

# PCMS

PORT CHARLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL

# TERRIER TIMES

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Terrier families,

Welcome back to another year at PCMS! Our teachers and staff are well on their way to having a positive impact on student learning and I hear great things about our students so far! That is certainly positive news because they have some big shoes to fill after our students' great performance on the Florida Standards Assessment and End of Course Exams last year. For the second year in a row, we are an "A" School and once again the highest performing school in the district. Congratulations to our staff and students for doing so well and their hard work and dedication! I also want to thank you, our parents, for the continued support and help keeping your child(ren) focused throughout the year. I always tell our students to "Stay focused on what's important!" They certainly did and I'm proud of them for their great effort and making us number 1 again in the county.

As we continue through the year, remember to continue to encourage your child to come to school and stay focused on his or her learning. That can be a difficult task because there are a lot of distractions out there. If our staff, students, and parents stay focused, then I have no doubt we will not only be an "A" School again, but we will continue to be number 1 in the district.

We challenged our students at our Celebrate Success pep rally back in August that if we reach our goal of an "A" our assistant principal, Mr. Kunder, and dean, Mr. Hock, will happily cut their hair into mohawks and color them our school colors of garnet and gold. I have a great feeling about our students reaching that goal, so I'm looking forward to seeing that take place. I'm looking forward to another fantastic year with our students and hope they will have a great experience here at PCMS.



Respectfully,  
John LeClair,  
Principal



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## ADMINISTRATION

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**John LeClair**

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**Tara Whisenant**

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**Jon Hock**

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## MR. LECLAIR, WHERE IS YOUR HAIR?

Abigail Salone, Julianne Lacey, and Jorge Oliver were invited back to PCMS to celebrate a second straight year of being an "A" school, and ever true to his word, Mr. LeClair allowed them to shave his head in the gym with the full student body present!



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## SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Madelynn Perez-Nieto, Matthew Schuler,  
Alijah Carpenter, Nina-Simone Castelo,  
Amara Celeste Dudoit-Swain  
Tielar Aquila

## OUT OF FIELD TEACHERS

The following teachers are currently teaching Out of Field:

- **Dan Livermore**
- **Brianna Cranmer-Sona**
- **Diane Conrad**
- **Heather Gillespie**

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to introduce the SGA executive committee members for the school year!

### Autumn Sharrer as the Sergeant at Arms

**Secretary** - Elia Le (6th grader)

**Treasurer** - Zach Simmons (8th grader)

**6th Grade Vice President** - Abigail Bailey

**7th Grade Vice President** - Karen Martinez-Vega

**8th Grade Vice President** - Kongphop Helstrom

**School President** - Salina Tuthill



## EVERY SEASON STARTS AT



Shout out to Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation who presented Leclair with a \$1,000 check to support their athletics programs at the school.



Shout out to Brian McNeil, owner of Southwest Hydraulics, for a generous donation to Mrs. Pruey's classroom Amazon wish list. Thank you for your support!

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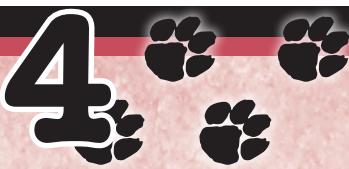
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## TITLE 1 INFORMATION

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/nclbspar/year1617/nclb1617.cfm?dist\\_schl=8\\_131](http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/year1617/nclb1617.cfm?dist_schl=8_131).



## INTRODUCING TYRONE THE TERRIER AND THE GOLDEN TERRIER

Tyrone has quickly become an important part of the Terrier family, attending pep rallies and games and showing off his dance moves.

The Terrier Pride Committee started a program this year for teachers/staff to nominate others for the Golden Terrier. Among our first winners were: Amanda Miller, Mirana Ford, Courtney Tenk, and Tara Wisnet!



## CLASSROOM/CLUB NOTES



ELL Classes Celebrating Heritage Month



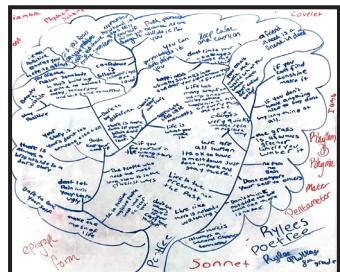
SWAT



Mr. Marshall's Environmental Club is Cleaning up PCMS!



From left to right:  
Makayla Bueno, Davonte' Bryant,  
Hayden Flanagan, Mrs. Laura Pucci,  
Mateo Gonzalez, Adriana D'Amico,  
Cheyenne Taylor, Ethan Perez-Lopez,  
Robinio Saintilaire, Karen Martinez-Vega,  
Megan Joy, Caleb Schulz,  
Ariel Hochsprung, Madeline Smoot  
and Celeste Midolo



Rylee Murray, 8th grade, created this "poet-tree" of inspirational quotes, along with important vocabulary from the lessons, during our poetry study of "Find Work" and "Chicago" from the Collections textbook.

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## BAND!



## THE CHARLOTTE SUN

Two PCMS teachers, Amanda Miller, band, and Heather Mashburn, ELA, were nominated for the "Best Of" for Charlotte County Schools! At the time of printing, results were not available, so next Terrier Times, we hopefully celebrate!

## CHORUS

The PCM Coral Department was proud to bring 13 students to audition for the 2020 Florida All State chorus. On September 19th, the students went through two tests: a written musicianship exam, and a sight-reading evaluation where they had to perform music they had not seen before. The students' names are:

- Catori Anderson
- Hailey Barnett
- Kylee Catchings
- Morgan Black
- Soline Dones
- Emma Fox
- Elayna Harris
- Makayla Herrmann
- Timothy Holmes
- Chloe Olivo
- Alyssa Stevens
- Erika Thacker
- Salina Tuthill



On October 15, those who passed the first two tests will attend their final audition in Fort Myers.



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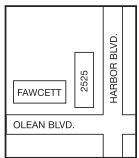
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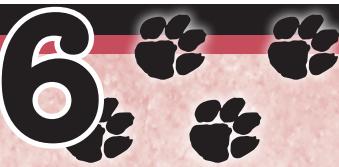
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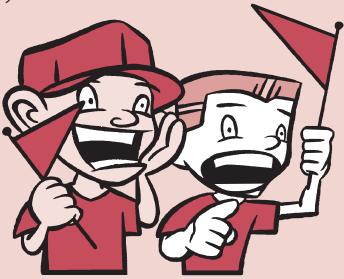
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**SWAT** - Ms Cranmer-Son

**Terrier Athletic Club** - Mr. Bailey

**Writing Workshop** - Kimberly Pruey

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## MATH NOTES

As Quarter 1 comes to an end, our eighth graders are busy graphing and analyzing equations written in slope-intercept form. This skill works with equations containing two variables and builds upon the previous standard of solving equations. Many eighth grade skills require students to use knowledge gained from sixth and seventh grade, so it is imperative that they constantly review their warm-ups, notes, and homework in order to be successful.

Seventh graders completed their first math project for the school year, titled "Getting to Know You Graph". Students used survey questions from their classmates to create poster size circle graphs that displayed the results. The math standards that were used to complete this project include number sense (fractions, decimals and percents), collecting and organizing data, and measuring and drawing angles.

Seventh graders have also been busy studying integers, algebraic expressions, and equations. The curriculum is very intense, so reviewing and studying all year will be extremely important.

Our sixth graders started the year learning how to solve problems involving long division. They then learned how to use integers to represent real-world situations and how to order them on a number line. They are also studying exponents, order of operations, greatest common factor, and least common multiple. Students are currently working on operations with fractions and learning how to divide with and without models.

The math department is looking forward to a great year with your students and would like to remind all parents and guardians that we offer after-school tutoring on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons until 5:00 pm and Thursday mornings from 7:50 am - 8:50 am. To ensure a successful program, we ask that all students sign-up in advance (in the appropriate classroom) and come prepared with work to complete and/or questions about concepts they are struggling with.

## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

NJHS had elections on September 30th. Officers were elected and they are as follows:

**President** - Catharine Emery

**Secretary** - Jasmine Rodriguez Ramos

**Treasurer** - Madison Underwood



Please note that Mr. Livermore will be pulling grades from the first quarter to determine which 7th and 8th grade students are at/above the 3.59 mark. Those that are will be receiving invitations and applications for NJHS and will need to be filled out by November. The due date is TBD.

**A few spots are left!**



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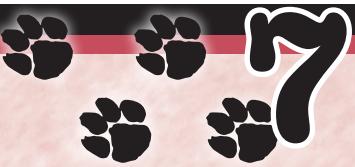
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## PE NOTES

We have had a great start to the school year beginning in August with fitness activities. We focused on workouts with our students rotating to different stations targeting different body parts. We also began doing our Pacer assessments and circuit training, which will run throughout the course of the school year. The PACER assessment measures students' endurance while circuit training works out all muscle groups. We are trying to give our students a well-rounded knowledge of fitness so they can take what they learn and use it in their daily life.

In September, we began our indoor/cooperative games unit, which helps students work on sportsmanship, team-work, and cooperation. The games will be reviewed throughout the course of the school year. Students will be responsible for knowing the rules and procedures for these games for part of their Mid-term and final exams.

We will be heading outside to begin our training for the mile run in the beginning of November. We will do our "cross country" run and 40-yard dash in the end of October.

PCMS sports have begun! Basketball runs through October 19 with playoffs at PCHS, then volleyball starts with try outs at the end of the month (October 28). At the time this is being written both our boys and girls teams are undefeated!



## BASKETBALL ROSTERS

**Girls** - Michelle Boggan, Krystal Brown, Trinity Bruno, Kyndall Ellis, Mariah Epting, Jizelle Innocent, Aryianna Lockey, Angelina Magallanes, Jaiden Nazzaro, Bethany Saunders, Zaroya Solomon

**Boys** - Brody Burns, Amir Delcin, Khyre Ellis, Roland Federick, Edd Guerrier, Brennan Ingle, Moses Innocent, Issac Ivery, Jordan Johnson, Dallas Lambert, Landon LeFresne, Thomas Luc, Jamal Streeter, Shawn Supina



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- Pay attention/Listen. Not all children are going to come out and explain to you how they are feeling and why. More often you will see the way they are feeling in changes in behavior. When you see clues from your child that something may be bothering them, open the communication instead of waiting for them to do so. Children don't often have the words yet to express what they are going through and how they are feeling, maybe offer some words through telling a story of someone else who has experienced trauma and allow the child some space to talk if they choose to. If your child does decide to open up, listen.
- Be the one. Most people who have faced trauma as a child and were able to come through that okay were people who can pin point someone in their life who was that one person who helped them through, who was there for them, who was a positive role-model, who encouraged them. You can be that one person for someone. If no one close to you has experienced trauma, there are other kiddos out there that could use you in a mentoring capacity. There are programs like big brother, big sister, that could open possibilities for you to be the one to someone who really needs it.
- Show you care/find resources. Sometimes trauma requires some resources. Counseling for example, may be something that a person experiencing or who has experienced trauma would benefit from. After listening to your kiddo, evaluate what type of resources may be necessary to make sure that your kiddo is safe, and that their needs are being addressed.

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