Park Middle School PTSA to stay on top of important dates and information.

If you are interested in becoming a business partner to help support our school, please reach out to businesspartners@poloparkptsa.com. All business partners will have a banner displayed at the school, social media shout outs and more. This is a great opportunity to help support PTSA, which in turn benefits our students and staff.

Be sure to become a PTSA member today! We have many student perks throughout the school year for our student members, such as candy days, giveaways and more. Please use the QR code below to sign up.

Polo Park merchandise can be bought online through the website Givebacks. We are selling school shirts, hoodies and water bottles. The QR code below will take you to the website to purchase. We will be placing an order on 8/22 so get your orders in soon. Delivery will be expected the week of 9/4. This year the school is incorporating color wars between grade levels. Students will learn more about this fun in the first couple weeks of school. We have school shirts in the grade

colors to purchase to make it easy for those spirit days.

- 6th grade Grey/Silver
- 7th grade Blue
- 8th grade Black

If you are interested in getting involved with the PTSA in any capacity, please feel free to email volunteers@ poloparkptsa.com. We would love to have you!

Best wishes to all our students and staff on a successful and enriching school year!



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Life does not have to be a struggle!

Feeling overwhelmed? disconnected? uninspired? Considering stopping teaching?



I am able to teach you tools to bring your calm and passion back! I love empowering and inspiring teachers! Do not hesitate!

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From the **Library Media Center**

Welcome to the library media center... I hope you had a great summer break filled with fun and some great reads. This year we have lots of lunchtime activities planned and BINGO will be back by popular demand. Our Half-Way There and Million Word Clubs will continue as will our Ice Cream Extravaganza. I will have lots of library information about these activities and more when I meet with ELA classes for library orientation.

Over the summer break, I started reading this year's SSYRA books and I must say Gordon Korman's book Linked really kept my attention. I also enjoyed Born Behind Bars by Padma Venkatraman and Long Lost by Jacqueline West. Reading the SSYRA books can earn you brag tags and an invitation to our Ice Cream Extravaganza at the end of the year. I hope that everyone has completed the required summer reading. In addition to the required reading, I hope that students chose to participate in my summer reading challenge. Information on my summer challenge can be found at the following link Summer Reading Challenge 2023 https://docs.google. com/document/d/1nmcjXaGGWrqqDmTY3OWnxSCRwVfcCCqOGqx4NCT-O9E/edit?usp=sharing>The forms for my optional challenge are due to me by August 18th. Those students completing my optional reading challenge will be invited to Dr G and Mrs.B's Phenomenal Pancake Party.

Reading will be very important this year, if any students need assistance in connecting to a great book, we can help. If you have any questions regarding the library media center and our programs, please reach out to me. I can be reached at nora.bernstein@palmbeachschools.org

Happy reading, Mrs.B.

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Consultation

Polo Park's Dress Code Policy 2023-2024 School Year

	Permitted	Not Permitted
Tops	Crew Neck shirts or collared shirts There are no restrictions regarding shirt colo or pattern School-sponsored t-shirts which are eithe affiliated with a PPMS sport or activity that have been approved by the administration Shirts may be "untucked" as long as the size of the shirt is proportionate to the size of the student	 Shirts that show excess skin such as shoulders, chest, or mid-drifts (tank tops, crop tops, etc) Shirts that display any writing/graphics that refer to sex, drugs, violence, gangs, alcohol, tobacco, or sensitive topics Shirts that are tied up in a knot or with a rubber band Shirts with a ripped/frayed/torn edge
Bottoms	 Jeans/pants/shorts/skirts that fit properly at the hip and not below Shorts, gym shorts, and skirts that are fingertip length or longer. Sweatpants 	Ripped/frayed/torn clothing above fingertip length.
Shoes	 Footwear consisting of full, closed-toe shoe with backs Laces that are tied 	No sandals, slides, cleats, high heels, platforms, slippers, flip flops, Crocs, or opened-toe shoes
General	 Sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts may be worn as needed in colder weather; however, clothing worn underneath must adhere to the dress code policy Hooded sweatshirts are permitted, but the hood CANNOT cover the child's head for safety reasons. 	 Pajamas/Sleepwear of any kind Any attire, jewelry, hair picks, or ornamentation deemed provocative, unsafe, inappropriate, or disruptive by the administration is not permitted





SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024

School Board Approved 06/01/2022

STUDENTS AND ALL EMPLOYEES EXCEPT 12 MONTH EMPLOYEES

12 MONTH EMPLOYEES

14 IN OTHER EMPLOYEES SEE EMPLOYEE CALENDAR NOTES)

10 HOUR DAYS FOR 12 MONTH EMPLOYEES

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12 MONTH EMPLOYEES SEE EMPLOYEE CALENDAR NOTES)

13 HOUR DAYS FOR 12 MONTH EMPLOYEES

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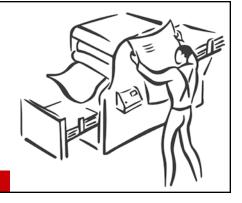
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