



# PCPS Happenings



## PPS / PES

PPS loved having the PHS STEM Club visit again - this time celebrating Valentine's Day with a lesson, cards, and candy exchanges. Betty the Kindness Bear also visited and brought a candy gram to each student as well as those purchased by families. We thank the PTO for also stocking the teacher lounge!

PPS second graders finished their American Heart Challenge where they invited their favorite seniors to a night of fun games. Thank you for those who joined us.

PES has been wrapping up mid-year assessments and is using that data to adjust instructional plans. Teachers are reporting great strides in student reading scores as they continue work with the new Science of Reading curriculum.

Fifth graders will soon begin discussions about schedules for middle school next year. Parents should look for upcoming dates for the informational night.

Much thanks to the PES PTO for bringing in Betty the Kindness Bear who passed out over 900 candy grams to students and staff! We also thank them for the recent Family BINGO night which was so much fun!



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## PMS / PHS

Congratulations to the 8th grade class for winning Battle of the Classes! The entire week was filled with games at lunch, coin wars, and themed days with the final event bringing a packed gymnasium - including the PMS Pep Band! Thank you for everyone who helped continue this tradition.

A huge congratulations is extended to our PMS February Golden Bull Students of the Month: Nathan Greco (6th), Lauren Jones (7th) and Lillie Clinedinst (8th).

PMS NJHS inductions were held with 38 new members joining. Great work everyone!

PMS had 18 students selected for District Band and 22 for District Chorus, while PHS had 20 in District Band and 34 in District Chorus! Four PMS students and three PHS students qualified for All-State Chorus. Eligible band students are still auditioning for All-State Band. We are incredibly proud of our music department.

Mark your calendar for the PHS spring musical, "Bye Bye Birdie!" Four performances will occur May 1 - May 3. You won't want to miss it!

Our student-athletes are making us proud! The swim team competes at states today, while the girls' basketball team plays in the regional quarterfinals tonight. This Saturday, both the wrestling and scholastic bowl teams head to their state competitions. Looking ahead, the track team will compete at states next Wednesday and Thursday. Best of luck to all our teams!

## District

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, a time to recognize the invaluable role CTE programs play in preparing students for future careers. At PMS and PHS, our CTE courses provide hands-on learning experiences, industry certifications, and real-world skills that set students up for success in college and the workforce. Join us in celebrating our dedicated CTE educators and students who are shaping the future!

## VTSS in Action

Virginia Tiered Systems of Supports (VTSS) is all about meeting students where they are and providing the right support to help them thrive. By focusing on academics, behavior, and social-emotional learning, VTSS ensures every student has the tools they need to succeed. Stay tuned for more ways VTSS is making a difference in our schools!

## Save the Date

March 5th  
Half-Day / Parent-Teacher  
Conferences and PD Day

March 18th  
School Board Meeting

March 19th  
Half-Day / Collaborative PD Day