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# PCPS Happenings



#### PPS / PES

PPS is in the midst of mid-year literacy and math assessments. Data derived will help inform instruction, create small groups, and bring interventions when necessary.

Thank you to the PPS PTO for sponsoring a Box Tops contest before winter break and congratulations to the 1st grade class for winning a hot chocolate party!

IPOP Open House is January 25 with applications (found on our website) due by February 23. Also, Kindergarten registration opens February 5th with an Information Night on Feb 15th!

PPS and PES both reiterated schoolwide and classroom expectations at the start of the new year. This is a great time to refocus classes.

Mrs. Windham has started the Battle of the Books team which will compete later this spring in Williamsburg. Tryouts will be held soon for the Great Computer Challenge teams – stay turned for details!

PES 5th graders will start thinking about next year when they meet with middle school counselors to begin scheduling. Parents - information night will be Feb 21st at 6pm!



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## PMS / PHS

PMS had 16 students selected for District Band, which is the most out of the other 25 schools who auditioned! They will perform the first week in February. Congratulations to all!

Congrats to the January PMS Golden Bulls: Bryce Lotta, Trevalyn Garritt, & Tristan Thomas!

The WHRO Spelling Bee has started across the state and PMS has a delegate to send: Bryce Goodale! Congrats to Breslynn Crockett and Emilia Agrinsoni who received 2nd and 3rd place. It was a large turn out for the PMS Spelling Bee which brought great competition!

Congratulations to Oliver Fink, the PHS Senior of the Month!

Sports teams are finding great success as their seasons begin to come to a close. A special congrats to the wrestling team who took first place in the Virginia Duals!

The Academic Challenge team is continuing on in regionals. Come watch it in action and/or follow their progress on social media!

The PHS performing arts program is really taking off! The band had 9 competitors who made the Virginia Honor Band, Show Choir had their first performance last week, and Drama has started casting for their musical, Mama Mia! Don't forget our One Act plays!

Several PHS science classes participated in a whale watching trip and construction on greenhouses will begin shortly!

### District

BULLS SHOW UP!! PCPS is targeting chronic absenteeism! **Studies** show that students who are absent for more than 18 days per year show lower test scores- up to 18% lower in math and 25% lower in reading. Not only do students suffer academically, but being absent disrupts routines and creates missed opportunities. We want all students to be successful and have equal opportunities for a brighter future which starts with strong attendance!

January 16 - 20 was Virginia Principal Appreciation Week. We are enormously grateful for the leadership that can be found in all four of our buildings. There is incredible service and commitment from our administrative team and we wish to show our gratitude one more time! Thank you for all that you do!

#### Save the Date

January 24 Early Release Day / Staff PD

> January 25 Third Quarter Begins

> January 31 Report Cards Issued

> > 1.24.24 Newsletter