



Good evening PSPA Middle Grades Students and Parents,

Here are some updates for the week:

### **TANZANIA T-SHIRTS**

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased one of the t-shirts designed by our 8th grade math students. They worked so hard and are looking forward to seeing all of the shirts being worn on those Fridays. As of the last check, we collected over \$8000, with tabulations still on-going. Once I have that final number, I will share it.

### **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.

### **“SAY SOMETHING” WEEK**

Our school community will celebrate "Say Something" week March 3-7, 2025. "Say Something" is the program that enables students to anonymously report an issue 24/7/365 through an app, hotline, or website when they see a classmate who is at risk of harming themselves or others. The themes for the week include: *Make a Difference Monday, Upstander Tuesday, Who's With me Wednesday, Trusted Adult Thursday and Unity Fri-yay*. On Friday the 7th, we encourage students to wear green (this is also a spirit wear day) to show unity in our shared commitment to violence prevention. You can learn more about our Say Something program at [www.sandyhookpromise.org/saysomething](http://www.sandyhookpromise.org/saysomething).

### **RAMADAN**

As Ramadan began last Friday, 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.

### **PIONEER PIT STOP**

This month's School Store will take place this Thursday, March 6 during arrival. The crew will once again be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts, as well as a gluten free option, along with other

knick-knacks. Students will have to eat the doughnuts on the Grand Staircase, and sales will end when the 8:25 bell rings.

## **ATHLETICS**

We had our first girls' Soccer game last week, with the Pioneers winning 3-0. We have Baseball, Softball, and Soccer games this week, all at home. 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 [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 ***Humility***. Humility means not seeking attention and letting your actions speak for themselves. Humble people understand their abilities and achievements without underestimating them. They can admit mistakes, accept advice, and are open to new ideas. They don't show off their successes or possessions.

Developing humility helps people reflect on how they can improve and work well with others. It allows them to grow and become valuable team members.

To practice and encourage the character strength of humility 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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