



# TERRIER TIMES

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic year we've enjoyed here at Port Charlotte Middle. I couldn't be prouder of our students, faculty, and staff. The many awards, accolades, and accomplishments of the past school year are a testament to all your dedication and hard work.

I wish our 8th graders a fond farewell. We will all be watching to see your many future accomplishments. 6th and 7th grade students, I look forward to seeing all of you in the fall. This summer, please find time enjoy a few good books, get plenty of exercise, have fun, and stay safe.

Parents, I thank you for giving us the privilege of educating your children and helping them to grow. I look forward to working with many of you, again next year. Here are some things to remember as fall approaches and "back to school shopping" begins. PCMS provides every Terrier with a new binder to help them stay organized. You may want to hold off on purchasing other school supplies too early. Our teachers will provide supply lists the first week of school. Also, remember to check the student handbook about dress code prior to shopping for back to school clothes.

I look forward to seeing you at our 2019-20 Open House scheduled for August 8th from 5:00-6:30. You'll be able to pick up your child's schedule and check out our back to school expo. We hope to see you there. The first day for students is August 12th. Also, please note that our new start time will be 9:10 and dismissal will be at 4:10.

**Have a peaceful, enjoyable summer!**



Respectfully,  
John LeClair,  
Principal



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## PI DAY / MATH CARNIVAL

Port Charlotte Middle School's gym was transformed into a colorful, whimsical math carnival on Thursday, March 14th. Students celebrated PI (3.14) Day at the 5th Annual Math Carnival. The gym was filled with delightful sounds of laughter, music, and students attempting to do math!

Students spent their math class navigating their way through a variety of math themed, carnival style games. The event is the math department's way to show case math and learning in a fun environment. Some of the games included Circumference Sorter, No Ones Sum, Factor Ball, Twisted Math, Mathematical musical chairs and Crazy Coordinates. There was also a Wheel of Probability, which gave each student a chance to win one, two, or three tickets. As students won games they would receive tickets, which could be used to purchase a variety of prizes such as candy, temporary tattoos, fun inflatables, keychains and a variety of plush toys. Each student was also given an opportunity to enter raffle drawings for larger prizes such as wireless speakers, sporting equipment, headphones and over other items!

Many student volunteers and community members donated countless hours to make this event a success. Volunteers included students from Port Charlotte High School Mu Alpha Theta, Charlotte High School and FSW Collegiate HS as well as members of PCMS PTO. These volunteers helped with donations, facilitating games and overseeing the prize table.



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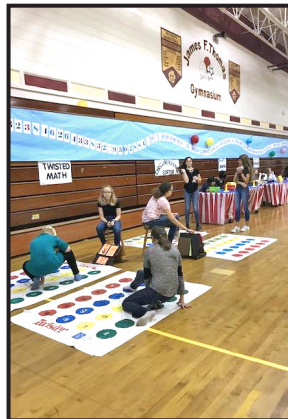


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## JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Jarell Rockymore - 6th grade,  
Darianna Montesino Villavicencio - 6th grade,  
Michael Johnson - 7th grade, Ava Miller - 7th grade,  
Vincent Ruiz - 8th grade, Jenesis Roberts - 8th grade

## PTO STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

PCMS's PTO never fails to treat the faculty and staff! For Teacher Appreciation Week, they hosted a lovely luncheon that included sandwiches, fruit kebabs, and Kona Ice! Thank you, PTO for making everyone here feel valued and appreciated.



## OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS

The following teachers are currently teaching Out of Field:

- **Misty Weissinger** - ESE
- **Heather Mashburn** - Gifted
- **Elaine Richmond** - ESE
- **Peri Schwabrow** - ELA
- **Brandi Eberhardt** - ESE

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## FREE MATH. AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Parents & Students, do you know that after-school MATH tutoring is offered FREE at PCMS? Tutoring is held Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons until 4:45 and Thursday mornings from 8 am – 9 am. To ensure a successful program, we ask that all students sign-up in advance (in the appropriate classroom) and arrive at tutoring prepared. They should bring work to complete and/or questions about concepts with which they are struggling.

## TITLE 1 INFORMATION

All reports for our Title 1 program are available, upon request, in our Family Center, in the lobby of our front office, and on our website, under About Us - Title I. There you will find the link below.  
[TITLE 1 PUBLISHED REPORTS & OTHER RESOURCES](#)  
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## SONSHINE BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF APPRECIATION COOKOUT

Sonshine Baptist Church treated the faculty and staff with a delicious, home made cookout during Teacher Appreciation Week! Delicious burgers and dogs with all the fixings, baked beans, mac n cheese, and a delicious apple crisp. Thank you, Sonshine Baptist Church, for supporting PCMS throughout the year.

## DRUG-FREE CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Summer is around the corner. Kids are getting excited for their summer plans and extra time with friends. Summer can also be a great time for families to reconnect without the hustle and bustle of the school year routines. Connecting to your kids on a regular basis can help to create a relationship that consists of trust and can allow you to address big topics with your kids like safety, finding good friends, and even staying away from drugs and alcohol. Creating a fun summer family tradition can be a great way to strengthen family bonds and appreciate each other. One great family tradition can be creating a summer fun bucket list together. Not all fun needs to break the bank and can still be something everyone can enjoy.

Did you know that Drug Free Charlotte County also offers a free Strengthening Families Program? For more information about the Strengthening Families Program please email [jen.bernardi@yourcharlotteschools.net](mailto:jen.bernardi@yourcharlotteschools.net). For more tips and information please visit us online at [www.drugfreecharlottecounty.org](http://www.drugfreecharlottecounty.org) or on social media; Facebook: Drug Free Charlotte County, Twitter: @DFCCTweets, Instagram: drugfreecharlottecounty.

## KEEP CHARLOTTE BEAUTIFUL CLUB

The Keep Charlotte Beautiful Club has been busy maintaining and adding to the landscaping around our school. We have now partnered with the Peace River Butterfly Society and they have donated more native Florida plants to our ever expanding garden.

We received a butterfly cave filled with 12 Monarch Butterfly Chrysalis and were fortunate enough to release them into our butterfly friendly garden. Nature is amazing!



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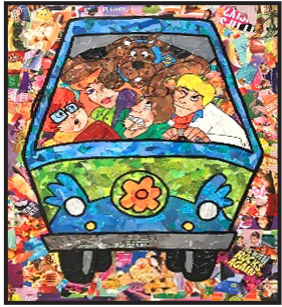


## CCPS ART SHOW

May 4, 2019 was the Annual Charlotte County Schools Art Show, held at the Visual Art Center in Punta Gorda. Port Charlotte Middle School was well represented with over 80 works of excellent art. This show is judged by the Charlotte County High School Art teachers. Congratulations to all the students whose art was shown, with special congratulations to the winners:

- **3rd Place** – Jenesis Roberts, collage; "The Girl from Bone"
- **2nd Place** – Gian Lucca Alvarado-Lowe, colored pencil drawing; "Different Ways of Thinking"
- **1st Place** – Ambrynn Julius, colored pencil drawing; "Elevé"
- **Best in Show** – Sydney Carey, collage; "The Mystery Machine"

Mrs. Pucci is so proud of all the students who were committed to quality art work. You represent yourself and our school with excellence. Thank you!



Art in the Capitol

## 'TAKE WHAT YOU NEED'

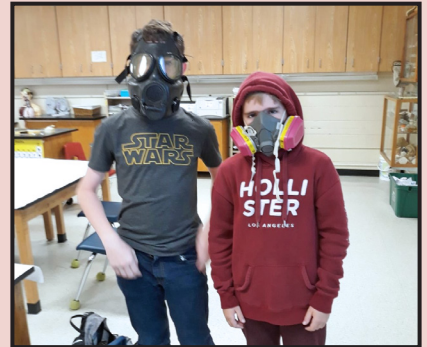
Coach Renne was trying to come up with a way to reach students toward the final weeks of school. A way to keep building on positivity and possibly giving them some encouragement that they may need. While also trying to also reach those students or staff members that may be struggling internally and not ready to share with others.

She found 101 phrases, quotes, words of encouragement and indicated to the staff and faculty that the board was meant to be interactive in the fact that the staff and/or students could take what they need....Some days are better than others and some days we may just need a little reminder or pick me up...All were told that if they saw a card on the board that spoke to them in the moment to take it!

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## CLASSROOM NOTES



Mrs. Conrad's students, Jayden Padilla & Samuel Hartwig preparing for Owl Pellet Lab.



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## 5TH GRADE RISER NIGHT

5th grade riser night was a huge success! Thank you to all the incoming 6th grade students and parents for joining us and learning about our clubs and programs.



## FREE LANGUAGE ARTS FSA PREP

Wednesdays and Thursdays  
8:00 – 8:45am & 4:00-4:45pm

Students need to sign up  
in the Media Center  
(24 hours in advance).

## CHORUS



*Spring Chorus Concert*

The PCM Choral Department held its Spring Concert on April 25 at CPAC. The 6th Grade Chorus demonstrated their increasing musical growth by singing all three of their songs in two-part harmony, as well as one song in Latin. The 7th & 8th Grade Boys Chorus sang a total of four songs, the last one being the classic pop song, "Stand By Me". The 47-member 7th & 8th Grade Girls Chorus tackled three challenging pieces, including a French art song sung in the original language. Included in the program were four soloists chosen from our school's Piano Keyboard class. Each of these students demonstrated their knowledge of scales before performing their piece. The concert ended with all choruses combined, enthusiastically singing "This Is A Celebration", and indeed, it was!

A special thank you goes out to the SUNCOAST CREDIT UNION FOUNDATION for awarding a grant to Mrs. Marshall this fall. The generous donation purchased five of the songs featured on the spring concert and allowed her to purchase two more songs for future use.



*Chorus Field Trip*

**A few spots are left!**



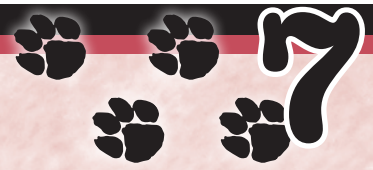
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Spring Band Concert



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NJHS treated teachers and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week with goodies throughout the week. Wednesday morning, all were met with student selected superlatives on classroom doors/hallway boards. We thank Mrs. Pucci for guiding the NJHS students in such a heartfelt celebration.

## P.E. UPDATES

Thank you for reading our P.E. update! Our students have been continuing their fitness days with Circuit Training and PACERS. They are tracking their growth with graphing activities. They have also been engaged in a sports unit where they are exposed to flag football, soccer, basketball, and tennis. Once we finish the sports unit, we will train for the Spring Mile Run and Cross Country Run. Wrestling will start up in the end of March, then track will be held in May. We hope to have a good turn-out for both!

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## SCIENCE NOTES

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*Chase Coyne,  
Mrs. Amanda Linneweber,  
Tyler Chapin*

## RUNNING CLUB



## SGA PEACE RIVER WILDLIFE

PCMS's SGA held a supply drive for Peace River Wildlife Center in Punta Gorda. Ms. Sweeterman's class collected the most and was rewarded with a doughnut party! The first photo is three of our SGA officers: President Tyler Chapin, Treasurer Kollyn Lucy and Secretary Jake Montag. The second photo is Ms. Sweeterman's class, the winners.



## WRESTLING

Mr. Marshall and his team had quite a successful season, coming in second at the county-wide meet. Congratulations to the wrestlers for their hard work and dedication!



*County Finals 2nd place!*



*PCMS v LAAMS*



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