

“Dare To Be Remarkable!”

**PLEASANT GROVE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL MISSION
STATEMENT:**

Within our four strong walls at PGE, we strive together as companions... to nurture excellence, celebrate the worth of each person, foster respect for one another, and promote never-ending learning.

April Dates:

April 3 – 6: 9:30-1:30 Davis / Voegel
YMCA Learn To Swim program

April 3: 3:30-5:00 YMCA
enrichment

April 4: 8:15 Chorus; 12:30-1:30
PreK Spring Picnic

April 6: 2:00 Honor Roll Celebration;
5:30-7:00 PTA Movie Night / Ice
Cream Social

April 9: 4:00-6:00 Media Monthly

April 9 – 12: 9:30-1:30 Kreider /
Schenck YMCA Learn To Swim
program

April 9 – April 20: 3rd gr ELA / FSA

April 9 – May 4: 4th & 5th gr ELA; 3rd,
4th, & 5th gr Math

April 10: 3:30 – 5:00 YMCA
enrichment

April 11: 8:15 Chorus

April 16: 4:15 SAEC Meeting
everyone welcome

April 16 – 19: 4th gr. ELA; 5th gr.
Math

April 17: 3:30 – 5:00 YMCA
Enrichment

April 18: 8:00 Chorus

April 23 – 26: 4th gr. Math; 5th gr.
ELA

April 23-27: Teacher requests

April 24: 3:30 – 5:00 YMCA

enrichment; 5:30 Safety Patrol
Parent Meeting in Mrs. Atkin’s room

April 25: 8:15 Chorus

April 26: 6:45 am 3rd gr. field trip to
Sea World

April 30 – May 4: 5th grade FCAT
Science

May 1: YMCA enrichment

May 2: 8:15 Chorus

May 3: 4:00 – 5:30 Kindergarten
Round Up

May 4: 10:00 Kg Concert; 10:30 –
11:45 Kg. Parent Day

***Please see the reverse side
for FSA Testing dates in April***

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@PGE_Stars

Dear PGE Families,

As the weather slowly begins to warm carrying us into spring it is hard to believe we have entered the last 9 weeks of our school year! As I am sure you are aware, report cards will be sent home this week. We hope you will take a few moments to review the report card with your child and discuss their academic progress. This report card is a great opportunity to talk about any area in which your child may need additional help.

In the coming month teachers will be in contact to inform you if your student is not

meeting grade level standards. If you would like to meet with your child’s teacher, please contact them as soon as possible.

Spring Break is next week! We hope during this time away from school that daily reading may be planned for at least 30 minutes each day.

Students can increase their comprehension as they read through the use of journal writing.



Just around the corner our Shooting Stars will begin to “show what they know” through our Florida State Assessment tests. Please encourage your child to read all passages and questions thoroughly, always work hard during each test, and to think through their responses.

Thank you for your continued support.

Janet Tuggle

PGE wants your feedback. Please go to the link below to respond to our family survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PGEparent>. This information will help us make school improvement decision for next school year. THANK YOU for your time and suggestions.

April Character Trait: Sportsmanship

With springtime comes sports! Between baseball, soccer, golf, and softball, adults and kids alike will be talking non-stop about their favorite sports. With sports fever around, now can be a good a time as ever to reinforce the concept of sportsmanship. Sportsmanship can affect children both on and off the field and encourage them to explore the concepts of trust, self-esteem, and respect, among many other important traits.

One of the common myths is that teaching and enforcing sportsmanship is the sole responsibility of the coach. While the coach’s job is to enforce the guidelines of sportsmanship, the real job of teaching sportsmanship starts at home. Look for these opportunities to teach sportsmanship to your child:

- **Focus on fun.** Whether they’re playing soccer or gin rummy, the key here, especially for younger kids, is keeping the attention on the main idea: having fun. Remind kids that they should be enjoying themselves, making friends, learning new skills, trying a variety of sports, and discovering how to play cooperatively with teammates,
- **Be aware of what kind of sport YOU are.** Kids pick up on what is acceptable by watching how their parents behave. Think about how you respond when your favorite team loses or when you miss that shot on the golf course. Kids will see your sportsmanship when you encourage others for their success or when you cheer on a rival team when they make a particularly good play.
- **Emphasize graciousness.** Make sure your child congratulates the winner. It’s not always easy to do, but it’s so important to put a smile on your face, extend your hand, and say, “Good game.”

How else can you demonstrate and practice this trait at home?

The 2017-18 Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Parent Survey will be open from February 1 to May 31, 2018. Each parent of an ESE student will be receiving an envelope containing a survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. When you receive this survey, please complete and return it prior to May 31. The online version of the survey is also available to all parents at www.esesurvey.com.


2017-18 FSA TESTING dates and times for Grades 3, 4 and 5:

| FSA/NGSS Testing Calendar 2016-2017 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Date | Grade Level | Subject | Test Type | Days of Testing | Minutes per session |
| March 6th | 4th grade 5th grade | ELA Writing | Paper based | 1 | 120 mins |
| April 10th and 11th | 3rd grade | ELA Reading | Paper based | 2 | 80 mins per day |
| April 16th-19th | 4th grade | ELA Reading | Computer based | 2 | 80 mins per day |
| | 5th grade | Math | Computer based | 2 | 80 mins per day |
| April 23rd-26th | 4th grade | Math | Computer based | 2 | 80 mins per day |
| | 5th grade | ELA Reading | Computer based | 2 | 80 mins per day |
| April 30th-May 3rd | 3rd grade | Math | Computer based | 2 | 80 mins per day |
| April 30th and May 1st | 5th grade | Science | Paper based | 2 | 80 mins per day |

FSA Test Taking Tips

The night before:

- Help your child get to bed on time. Research shows that being well-rested helps students do better.
- Help children resolve immediate arguments before going to bed.
- Keep your routine as normal as possible. Upsetting natural routines may make children feel insecure.
- Mention the test to show you're interested, but don't dwell on it.
- Plan ahead to avoid conflicts on the morning of the test.

The morning of the test:

- Get up early to avoid rushing. Be sure to have your child at school on time.
- Have your child eat a good breakfast but not a heavy one. Research shows that students do better if they have breakfast before they take tests.
- Be positive about the test. Acknowledge that tests can be hard and that they're designed so that no one will know all of the answers. Explain that doing your best is what counts. The important thing is to make your child comfortable and confident about the test.

FSA Resources

This website contains practice tests that can be accessed from home, as well as frequently asked questions, and reference sheets.

<http://fsassessments.com/students-and-families/>

Florida
Standards Assessments

Tidwell's m^Ath Tip

Mathematical Practices – Standard 7

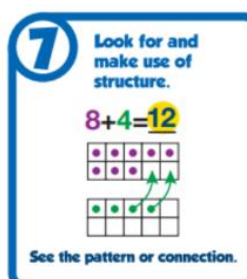
Students often try to relate problems to questions or situations they have had in the past. Seeing and understanding how numbers and shapes work together to make patterns often creates some of the best problem solving situations. When students try to connect these mathematical ideas together they are looking for and making use of structure. Being able to take a step back and look at the big picture while problem solving often allows one to see that it is made up of several other tasks that may be solved individually.

Questions to Ask Your Child:

What are some other problems that you have solved in the past that are similar to this problem?

What patterns do you see?

What do you notice?





THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PGE!

Your fundraising dollars are designated to help our school in two ways.

-School Improvement: PTA, BoxTops, Corporate Donations, Read-a-thons, and Walk-a-thons

-Student and Staff Recognition: Pictures, McTeacher's Night, Target

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ADOPT-A-CLASS:

As we continue the 2017-2018 school year, we are again looking for businesses or individuals who would like to help provide needed materials to a classroom.

Thank you to the following Adopt-A-Class sponsors for supporting our classrooms:

Bussinger Boutique, Dimples & Daisies Photography, Joe's Deli, CMG-Ryan Waller, C & C Carpet Cleaning, Diamond Dance Academy, Domino's Pizza, Mike Scott Plumbing, Dun-Rite Electric Service, Dennis & Melinda Wesbecker, Jeanne Pickrel / Century 21, Tim Stone, Dave Cook, The Mini Gym (2), Mann-icure Lawn Service (2), Glory Nails (2), Mike and Brenda Fitzpatrick, Kelly Hawkins (2), Chuck and Mary Doolittle (3), Wayne and Donna Babyak (2), Kane's Ace Hardware (2), First Baptist Church of Floral City, Wrightson Enterprises, inc., Anytime Fitness, Inverness, Martone and Associates, Lodge #118 Free & Accepted Masons

Please consider supporting their business and sharing your thanks with them!

SPLASH BASH notes...

PGE's annual Splash Bash to honor student achievement and positive behavior will be held on Friday May 18, 2018 during regular school hours. The celebration is a full day of indoor and outdoor activities for all of our students. We are in need of volunteer support. If you are willing to help in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and will be assigned a location to help facilitate activities. If you are interested, please email Karen Isrow at isrowk@citrus.k12.fl.us or leave a message at 637-4400 by Monday May 7th. We are also in need for donations to make the day run smoothly. If you can donate any of the following items, please bring them in by Friday May 11th. Items include: cases of bottled water, foam splat balls (lots are needed), water misting spray bottles and large car wash sponges. Thank you for your support in making the day a success for the students.



Special Areas News:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURT:

As we enter the last rotation of Special Areas in April, we will be teaching those activities that promote lifetime exercise. Our students will be learning how to bowl, play shuffleboard, bocce and horseshoes. We encourage our students and their families to exercise and play games together.

~Ms. Vernazzaro

ARTFUL UPDATE:

The art room looks like a jungle. No seriously, we are learning about French artist, Henri Rousseau. He's well known for his jungle paintings. Through this artist study, the students have been creating jungle animals and jungle collages. Third and fourth graders are finishing up a unit of study on clay as they have been making clay creations to take home. As they bring their creations home in a box with bubble wrap, please recycle the box and bubble wrap back to the art room for other projects to be transported home safely.

~Mrs. Koelber

MUSIC NOTES:

We had eight 5th graders represent PGE at the 2018 All County Chorus Concert on March 9th. It was an amazing night of music comprised of students from all over Citrus County Schools. These students worked very hard and represented us well. Pictured above: (Back) Lily Borge, Carly Knazur, Kayla Gordon, Sally Smith, Talya Nieves, Domonic

Malcolm, (Front) Lilly Treece, Emma Hencik.

Our PGE Chorus has grown. We have added third graders to perform with us this Spring and we have doubled in size!

In music, we are continuing to build vocabulary with musical terms, creating our own ways to remember the lines and spaces on the musical staff, and composing our own pieces. In primary grades, we have made a new friend named Groovy Joe.



~Mrs. Crawford

MEDIA/TECH BYTES:

Thank you for those of you who RSVP'd and joined us in March for Book Club. We had a great turn out and the night was enjoyed by all. If you did not attend, donate the book to your child's classroom teacher for use in his/her classroom library. The last day for checkouts will be May 2nd tentatively with all books due on May 16th, and our last Media Monday of the year will be held on April 9th. Reminders will be sent home for overdue books. Please send books in or pay for them ASAP or contact me if there is a financial hardship. Thank you for helping to keep our library collection intact! 😊

~ Mrs. Boynton

