



Good evening PSPA Middle Grades Students and Parents,

Here are some updates for the week:

7TH GRADE PROBABILITY GAMES

We had an amazing time with our elementary students last week as they came up to take part in our annual Probability Games. Our 7th grade Math students were tasked with creating a game that they could use to determine the probability of an outcome. We had all kinds of games and activities, and students were required to keep track of their tickets and the outcomes so that they would use that data upon returning to class. Great job, 7th Graders!

SPRING DANCE

This Friday, from 6:00-8:00, is our Alice In Wonderland Spring Dance put on by our Student Council. Tickets are on sale for \$10 on Infinite Campus; there will not be tickets for sale at the door. All students attending will need to pick up a permission slip from the front office before the dance and bring it with them that evening. Here is a copy of the permission slip, both front and back.

UPPER SCHOOL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

As Mr. Friend mentioned in a recent email, the Holly Springs Town Council will be voting this Tuesday on our Land Use Development Plan for our upcoming Upper School construction project. If you are able to join us that evening at 7:00pm to show your support, that would be wonderful! Hope to see you there!

END OF YEAR EVENTS

As we are getting closer to the end of the year(!) I wanted to make sure you had some specific dates on your calendar for upcoming evening events.

April 11-PTO Spring Carnival

April 15-PBL Showcase

April 22-Spring Music Concert

April 23-Athletics Recognition Night

April 29-Spring Night of the Arts

May 1-NJHS Induction

May 2-8th Grade Semi-Formal

May 22-8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Please keep an eye out for information about each of these events, including time and location.

2026 8TH GRADE WASHINGTON DC TRIP

We will hold a meeting for interested parents of current 7th graders who would like to hear information about the 2026 Trip. That meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday, March 25, at 6:00. Here is the information if you wish to attend that meeting.

2026 Washington DC Trip Parent Meeting Tuesday, March 25 · 6:00 – 7:00pm Time zone: America/New_York Google Meet joining info

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/una-crqe-rvx Or dial: (US) +1 252-656-5514 PIN: 235 958 730#

More phone numbers: https://tel.meet/una-crqe-rvx?pin=9034624314768

ATTENTION 8TH GRADERS SLATED TO GO TO FELTON GROVE

The principal of Felton Grove High School, Mr. Morrison, and members of his staff will be here on March 19 at 6:00pm in the PSPA Gymnasium. They will be discussing class registration and answer questions you may have. Please come and bring your rising 9th grader.

IREADY CHALLENGE

Hopefully, your child has informed you about our iReady Challenge that we implemented recently. If not, please be sure to ask them about it. There are some cool rewards for meeting their goals, such as a Dress Down Day ticket, a PJ/Cozy Dress Day, and a Jam Session/Game Time period. Students need to get their logs signed on Tuesday or Thursday morning to get credit for their hard work. The last day to earn rewards is Thursday, March 27.

RAMADAN

As Ramadan is going on, we would like to offer the opportunity for students who are observing to spend lunch time in a place separate from their peers if they so choose. If your child would like to be a part of this, please have them come to the main office at the beginning of lunch, and they will be able to sit in the conference room for the duration of lunch.

ATHLETICS

We have a number of Soccer, Softball, and Baseball games this week. Please come out to cheer on our Pioneers!

https://www.pspaathletics.org/

FROM OUR PBL COACH-Updated as of 2/25

Please click on the <u>linked document</u> 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 of Learning**. Love of learning means enjoying the process of learning new things, whether in school or on your own.

People with a love of learning are motivated because they find joy in learning itself, not just for rewards like grades or prizes. They are driven by the excitement of discovering and mastering new skills.

Developing a love of learning is important for students because it helps them stay motivated and engaged. It can also improve their mental and physical well-being as they take pride in overcoming challenges and growing.

To practice and encourage the character strength of Love of Learning at home, please visit The Positivity Project's mobile-friendly P2 for Families (available in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>), 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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