



Good evening PSPA Middle Grades Students and Parents,

Happy Sunday! Hope you had a wonderful weekend and are ready for another incredible week at PSPA.

Here are some updates for the week:

### **6TH GRADE MARINE BIOLOGY PBL**

This past week, our sixth graders, led by Ms. Perez, Ms. Fiser, and Ms. Sheehan, presented their projects on marine life. Students explored the marine ecosystem, investigated the threats facing marine animals, and developed innovative solutions to protect and conserve marine life. Each student selected an area they were passionate about—social media, education, art, or engineering—and worked on solutions within their chosen field.

Great job, 6th Graders!

### **DIGITAL DETOX**

We had over 100 students participate in this past week's Digital Detox activity. I hope that if your child was able to participate that they gained an appreciation for taking time away from their phones and were able to interact with you, went outside to get fresh air, or any number of other things instead of being on their phones. All students who participated got a Dress Down Day, and four students were chosen as winners of \$100. Congrats to all the students.

### **WINTER FOOD DRIVE**

Please help our NJHS and Pioneer With a Purpose collect non-perishable foods for the Holly Springs Food Cupboard.

We will be collecting items this week, February 3rd-7th. You can drop off at either campus.

Elementary-Main Office Lobby

Middle-Pioneer Time Teacher (there are incentives for the PT Classes that collect the most items)

### **DANCING WITH THE STAFF**

Just like Dancing with the Stars, PSPA is holding our own dance competition including your favorite Middle School Principals and other staff members! Please come out and support our

staff members as we have been working hard over the past few weeks with a professional dance teacher to hone our skills.

This is a fundraising event for a school we have partnered with in Tanzania. We hope to see you there!

### **SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEEK**

This week, the nation honors school counselors. We are very lucky to have an incredible counselor right here in our building each and every day. Be sure to thank Ms. Breslin (and her elementary counterpart, Mr. Winbush), for all that they do for our students, our community, and our school!

### **PIONEER PIT STOP**

Our school store will be open on February 6 for students to purchase items and Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

### **WINTER SPORTS WRAP UP**

We are so proud of our Winter Sports athletes, the girls and boys basketball teams, the cheerleaders, and the dance team. All of those athletes put a great deal of time and dedication into their respective team and have represented PSPA well. Thank you coaches!

### **SPRING SPORTS TRYOUTS**

Despite all the cold weather, Spring is almost here!

Softball tryouts will be February 10th. Be on the lookout for additional information from Coach Parker.

Baseball tryouts will start February 10th. Be on the lookout for more information from Coach Seevers on interest meeting dates and tryouts information. If you are interested in trying out please complete the [Interest Form](#)

\*Soccer tryouts will start February 4th. If you are interested in trying out please complete the [Interest Form](#) so you can be added to the communication list from Coach Opitz and Coach Peck.

\*Depending on when Basketball Playoffs end

Please make sure all required documentation is updated in the [Dragonfly App](#) as this will be required to be completed prior to tryouts to participate. If you have any questions please reach out to Coach Davis.

### **LACROSSE OPPORTUNITIES**

Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in the country, and the South Wake area has been a hotbed of the sport for many years! Did you know that there are middle school lacrosse options for area athletes interested in playing the sport? New and Experienced players in 6-8th

grade can join their local lacrosse club, which offers the opportunity for middle school athletes to play with their friends and future teammates, learn the game of lacrosse, and be ready to compete as they enter high school!

#### FOR BOYS:

For student-athletes slated to attend Holly Springs HS, and Felton Grove High School, you can join the Galaxy Hawks Lacrosse Club - [Click Here for Website and Details](#). Want more information on the Galaxy Hawks or have questions? Email [futurehawkslc@gmail.com](mailto:futurehawkslc@gmail.com).

For student-athletes slated to attend Middle Creek HS, you can join the Junior Mustangs Lacrosse Club - [Click Here for Website and Details](#). Want more information on the Junior Mustangs or have questions? Email [CoachHolota@gmail.com](mailto:CoachHolota@gmail.com).

If your future school isn't listed here, but you are interested in playing middle school lacrosse there are other program options! Feel free to visit the Triangle Youth Lacrosse Conference website <https://www.tylclacrosse.com/> to learn more about local lacrosse options.

Lacrosse is a fast-paced, exciting sport and middle school is the perfect time to learn the game. Athletes that play football, basketball, baseball, hockey, and soccer often pick lacrosse up quickly. It is a spring sport in high school, and a great time to join in on a growing sport in the area.

#### FOR GIRLS:

Contact: [Sopko@team91lacrosse.com](mailto:Sopko@team91lacrosse.com) for opportunities in the area.

#### **ATHLETICS**

<https://www.pspaathletics.org/>

#### **FROM OUR PBL COACH**

Please click on the [linked document](#) to view the current Project-Based Learning units our students are working on.

#### **POSITIVITY PROJECT**

This week is a Spiral review week which is built into our [annual calendar](#) and provide our staff with three options: 1) complete weekly lessons for any character strength previously missed on the calendar; 2) spiral back to strengths taught this year by selecting from a cache of lessons designed to deepen understanding and take learning to the next level; or 3) try out a new Scripted Project Based Learning unit.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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