



# TERRIER TIMES

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is amazing how time flies and we have already come to the end of another school year. While this year may not have been completely back to normal like we had hoped, we worked together to learn how to thrive as a middle school community in this brand new and rapidly changing version of the world. I am so proud of the students, faculty and staff, and the role that each member of this Terrier team played in overcoming every challenge that came their way. The many awards, accolades, and accomplishments of the past year are a testament to all of your dedication and hard work in the face of adversity.

I wish our 8th graders a fond farewell. We will all be watching your future accomplishments as you embark on your next journey through high school. 6th and 7th grade students, I look forward to welcoming you back in the fall. This summer, please find time to enjoy a few good books, get plenty of exercise, have fun, and stay safe.

Parents, I thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your children and helping them to grow. I fully understand the educational choices that exist for parents, and I am honored that you have chosen Port Charlotte Middle School. Without your support and trust, we would not be able to accomplish all that we have.

I look forward to seeing all students and families at our 2022-23 Open House scheduled for August 9th from 5:30 to 7:00. You'll be able to pick up your student schedule and check out our back to school expo. The first day for students next year will be Wednesday, August 10th.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!

Respectfully,

Mr. Matthew Kunder  
Principal

## ADMINISTRATION

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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



### MARCH

#### 8th Grade

Alanna Pennell  
Nicholas Albert

#### 7th Grade

Enrique Cifuentes  
Sohpia King

#### 6th Grade

Ayla Gumabong  
Nikita Bence

### APRIL

#### 8th Grade

Christinie Fede  
Jysaiah Fricas

#### 7th Grade

Owen Burns  
Shamaika Charles

#### 6th Grade

DannyLynn Millington  
Evan White



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## STUDENT RECOGNITION

### Patriot's Pen

Patriot's Pen is a VFW-sponsored youth essay competition that gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme was "How Can I Be A Good American?". Owen Burns, 7th grader, won 1st place in our locally sponsored VFW Post 5690. He will advance to the VFW Department (State) level. Owen received a framed certificate & \$150 prize.



Owen Burns, Mrs. Keating, and members of VFW Post #5690

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## PE

At the beginning of the year students in PE received some basic CPR and first aid training during their class periods. Thank goodness one particular student, Nicholas Stewart, was paying attention because that training came to his aid when his mother began choking during a family dinner outing. Nicholas was able to perform the Heimlich maneuver on his mother and assist her to stop choking! We are so proud of Nicholas and his ability to stay calm and remember the training to help in an emergency situation.



## SWAT

The 2021-2022 President of PCMS SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco), Autumn Sharrer, recently received a Teen Leadership Award from Drug Free Charlotte County. This award is bestowed upon teens that show leadership, serve as a good role model for peers, and support their adult leaders and community. It is a special honor for those who have played an important role in the work of prevention.

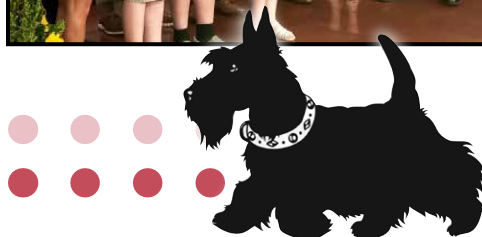


## MATH

On Saturday May 7th, seventeen Algebra students participated in this year's 2nd *Algebra Bootcamp*. *Algebra Bootcamp* prepares students for the Algebra End of Course Exam. Students spent the morning completing a variety of review activities that focused on the rigorous Algebra standards. *Algebra Bootcamp* consisted of scavenger hunt style problem solving in the hallway with their peers, working independently on Algebra Nation, and reviewing sample test questions within the classrooms. It was a time for students to ask questions to teachers and work with their peers to fine tune their knowledge for their End of Course exam. It was a fun-filled Saturday morning for all, students and teachers.

## KINDNESS

Students in the Kindness club represented our Terriers in a positive light to our incoming 5th graders by holding a table at the 5th Grade riser night. Visitors were asked to sign a pledge to be kind and were able to spin a wheel for a prize. Prizes were purchased by the Kindness club with funds provided to support kindness from a partnership with Drug Free Charlotte County. We had a small group of very dedicated students this year that care about promoting kindness among their peers. We hope that their enthusiasm spreads and next year we have a larger group of students to help share the importance of being kind!



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## SHOUT OUT!

A big thank you goes out to Florida Aces, JHR Landscaping, and Home Depot for their generous donations of time and money for the beautification of the PCMS courtyard.



## ART

Port Charlotte Middle School art students have ended the year well. Charlotte County School's Annual art show at the Visual Art Center in Punta Gorda was a great success! Sydney Richard won 1st Place for her Blue Dog, Marianna Milos won 2nd place for her Notan Scene, 3rd place went to Aryanna Reid for her 2-point perspective and Lexie Gerlach and Isabella Slagter were each chosen for the Benefactor Award.

A special shout out belongs to 8th grader, Kaylee Franks. Her art was chosen as *Keep Charlotte Beautiful's* 2021 volunteer t-shirt, which has been worn by over 800 KCB volunteers this past year as they worked to keep our county beautiful.



## PCM Terriers



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1st Place:  
**Blue Dog,**  
Sydney Richard



2nd Place,  
**Cat at the Doorstep,**  
Marianna Milos



3rd Place: **Octopus City**  
(2-point perspective),  
Aryanna Reid

### Benefactor Awards



**Purple Dog,**  
Isabella Slagter



**Puzzle Cow,**  
Lexi Gerlach &  
Madison Valentz



**Keep Charlotte  
Beautiful 2021  
Volunteer T-shirt,**  
Kaylee Franks





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## CHORUS

The spring concert was April 26th.



## QUARTER 3: 4.0 LUNCH



## OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS

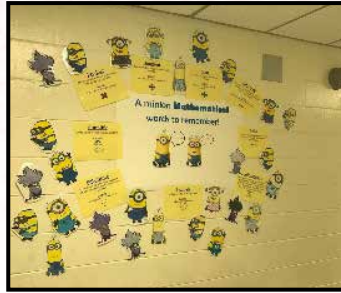
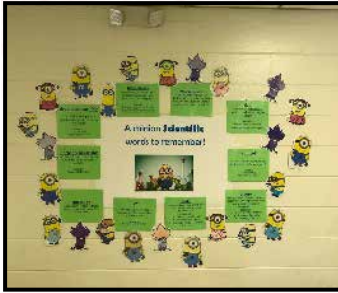
The following teachers are currently teaching Out of Field:

Lindsay Carriera ESOL  
Elaine Richmond English

Sylvia Schulz ESE  
Rebecca Senat ESE

## LITERACY LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Literacy Leadership Team spearheaded "A Minion Words to Remember". By teaming up with Mrs. Pucci's art students, who created the minions themselves, and each department, important terms for subject areas were placed throughout the halls to remind students that academic language is important to focus on. Thank you, Mrs. Emerson, for putting the displays together!



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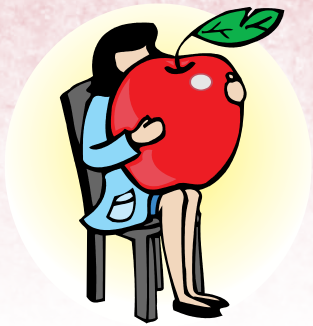
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## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Due to the FSA testing schedule, PCMS moved Teacher Appreciation Week up a week! Teachers were treated by administration to daily drawings for gift cards and the chance to have an administrator teach one of their classes, popcorn every day in the staff lounge, a coffee bar, Terrier Nation t-shirts, and a lovely breakfast. Sonshine Baptist and PTO each provided fabulous luncheons. Additionally, Mrs. Pucci and the Student Government students not only provided daily treats with clever

appreciation notes, but also the annual staff superlatives. The teachers felt appreciated and, in turn, appreciated all of the thought and effort that was put into the celebration.



## WRESTLING

Congratulations to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Sheldon, and our Terrier Wrestlers for a great season.

## BAND

Congratulations to Mrs. Miller and all band students for a great performance in front of a packed house on Thursday, May 5th. Students put on a great show and all spectators had a great time.



## 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

SPAR: School Accountability Report link available on our PCMS school website on Title I page: [http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb spar/year1617/nclb1617.cfm?dist\\_schl=8\\_131](http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb spar/year1617/nclb1617.cfm?dist_schl=8_131)

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