



POINCIANA

ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome back PAFA Stars! I hope each of you had a wonderful break and enjoyed special time with friends and family. I am confident that everyone has returned to school with renewed enthusiasm! The start of a new year provides an ideal time to reflect on where we have been and where we are heading.

We worked hard and gained much valuable knowledge in the first semester. We must now utilize the skills learned from the first half of the school year to continue growing and learning in the second half of the school year. Our students will be diving into lots of great content while enhancing their learning through the arts in all subject areas. We look forward to a successful third quarter!

~Dr. Dos Santos



STAR NEWS

Why does attendance matter?

Children who are consistently absent from school miss out on fundamental reading and math skills. Research has shown that good attendance correlates with success in school and beyond! Children need to be present in order to learn much needed skills to prepare them for life after school.

Here at PAFA, we recognize this need and celebrate attendance every month! We honor students with perfect attendance for the month and students who have shown improvement in their daily attendance. Please help us with our attendance initiative by ensuring your child is at school every day!

LITERACY NEWS

Why should kids read 20 minutes a day?

Many of us have had a teacher tell us to read a book for 20 minutes at home. But, why? We become better readers, by reading! We learn by reading. We become even smarter by reading. Reading is used in all subject areas. Reading exercises our brains. What other reasons can you think of why kids should read for at least 20 minutes a day?



KEY DATES

1/20/2020: No School- MLK Holiday

1/27/2020: Report Cards go home

1/27/2020: Literacy Night at 4:30 p.m.

1/30/2020: SAC Meeting at 4 p.m. & STEM Night at 6 p.m.

2/4 & 2/5: Honor Roll Ceremonies (invitations will be sent home)

2/7/2020: The "Cinderella" Ballet 6:00 p.m. at Liberty High School

2/21/2020: No School- Rodeo Day

2/27/2019: SAC Meeting at 4 p.m.

3/16-20/2020: Spring Break

3/25/2020: Arts Integration Night at 4:30 p.m.

MATH NEWS

There continues to be many great things happening with Math and Science here at PAFA! We had a successful Math Night in November and have a fun STEM Family Night sponsored by The Orlando Science Center coming in January. Our teachers are working diligently with our students to build upon the required skills that will allow each student to reach their potential. We use school and district generated data to identify areas of focus that the teams work on during grade-level math intervention time.

In the second semester, we will focus on the following:

Kindergarten: Adding, Subtracting, & Counting

1st Grade: Place Value, Comparing two-digit numbers, & using strategies to model addition and subtraction

2nd Grade: Time and Money, Numbers to 1,000, & using models to add/subtract within 1,000

3rd - 5th Grades: Fractions, Measurement & Data

WE  MATH

OUR ARTS PROGRAMS



Arts News:

Chorus Our Star Chorus had a very exciting first half of the year! They were invited to perform at Poinciana Fest in November and at the Poinciana Medical Center Cookies with Santa event in December. They worked super hard during the first semester and we look forward to future performances! The Star Chorus will begin Spring rehearsals on Monday, January 13th. All 3rd-5th grade students are welcome to join. Stay tuned for Spring performance opportunities!

Dance A big performance is on the horizon! The 'Cinderella' Ballet will debut on February 7th, 2020, at the Liberty High School stage. Known as PAFA's biggest annual production, tickets go on sale the week of January 15th at \$10 for regular seats and \$15 for VIP seating. Don't miss out on these awesome opportunities to see our *Stars* shine on the stage!

PE Our Stars have been busy at PE during the first half of the year! From the Pacer test to the Turkeython, our students have been moving and shaking in PE. We even sent a team to compete in the district Fitness Olympics back in October. We look forward to more fun activities in the second semester!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Literacy Night

PAFA's Literacy Night will be here soon! On January 27th, join us from 4:30- 6:30 PM--Adventure Awaits!

ACCESS Testing

All ESOL students will be participating in ACCESS testing between January and Spring Break.

Spring Pictures

Class pictures will be taken on January 21st--students should wear school uniforms. Spring individual pictures are on February 18th--school uniform not required on this day.

Spring Bookfair

Bookfair will be January 27th- January 31st, 2020.