



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:

### **NJHS WINTER FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you to all of the families who were able to donate for our Food Drive for the Holly Springs Food Cupboard. We know we ask a lot from our families, but drives like these are the most important for our community.

### **NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEEK**

Thank you to everyone who reached out to recognize our incredible school counselor, Ms. Breslin. She felt the love from all around the school.

### **ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS**

Be on the lookout for information to tour your base high school and learn more about the programs they offer. If you are unsure what school is your base, you can find it using [this website](#) (WCPSS only).

You also have the opportunity to check out Magnet and Early College options, as well as other charter schools and private schools. Now is the time to reach out if you have not done so already.

### **DANCING WITH THE STAFF**

Come on out this upcoming Saturday, 2/15, for 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.

You can find all of our posters [HERE](#), along with QR Codes for donations.

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

## **SPRING PICTURES**

This Thursday is Spring Pictures at the Middle School, and we do allow students to wear what they would like for Spring Pictures (Dress Up or Dress Down). Students will be going with their Social Studies teacher to take their pictures. There will not be a makeup day for these.

## **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 be February 10th-12th from 3:45-5:30.

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.

## **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, our school community will focus on the character strength of **Love**. Love means you value close relationships with others and being close to people.

Love is shown through our thoughts, feelings, and actions toward those we care about. When we love someone, we comfort them, make them feel safe, support them during tough times, and often put their needs before our own. When someone loves us, we feel safe and secure and can be ourselves around them. We miss them when they are not around.

Love is important for our community and society. We all depend on each other for happiness and well-being. Love creates positive feelings, helping to reduce loneliness, anxiety, and depression. Without love, we can't form strong bonds with our families, friends, or communities. A world without love would be a lonely and unsafe place.

To practice and encourage the character strength of love at home, please visit The Positivity Project's mobile-friendly P2 for Families (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)), where you will watch a video together and discuss a quote and three questions.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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