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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

Dear Polo Park Family,

It is hard to believe that we have concluded the 2020-2021 school year! This has been a tough year and it has been more difficult to get to know some of our students as well as their families. Therefore, I am looking forward to meeting many of you for the first time and to continuing to build positive relationships as we work towards another great year!

As we enter summer, I encourage each of you to remind your children of the importance of reading over the summer. In an effort to make sure that students maintain their learning gains and minimize learning loss, each child is required to participate in our summer reading program. You will find an annotated list of over 300 books to choose from on our virtual library website. There you will find all of the details for your summer reading assignment as well. This will be your first assignment at Polo Park and your first chance to show that sense of responsibility, so select a book you think you'll enjoy and show us your best work. This summer reading assignment will be due by Friday, August 13, 2021.

We will be working hard this summer to ensure that everything is ready for our students when they return. We will be unveiling some new things, so be on the lookout for emails from us, as well as, ours and PTSA's Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram, as we look for ways to spread the word about what is happening at Polo Park. Please look for our dress code as it will be strictly enforced.

We will hold Polo Prep for the incoming 6th graders will be August 2nd from 9:00 – 3:00. Incoming 7th and 8th grade students who have never been on campus will be August 3rd from 9:00 – 12:00. If you have any questions, as always please feel free to call the school. Our office summer hours are Monday – Thursday from 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00. We will be closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00

I hope each of you has a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Sincerely,
Michael Aronson

Polo Park Pride

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

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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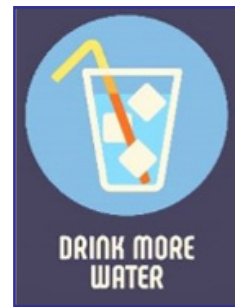
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Character Counts

Congratulations to 6th grader, Brody Levin, for winning this year's Character Counts award!



Brody Levin, Character Counts Award Winner

This award is given to a student at the school who demonstrates outstanding character and exemplifies one of more of the following six pillars of character:

Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Brody's friendliness towards peers and staff at Polo Park Middle School is one of the many reasons he was nominated for this award. His manners and respect towards others are contagious and the staff at Polo Park Middle School is proud to have him as one of their students.



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Students of the Month

Each month grade level teams select a student who stands out both academically and behaviorally for the Academic Student of the Month. Additionally, elective teachers pick an outstanding student for the Elective Student of the Month. Students will be receiving a certificate.

March Students of the Month

- 6th grade – Ava Place
- 7th grade – Arissa Martin
- 8th grade – Lanni Selinsky
- Electives – Chelsea Dever

May Students of the Month

- 6th grade – George Kamel
- 7th grade – Talan Landry
- 8th grade – Christian Sanchez
- Electives – Madelynn Aileen Wood

April Students of the Month

- 6th grade – Ella Safriet
- 7th grade – Jairo Gomez
- 8th grade – Payton Margolin
- Electives – Ava Redfield

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Mr. Aronson with one of our Students of the Month
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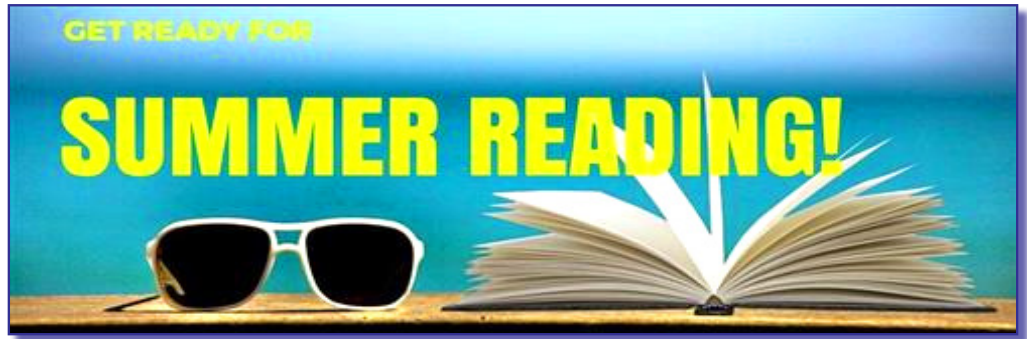


The Hospitality and Tourism class has been traveling to Europe studying the different countries history, amazing sites, and unique cuisines. Each student has selected a country and is designing a travel brochure. They will be able to use their creativity to develop a descriptive and interesting brochure to get you to travel to their country. Bon Voyage.



Culinary 1 students chose a chef to write about their life. It will be a timeline report of their chef's journey from where they started to where they are now. It will be exciting to learn the paths and opportunities their chef has taken to achieve their success.

Culinary 2 students are starring in their own cooking show. Each student selected a recipe and will demonstrate how to prepare it. Who knows, they may be the next cooking show star.



Required Summer Reading Assignment

All the details for this summer's reading program, as well as the annotated book list of over 300 books, can be found on our virtual library website under the tab Summer Reading 2021. The link to our website is:

<https://sites.google.com/palmbeachschools.org/poloparkvirtuallibrary/home>

This will be your first assignment at Polo Park for the 2021-2022 school year, so select a book you think you'll enjoy and show us your best work.

This summer reading assignment will be due by Friday, August 13, 2021.

From the Library Media Center

Hi everyone, happy June.

Summer is upon us and with that comes summer reading. This year we decided to change things up a bit. Students have more titles to choose from, and their reading assignment can be done and submitted any time after the last day of school, but no later than Friday, August 13, 2021. You can find the summer reading project on our virtual library website summer reading page <https://sites.google.com/palmbeachschools.org/poloparkvirtuallibrary/summer-reading-2021>.

I plan to have some fun activities posted on my Google Classroom this summer, beginning June 18th, I hope you'll join me. The class code is listed on the summer reading page, just use the above link.

The new Sunshine State Young Readers Award books came out at the end of April, and I already started reading them. The first one I read was *Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibbs. I'm usually not a big action/adventure person, but this was non-stop action and turned out to be a really great read. I also read *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman. I love Gordon Korman's books and this one was no different.

As a library media specialist, I would be remiss if I did not mention the passing of two authors whose work is very near and dear to my heart. First, author/illustrator Eric Carle, known for such childhood favorites such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Very Quiet Cricket*, *The Grouchy Ladybug*, *A House for Hermit Crab*, and *10 Little Rubber Ducks*. I had the pleasure of meeting him when I brought a student reporter to interview him at Barnes & Noble years ago. He was such a kind and soft spoken man, and he was very, very patient. The second author/illustrator who passed away last month was Lois Ehlert. She was the author/illustrator of such favorites as *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *Planting a Rainbow*, *Growing Vegetable Soup*, and *Waiting for Wings*. Their talents will definitely be missed. May their books live on forever.

Best wishes to our 8th graders as they move on to high school, don't forget to visit the library media center at your new school. I wish everyone a wonderful summer filled with great books and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Until then, happy reading everyone,
Mrs. Bernstein

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Robotics

This has been an interesting Season. We started robotics with about 80 students trying out for the teams. After two weeks of virtual tryouts, we were able to pick three amazing teams.

We started practicing in early October to prepare for our first scrimmage in December. After the December scrimmage, we would have three more scrimmages before our qualifier. When the qualifier came around we were ready for the competition. We were very excited to find out that we moved on to the regionals. During the qualifier all three teams received awards. Team 44893 received the Robot Game Award, Team 16113 received the Robot Design Award, and Team 36112 received the Judges Award.

On to the regionals here, the kids worked even harder and all three teams qualified for the State Invitational. I am not aware of any other school that has qualified three teams for the state tournament. We also received numerous awards. Team 44893 got the Core Values Award, 36112 got the Innovative Project Award, and 16113 got the Robot Game Award.

After that we got ready for the state tournament on May 21-23. These were the result of their hard work. The 36112 Rockin Robots took 3rd place in state innovative project. The 44993 Techno Rebels took 1st place in the state for Robot Design and 2nd place in the state for Robot Performance! With a Score of 470! The 16113 Projectia team place 3rd place in state robot performance with a score of 450 and they received the 2nd place Champions Award (Runner Up to all 51 teams in the state)

People who are not involved with the robotics program have no idea the dedication these students put in to be the best at what they do. I am so proud of every one of them for what they have done this year. I will miss the 8th-grade student on our team. The majority of them have been with us all three years and I want to thank them for everything. The future is bright for Polo Park Robotics and it is also bright for the students who have built this program. Congratulations to all.



Expression of Congratulations & Admiration

I wanted to write this letter to our Stallion Sentinel to express my congratulations and deep admiration to our Stallion's Robotics Teams. The first time all three teams made it to the state competition. During normal years, most school only have one team, but not at Polo Park. The hard work and dedication of Mr. Grad along with exceptional students has grown the program that is the envy of all middle schools.

This year, while many schools cancelled their program due to the difficulties inherent in virtual communications and most settling for mediocracy, our three teams, along with the guidance and leadership of coach Grad, were not only able to work together on their robots, but achieved a level that most can't without being in the troughs of a pandemic. Realizing that they will have to work exponentially harder this year, they forged ahead without reservation.

I am fortunate to have many of these students in my classroom and spent time with them helping during competitions. Each moment with them, gave me great comfort that we will be leaving this world to truly exceptional young adults. I know that they are the ones that will make a difference in this world. I am truly honored to be part of their academic careers and a colleague of Mr. Grad.

J. Ring

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Forgotten Soldiers

The Kindness Ambassadors Club will be collecting items for an organization called Forgotten Soldiers. Families that cannot afford to send care packages can be assured that their loved ones serving abroad will be receiving much needed items to remind them of home.



The Kindness Ambassadors Club collected pajamas and books.



The Kindness Ambassadors Club collected for the Forgotten Soldiers

FCCLA

Kheathan Jagessar won 2nd place at the State Leadership Conference in March, which was virtual this year. He will be competing at the 2021 Hybrid National Leadership Conference virtually in Entrepreneurship this summer. We wish him the best of luck.

Thank you to everyone who purchased cookies from our Mother's Day Cookies Fundraiser. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Please consider being a FCCLA sponsor to support our members. Your monetary donations help our members attend these great conferences.

Please contact Mrs. Holmstock at 561-333-5500.



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May 21, 2021

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James Ring
POLO PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL

He is always trying to make learning more fun and keep us all safe at the same time, and that can be very difficult at times, he is helping a lot of students get through this tough year and is helping them move forward in life.

Not only does he care about the academic success of his students, he cares about how they function in society as well as their beliefs and values.

Mr. Ring does everything and more than what he is expected to do and what he expects us to do. The pandemic made no difference for him.

During the pandemic this teacher helped the students to keep his student emotionally healthy, he give them support and offered the parents his phone number to be sure every kid received the emotional health they need. He keep track of hos student and be very supportive.



The Pajama Project

by Alexa Hill, Journalism Student

Pajamas seem like the most basic of necessities for a young child. Whether they are covered in superheroes or princesses, they are the first step to sweet dreams.

Unfortunately, there are too many kids who do not have this simple comfort. That's where the Polo Park Middle School Kindness Ambassadors Club (KAC) comes in. In order to make an impact on others and promote positivity, the KAC started The Pajama Project where they collected pajamas and books for donation to kids in foster care in Palm Beach County.

"Our mission is to make an impact and promote positivity in our school and community through simple acts of kindness," said Chelsea Solorzano, one of the staff sponsors for the Kindness Ambassadors Club.

The extremely successful drive got over 100 sets of pajamas and over 50 new books for donation to the children in need.

"We had a representative come to the club (virtually) and talk with the students about the project and what they represent," said Solorzano. The Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) also pitched by announcing the project using social media outlets.

At the moment the club has two faculty sponsors, Solarazona and Thamires Dos Anjos, and 15 students that are already a part of the group. The club meets twice a month to come up with ways to do big or small acts of kindness to benefit local people.

Especially today, sticking together and showing kindness is important when someone is struggling. The pandemic has caused a lot of stress on everyone and the KAC is a helpful reminder that there are people out there who want to help in any way they can.

The club has done small acts of kindness on campus for staff members as well as much larger acts of kindness like making Valentine's Day cards for nursing homes.

The KAC is always coming up with new ways to help spread kindness. Through the community there have been three collections this year, including The Soup Kitchen, where the club had collected food for Thanksgiving meals to give to the Palm Beach County residents to help their community.

This year the club also made The Forgotten Soldiers Collection where they collected items to create care packages so they could send them to soldiers that are overseas.

The KAC is open for any Polo Park student to join where they will then have the opportunity to make a difference and convince others to show kindness to people they come across.

Spreading this positivity helps the club too. Being kind to the school and local area makes a stronger bond with the students, staff, and parents in the community.

This year already, everyone in the club has impacted the community tremendously. As the Kindness Ambassadors Club continues to grow, the members will continue to create good will within their school and with the people in their community.

The generosity and idea of putting others first shows that it doesn't matter how big or small an act of kindness is, impacting someone's life with positivity is what is most important in life.

PTSA

Members of your PTSA recently bid all our parents and students adieu and it would be an understatement to say oh-what-a-school-year-it-has-been! It would be better said that each of us is more than ready to closeout what has proven to be one of the most challenging school years in history as COVID-19 seems to be finally losing its momentum. It would be easy to pack you off with a simple "be safe this summer" wish and move forward, however, it may also be wise to briefly look back and take stock of all we have been through.

Consider how our teachers and students alike managed to complete an immensely difficult school year. As many students began the school year distance learning, a slow migration of students began the transition back to the physical classroom all the way into June. Just imagine the challenges teaching in this evolving classroom environment.

Your PTSA met our own set of challenges this year as fundraising was extremely limited versus our traditional plans. All that said, the generosity of our wonderful parents and sponsors helped us to meet many of our financial goals and still make a difference in the classroom.

Speaking of our sponsors, do not forget to support them this summer! Below is an at-a-glance list:

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- Tricoli Team – Real Estate

THANK YOU

There were numerous grants provided this year to our teachers for tools needed to enhance learning along with necessary classroom supplies. There were many days where a limited number of PTSA members were permitted to visit the school to provide moral support to our teachers by serving delicious Chick-fil-A sandwiches, Buffalo Wild Wings boxed lunches, individually boxed cakes, and other sweets – let us not forget those delicious PDQ cookies!

As we mentioned in the past, a new electronic marquee for the front of the school is being permitted for installation. Through the efforts of several PTSA Boards and generous donations, the electronic marquee is set to be installed this summer along Lake Worth Road between Cilantro's restaurant and Lake Worth Road. This will keep all our Stallions informed for the coming school year!

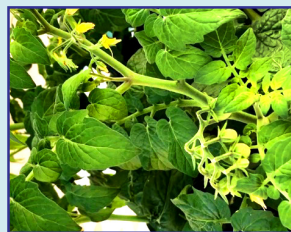
We celebrated our 8th Graders this year with an ongoing social media campaign where we spotlighted many of our students. You may have also noticed the numerous yard signs in your neighborhood identifying those students who completed their final year in middle school. Congratulations to those students and parents as we wish them much success in high school!

All of us on the PTSA would like to express a sincere thank you to our teachers who relentlessly persevered so that our kids could get an education this year – we appreciate you! And finally, thank you to our amazing Principal, Mr. Aronson who worked 24/7 to make sure we have one of the best schools in South Florida. Congratulations on a great year!

Sincerely,
The PTSA Board

Science Class Hydroponics

Mr. Bernstein's classes have planted dwarf tomatoes, jalapeños, and cayenne peppers, in the classroom Hydroponic Garden lab. The plants are starting to bloom, and we have been enjoying these fresh fruits during class, while working on our regular lessons.



PTSA's Teacher Appreciation Week Luncheon





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