

Patrick Springs Primary School Newsletter

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Horace Mann Rewards Perfect Attendance with Kindle Fire



Horace Mann representative, Veronica Favero came to PSPS and drew first grader Jordan Draper's name for maintaining perfect attendance for the first semester. Horace Mann awarded Jordan with a Kindle Fire and certificate! Way to go Jordan and thank you Horace Mann for encouraging our students!!!

Principal's Message

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our Patrick Springs Primary School families a happy and healthy new year. I hope your holiday was relaxing and filled with memories to cherish with family and friends. Our students have transitioned back into their academic routines, and believe it or not, the end of the second marking period is over. The end of the second quarter marking period was December 20th and report cards will go home on January 5th, 2017. Our Parent and Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, January 10th from 3:30 until 6:30pm. We hope you can attend this important conference to hear your child's areas of strength as well as areas they can make improvements to. As always, please be sure to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions about their progress.

Additionally, it's important for students to arrive to school on time. The homeroom period provides students with a smooth transition to a day of learning. At this time, the students review the day's schedule, copy homework assignments, listen to school announcements, and distribute notes and materials from home to their teachers. To provide your children with a positive start to the day, please plan your morning so your child arrives to school before 8:15. After 8:15 am, they are considered tardy and parents or guardians need to sign them in.

Parents are asked to listen carefully to the news on the radio and television and the PCPS school messenger system for the latest information regarding school closings or delays. The county's website is <http://www.patrick.k12.va.us/> and the hotline is [276-251-3154](tel:276-251-3154). Please avoid calling the school for information as we need the phone lines readily available to contact bus drivers and so forth. If you have changes to the Emergency Early Dismissal Weather form, which tells us what to do with your child in the event of a weather closing, please send this in immediately. Thank you for your time and help with this.

Please note that for January, schools are closed on January 16th for the holiday Martin Luther King Day. I look forward to seeing you all on January 10th at the Parent and Teacher Conferences from 3:30 until 6:30pm. As always, please let me know of any concern or area that I can assist you with by contacting me at 694-3396 or by email at Jeannie.king@patrick.k12.va.us.

Sincerely,

Jeannie King, Proud Panda Principal

Title I Hosts Breakfast with the Panda

During the first week of December, the Title I staff at Patrick Springs Primary School hosted a Breakfast with the Panda for the whole school. Title I staff members, Amy Burnette, Teresa Havens and Diane Rorrer welcomed over 130 parents and grandparents to our school for this wonderful event. On Wednesday, Dec. 7, all Headstart, PreK and Kindergarten students, along with their parents and other family members, were excited to have breakfast with our mascot, the Panda. On Thursday, Dec. 8, all first graders were greeted by the Panda and enjoyed breakfast with family members. Lastly, on Friday, Dec. 9, second and third graders had breakfast with parents and grandparents. When all groups finished their breakfast, Title I Teacher, Mrs. Amy Burnette welcomed the parents and thanked them for their attendance. She reminded them of the importance of reading and to continue reading with their child over the Christmas break. She also encouraged them to get their children to participate in the Panda Reading Club, where students read books and turn in the sheets to the school and at the end of each nine weeks, prizes are given to the top readers in each grade. A table was set up to provide parents with suggestions on ways to encourage reading and read with their child at home. At the conclusion, the Panda gave every student a coloring book or activity book and a pencil and eraser. The Title I staff would like to thank everyone who helped with this event and hope the students enjoy their activity book over the holiday.



Second Grade News



Students play all sorts of games in the gym during the Second Grade STAR Activity for the second nine weeks.

First Grade News



First Grade students really enjoyed our Christmas Craft Day. We would like to thank our parents and volunteers for making this day a great success. We had so much fun. First Grade students really enjoyed the winter break and are now are looking forward to more learning. Students are really excited about reading. Happy New Year!

Bikes Given in Daughter's Memory



Sandy Joyce honored the memory of her daughter, Jessica Ann Kalinowski by giving a bike and helmet and toys to two 3rd grade boys and girls at Patrick Springs Primary School. Jessica attended PSPS as a child and died in a car accident in 2003 while attending college at Campbell.

Names were drawn from children returning forms to participate and the bike winners were Jykevis Hairston and Amy Williams. Two other students won gifts and they were LJ Scott and Christa Ubando. Each 3rd grade student received a motivational poem about being successful in honor of Jessica. School officials wish to send Mrs. Joyce and her family their continued thanks for the kindness and generosity shown at PSPS.

"Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day"

Patrick Springs Primary School is committed to partnering and working together with students, parents, and the community to provide every child with an inclusive, high quality, technologically advanced, creative, enjoyable learning experience where success is celebrated and children feel valued every day.

Christmas Celebrations

First graders enjoyed an afternoon of crafting with volunteers and family members, and the Early Childhood class held a Christmas party with Santa Claus.



FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS

We collected 977 pounds for the Friends Feeding Friends Food Drive for 2016. Mrs. Gilbert's class won for the most collected with 333 pounds. They will have an ice cream party when they return on the 5th.



Kindergarten News

Kindergarten students are becoming very excited about reaching the 100th Day of School! The 100th Day is quite a milestone for our children. We have been practicing counting to 100 by 1's, 5's and 10's and other interesting activities will be coming soon.

Valentine's Day is also just around the corner. Parents should be looking for a class list to be sent home in each child's binder so that students can practice their developing writing skills as they exchange Valentine cards in the classrooms.

Please keep in mind that we are working diligently to learn letters, sounds, sight words, and numbers. Students will also be studying about famous Presidents, shadows and maps. Kindergartners are beginning to write their own sentences using the words we have learned!

Remember to look in your child's communicator folder each day for important schoolwork and other items of importance. Reviewing sight words each night is an excellent way to help students become great readers.

Counselor's Corner

Have you ever wondered what students learn about during classroom guidance lessons? Our school counselor, Mrs. Hylton, teaches a variety of topics to students in each grade based on the Virginia Department of Education's standards of learning for school counseling and family life education. Below is an example schedule of what she teaches in a given academic year.

Mrs. Hylton leads students in story time, shows video clips, plays games, sings songs, and often has a craft planned for students that relates to the lesson topic. Here are some examples of students' guidance class work from this year.

Kindergarten:	Grade 1:
feelings	friendship
safety	decision making
trust	manners
good/bad touch	good/bad touch
respect	respect
caring	family
honesty	teamwork
communication	mistakes
Grade 2:	Grade 3:
kindness	self-esteem
goal-setting	decision-making
responsibility	teamwork
good/bad touch	good/bad touch
friendship	friendship
fairness	healthy coping
hard work	study skills
feelings	success



Prize Drawing Winners



Ethan Edwards and Adyson Handy, whose names were selected in a drawing from students who brought in Campbell's Labels for Education during this nine-week period, won fun prizes, and the PTO gave away prizes for students who participated in a reading fund raiser. First place winner was Ethan White, who received a Kindle tablet. Elijah Hairston came in second place and was given \$50 in free books. The third place recipient, who received \$25 worth of free books, was Ryan Martin. Congratulations!

JANUARY

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan 2	3	4	5 Report Cards Sent Home	6
9	10 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30pm	11	12	13
NO SCHOOL 16 	17	18	19 After-School Tutoring Grades 2-3, til 4:30 	20
23	24	25	26 After-School Tutoring Grades 2-3, til 4:30	27
30	31	Feb 1	Feb 2 After-School Tutoring will continue on Thursdays in February: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23	Feb 3

Dress Down Donations

Faculty and staff collected \$102 for Providence United Methodist Church's Food Pantry. This was for November and December.

