



Principal's Message

Ms. Hafiz,
Ms. Hunter,
and I have
been
overwhelmed
by the



number of students who were identified as high performers during the second quarter! More good news should come from the mid-quarter progress reports released on 2/29/12. Success does not happen without the hard work of families and teachers – keep up the good work!

The school continues a busy schedule of events to support you and your family. A few of my favorites include our blood drive (2/17/12) and, of course, at our Enrollment Lottery (2/23/12 at 9 am). We invite all members of the school community to attend these events, and as always, are looking for leaders and volunteers to help make each one special.

The Maryland School Assessments are right around the corner – the tests are incredibly important for our school, and especially to our 7th graders, as they are also used as the entrance exams to get into the best high schools in the city. As always, if you have any questions about your child's progress, contact your teacher and we will get you any information that you need.

-Dr. Kramer

Spelling Bee

PPPCS's Annual Spelling Bee was on Tuesday, January 24 in St. Elizabeth of Hungary's Hall. Adam Pence in 6th grade won 1st place, Jason James in 8th grade won 2nd, and Marquel Averette in 8th grade won 3rd. Adam and Jason will represent PPPCS at the Baltimore City Spelling Bee in March. Read the Weekly Announcements for more information!



A New Semester at PPPCS

Monday, January 23 marked the beginning of the third marking period and second semester at PPPCS. With the new semester, a new set of electives began, including classes in Improv theater, yoga, a *Hunger Games* book club, and more. Welcome the new students of the Bird's Eye View elective!



New Semester's Resolutions

By: The Bird's Eye View Elective Class

Happy New Semester students of Patterson Park Public Charter School! We all hope you had a wonderful break, merry holidays, and a Happy New Year. To start off the new semester, here are some resolutions to help you start your new quarter off right!

- ◆ Keep your binder organized by cleaning your binder regularly.
- ◆ Prepare for tests by reviewing recent class work notes.
- ◆ Be on time at 7:40 am EVERYDAY!
- ◆ Try your best at school.
- ◆ Do all projects and homework.



Brandi Randolph,
Bird's Eye View Elective



June Harmon,
Bird's Eye View Elective

OUR MISSION:

The mission of Patterson Park Charter School is to develop well educated, community-minded children by providing high-quality community based education that capitalizes on the diversity of nearby neighborhoods and uses the resources of Patterson Park.



First Thursday Family Education Series

January's Family Education Series featured speakers from Habitat for Humanity, Earn Benefits, and PNC Bank. Parents learned how they could earn homes with interest-free mortgages, what benefits they qualify for, and how to start savings accounts for their children.



PPPCS is prepared for Natural Disasters!

By: The Bird's Eye View Elective Class

The senior theatre class from Baltimore School for the Arts performed a play to inform students about what to do during natural disasters. They demonstrated what to do when tornados, hurricanes, fires, and earthquakes occur. The play was funny, dramatic, tragic, and informative. The students were really grateful for the information that came across because now they know what to do for whatever comes.

PPPCS is the Community's ENERGY HUB

The Green team is proud to announce that PPPCS has been awarded a \$1000 Baltimore Energy Challenge Grant. The GREEN TEAM students and GREEN TEAM teachers will be leading the school in Energy Conservation Efforts. Look for the GREEN TEAM Project updates on the GREEN TEAM bright Green Bulletin board.



Did you know? If 10,000 schools turned off their lights for one minute it could save \$81,885!

Our school has also been named our Community's ENERGY HUB. What is an Energy Hub? It's a place dedicated to raising awareness about energy conservation! It's also a place where PPPCS parents and families can sign the Baltimore Energy Challenge Pledge and pick up a free energy saving kit. The kit will help them save energy and save money on their energy bills.

You can take the pledge to reduce your energy use too! Become an Energy Super Hero; ask a Green Team member how to do it. Help us make Baltimore a Cleaner, Greener, Super Energy saving place to live!

Thank you to Ms. Gutting, Ms. O'Connor and all of you Energy Savers! Congratulations on your grant award, and keep an eye out for all the Energy Saving projects the GREEN TEAM will be leading at PPPCS.

Patterson Park Hockey Stars

Patterson Park Stars is a free 16-week program of hockey instruction and team building for boys and girls ages 7 to 14 at the Ice Rink in Patterson Park. PPPCS

students participating are Umi Marshall (3rd), Zoey Solomon (4th), Carson Murphy (4th), Alexander Ortega (5th), and Cole Simms (3rd).



From the Library

Our middle school students completed their 2nd quarter library assignment with gusto! The assignment was to create a Patterson Park Public Charter School Record in the likeness of a Guinness World Record. The students researched by looking through Guinness World Record Books and online to gather ideas and then went right to work. They worked in groups and made PowerPoint presentations explaining how they came up with the idea, the materials needed, how each group member contributed and the results.

Here are some of their projects-

(6B) Deiny Morales, Lizbeth Velazquez and Esthefani Garcia's project was "Cool School." IDEA: "We were talking about our school and decided to try to describe it using 300 words." MATERIALS: paper, glue, crayons, markers, hands STEPS WE TOOK: We worked at Lizbeth's house over the weekend. We all brainstormed words to describe PPPCS and wrote them on paper. We decorated larger paper using our hands. When we got to 300 words we transferred them to the larger paper. RESULTS:

Start date: December 16, 2011 End Date: December 19, 2011 We came up with 300 different words to describe our school! We liked doing this project because we like thinking about how great our school is.

(6A) and K-Shaud Watkins and Michael Garcia's project was "The World's Largest Flashcard." IDEA: "We got the idea because we were thinking about math and we thought of a flashcard. We decided it would be cool to make the largest flashcard. We researched online and no one has ever made a large flashcard." MATERIALS: Markers, posterboard, glue, our artistic genius STEPS WE TOOK: Michael did the draft printing. K-Shaud helped Michael organize the flashcard. K-Shaud created the flashcard. RESULTS: Start Date: 12-21-11 End Date: 1-10-12 The flashcard is 36" wide x 48" high.

Happy Reading! -Ms. Intrieri



Counselor's Corner

February is Character Education Month Character education has become an important subject for schools, and it involves helping young people learn and make good decisions based on core values.

Why You the parent are a Character Educator As a parent, you are the most important character educator your child will ever have. In other words, teaching your child about right and wrong, making good decisions in life, and believing in certain core values or principles comes from *you*.

Character educators are role models. Every day, you teach by example. You show your child why it's important to treat others the way we want to be treated, and why positive values help get us through hard situations and do the right thing, even when it's not easy.



Ms. Brooks, School Counselor

Character educators are teachers. You talk openly about social and moral issues your child experiences or sees. You practice with your child making good decisions and solving problems. You reinforce good behavior. You set boundaries for acceptable behavior and are consistent with discipline because in the long term, the payoff is the greatest gift you can give your child: the tools to succeed on their own in life.

From: *Parenting for Character*

PPPCS All Stars of the Month

- Corey Lewis, Pre-K: Ms. Raxenberg
- Sylvia Clark, K: Mrs. Cook
- Sophia Anderson, K: Mrs. Simmons
- Elijah Drumgold, 1: Mr. Slack
- Carlos Flores-Torres, 1: Mrs. Miller
- Envy Lemon, 1: Ms. Simon
- Kimberly Barranco-Romero, 2: Mrs. Hendrick
- Nicolas Graves, 2: Ms. Harris
- John Garcia-Maldonado, 3: Ms. Huber
- Olivia Stotler, 3: Ms. Kiphorn
- Ida Dierker, 3: Mr. Rodriguez
- Imani Robinson, 4: Ms. Poppleton
- Rayne Thompson, 4: Ms. Blake
- 6A: Jordan Grissitt
- 6B: Tyshea Williams
- 6C: Ti-Shay Wilson
- 7A: Amel Evans
- 7B: Cherelle Harmon
- 8A: Treyana Johnson
- 8B: Shaliyah Cromwell

PPPCS teachers choose the All Stars of the Month based on this criteria:

- Citizenship
- Class attendance
- Positive attitude
- Demonstrates responsibility
- Respectful to peers and teacher
- Leadership qualities
- Classroom participation
- Positive work ethics
- Grades (not necessarily an "A" student)
- Extra-curricular activities



Staff Member of the Month

Mrs. Georgia Holland-Pence is this month's Staff Member of the Month! Mrs. Holland-Pence is PPPCS's physical education teacher and has worked here since the school opened. She grew up in Baltimore and went to St. Elizabeth of Hungary's School. Mrs. Holland-Pence's favorite thing about PPPCS is that it is a place that celebrates all of the students' unique gifts and talents. She thinks the staff voted her to be Staff Member of the Month because she takes all PPPCS students ice skating in December, and the staff know how much hard work it is and how much the students enjoy it. Mrs. Holland-Pence wants everyone to know how special the ice skating program is to her and that she couldn't do it without everyone's support and the great relationship the school has with the Parks and Recreation staff.

Helping Hands: Volunteer News

January Spotlight Volunteers

- ◆ April Lewis, mom of Mecca Lewis, is an active member of our parent organization (HOPPP – Hands on Patterson Park), and planned this month's HOPPP movie night on January 20. Thanks, Ms. Lewis, for organizing a fun night out for our families!
- ◆ Shelly Appet, mom of Nathaniel Myers, spent many hours making photo copies for some of classes so that our amazing PPPCS teachers could focus on our students and their learning experience. Thanks for your time, Ms. Appet!
- ◆ Demetra Oluwasefumi (Diamond O's mom), Danielle Knotts (Deonte' Tates' mom), and Yolanda Jackson (Jeremiah Cassell's mom) have been helping out with our free adult education classes with BCCC each week by serving as greeters in the front office! Thanks for making visitors to our school feel so welcome!
- ◆ Thank you to ALL parents/ volunteers who helped make the PPPCS spelling bee on Tuesday, 1/24 a success by helping to set up and cheer on our school spellers. Congratulations, Adam Pence (6th grade), on your win!



The *Bird's Eye View* is brought to you by Mrs. Shaw's *Bird's Eye View* elective class, Ms. Mattera, Dr. Obara, & Mrs. Lamas-Martin. If you have an idea for a story, please email DMattera@pppcs.org!