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Principal's Message

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I have to admit that I put off writing this newsletter message as long as possible. Our office assistant Apple Atofau (who is in charge of the newsletter) has exercised incredible patience, but it's finally time to compose this note to our community.

As the district announced on Jan. 23, I will be the principal at Forest Grove Elementary School next year. I am excited about the personal growth that I am sure to experience as I embark on a new endeavor and serve a whole new group of talented educators and supportive families.

Before my excitement builds while contemplating the transition to Forest Grove, I would be remiss if I did not pause to express my sincerest gratitude to our Pacific Grove Middle School Community.

I came to PGMS in the fall of 2008 as a brand new administrator. From the moment I walked on to this campus, the teachers and support staff welcomed me, gave me a chance to prove myself, and were patient as I figured out the intricacies of learning to be an assistant principal.

In the years that followed, teachers always empathized with difficult disciplinary decisions that I had to make; and our office staff, custodians, food service workers, and aides made everything run smoothly, so I could focus on the students and help build a culture where kids respected each other.

PGMS principal at the time Mary Riedel taught me what it meant to be a good administrator through her daily example of strength, class, and poise. I never had to go far for advice in those first years because I could always step in to Mary's office and receive wisdom and guidance – not to mention some laughs.

The past four years as principal at PGMS have disappeared faster than a seventh grader's lunch.

When speaking to our staff, I tried to communicate the message that we could build the school of our dreams. It is within our power to create a school community where forming positive relationships and living a life of service results in a high level of student achievement.

At its core, our vision was to help build a place where the students, teachers, and staff loved to work and attend school, where all of the adults on campus rekindled the passion that led them to a career in schools.

I'll miss the cheerful morning greeting from our office staff as I walk in the door.

I'll miss walking the halls in the morning buoyed by the boundless energy of middle schoolers.

I'll miss watching our teachers ply their craft with passion.

I'll miss meeting with our teacher leaders, being inspired by their vision to improve the school.

I'll miss the conversations with the adults on campus ranging from major life events to the nuances of daily life.

I'll miss the concerts, the rallies, the sporting events, the plays, honors events, dances, ... all of those special gatherings that build the culture of our school.

And finally, I'll miss the joy the students have given me even as they find their way through a time of great change and growth in their lives.

Pacific Grove Middle School is a special place, and I know that the district will choose a gifted leader who will build upon the accomplishments of the past.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the PGMS community over the past seven years, and I am the far better person because of it.

“For you, I will...”
~ Buck Roggeman

CHILL Update
Courage Honor Integrity
Lasting Loyalty

Sean Roach, Assistant Principal

January began with a flurry of activities including the 100 Days of School assembly and National Kindness week. Our 100 Days of School assembly was an extremely successful and positive look at the first 100 days of the school year as well as some positive words of encouragement for the remainder of the school year. The Leadership class along with Mr. Roach assembled teachers and staff to celebrate the kindness and charity shown by PGMS this year including:

- Ice Bucket Challenge which raised \$569 for fight ALS
- Fundraiser: Animal Friends Rescue Project
- Red Ribbon Week (pledging to remain drug and alcohol free)
- Veteran's day: Veterans of Foreign Wars fundraiser (raising over \$2700 for wheelchairs for disabled Veterans)
- Fundraiser to continue to fund college for Mathieu (our sponsor from Africa)
- Holiday Food Drive/Toy Drive
- Walk with Pride (PTSA fundraiser for supplies for teachers)

THE GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE AT PGMS!

This week will be a spirit week emphasizing kindness. Each day we will be a dress up day with a kindness theme. Let's continue to be kind to each other and charitable towards those less fortunate!

Monday: Pajama Day - "Dreaming of Kindness"

Tuesday: Hippie Day - "Peace out to Being Mean"

Wednesday: Farmer Day - "Plowing up Happiness"

Thursday: Backwards Day (dress as what you are not: football player -> cheerleader) - "Back to a Time of Kindness"

Friday: Crazy Hair Day - "Crazy for Kindness"

Our next assembly we will be joined by our 4th and 5th grade students from both elementary schools, to enjoy the PGMS production of the Sound of Music! This will be a great trial run for our PGMS thespians as well as an exciting day for our elementary students to come and see what life is like at the middle school! The Sound of Music will be showing February 6 through February 8 at the Performing Arts Center of Pacific Grove.



The 8th graders received their Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk field trip permission packets last week. The packet is due **no later than Mar. 30.**

- All three of these items
- 1) *Parent Permission Slip,*
 - 2) *Medical Emergency Permission Slip,* and
 - 3) *\$70 cash or check payable to PGMS*

Please have your student sign up with their bus buddy at the same time. **BOTH** students must come to the office **TOGETHER** to turn in all three items. If you do not have a bus buddy; we can assign someone for you.

All eligible, promoting 8th grade students may attend Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk on Fri. May 22. Students who do not meet eligibility requirements (see handbook) or misbehave at school will not be invited on this trip. Administrators may use their discretion regarding who gets to go to Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

SPRING CONFERENCES

The PGMS office will be contacting parents of students who are struggling academically to set up a group student/parent/teacher conference. These conferences target only those students who are behind, generally students who are receiving D's and F's.

PLEASE BRING YOUR STUDENT TO THE MEETING!

It is important for them to be a part of the conversation toward improvement. The meeting will be held on **Thurs. Mar. 19.** Please do not be late for your conference as the teachers are trying to see as many students as possible during the time allotted. If your plans change and you cannot make a meeting, please call the school office at 646-6568.

From the Student Handbook...

Truancy

Whenever a student is absent, parents are required to call the school at 646-6568 ext. 305 **before 9:00 a.m.** on the day of the absence. A 24-hour voicemail is available for attendance calls. **All absences must be cleared by a telephone call or note from the parent or guardian within 72 hours of the absence.**

California State law requires students to attend school and all classes on a regular basis. California Education Code recognizes only illness, medical appointments, quarantine, observance of a religious holiday, or attendance at funeral services as excused absences.

All other absences, including family vacations, oversleeping, personal reasons, or any absence not cleared within 72 hours are considered unexcused. A student will also receive an unexcused absence if he/she cuts class or arrives at school without a valid parent excuse 30 minutes after the start of school. When a student receives an unexcused absence, parents are notified, a referral may be written, and after-school detention may be assigned. After the third unexcused absence, California Ed Code considers a student truant and truancy proceedings are initiated with the Monterey County Truancy Abatement Program and the District Attorney's office. **Please note: Teachers are not required to accept make-up work from a student who receives an unexcused absence.**

Tardiness

A student is considered to be tardy if he/she is not seated and prepared to work when the class period begins. Tardies accompanied by a doctor's note or appointment card are excused; however, other tardies, whether the fault of the parent or student, cannot be excused. Tardies are cumulative by quarter. Each period is recorded separately. For each tardy that occurs the following consequence(s) will apply:

Tardy 1: Teacher warning, teacher consequence.

Tardy 2: Teacher warning, teacher consequence, parent may be contacted, student will be issued a warning slip by Asst. Principal.

Tardy 3: Student assigned one detention, parent contacted by Asst. Principal.

Tardy 4: Student assigned two detentions, conference with Asst. Principal, parent contacted by Asst. Principal.

Tardy 5: Student assigned multiple detentions, parent conference with Asst. Principal

Tardy 6: Parent requested to shadow student, other consequences to be determined.

Detention reminder slips will be given to students as a courtesy. Students who have been assigned a detention, must serve that detention, even if they do not receive the reminder slip. Skipping detention will result in the detention being doubled. Students who skip detention more than once may be suspended as that would be considered an act of defiance. **Detention will be held in the Library on Mon., Tues., and Wed. from 3:10-4:00. Students are to silently work on homework while serving detention.**

Disruptive Classroom Behavior

When a student is disruptive in class, the teacher will follow their classroom discipline procedures and may issue the student a consequence. For repeated disruptive behaviors, a teacher may elect to issue the student a referral and send the student to the office for the remainder of the period. Upon arrival there, the student will meet with the Assistant Principal and consequences will be issued. Consequences may include a conference, warning, detention(s), class suspension, full-day suspension, or parent shadow. Repeated disruptive behavior will result in more severe consequences. The Assistant Principal will contact a parent any time a disciplinary referral and consequence is being issued. Teachers have the right to suspend a student from their classroom for a total of two days, including the day of the disruption. If a student is suspended for a class period, he/she will complete class work in the office or Library.

From the PGUSD School Nurse

In order to keep all of our students as healthy as possible and to prevent the spread of illness, I wanted to remind all families that if your student develops **a fever of 99 degrees or higher**, they should not return to school until they have been **fever-free for at least 24 hours**. If your student has experienced any symptoms or manifestations indicative of the stomach flu, they should **stay at home** for at least **24 hours** from the onset of the illness and should be **symptom free** of any stomach flu symptoms before coming back to school.

Many students who develop viral illness in the afternoon or evening may say that they feel better first thing the next morning upon awakening after a night's sleep. As a result, they may feel that they can go back to school. Since the body is still not fully recovered at that point, students commonly report to the health office during the morning periods of class and complain of not feeling well. Most often, they end up not feeling well enough to get through the rest of the day at school and so have to go home.

When in doubt about whether or not your student is feeling well enough to go to school especially if they are in the process of recovering from illness, they should stay at home. That way, they can heal better and more quickly with the extra rest that they need. In addition, they decrease the probability of spreading illness to other students.

Thank you so much for your cooperation,
Katrina Powley, RN
PGUSD School Nurse
831-646-6514

Pacific Grove Middle School presents *The Sound of Music*



Performances by

Students of Pacific Grove Middle School at the Performing Arts Center of Pacific Grove (Auditorium)

Tickets on sale at the door

- Adults \$8
- 17 and younger \$5

Concessions will be available at intermission

Showtimes

Fri. Feb. 6, 7 pm

Sat. Feb. 7, 3 pm

Sat. Feb. 7, 7 pm

Sun. Feb. 8, 2 pm



HONORS NIGHT GUIDELINES

Even though the end of the year seems a long way off, we want to make sure everyone is clear about the guidelines for recognition on Honors Night.

Students will be recognized in a ceremony on **Tues., May 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the PGMS Auditorium.** This program will recognize students that have maintained at least a **3.5 GPA for each of the first three grade marking periods of the school year.** This 3.5 GPA will be based on the letter grades received for each course. Pluses and minuses will not be considered.

Speakers for Honors Night will be selected by staff from among those students who have maintained a 4.0 GPA. Various scholarships will be awarded that evening. This is truly a special evening and we are looking forward to recognizing the many fine, hard-working students at our school.

7th Grade Entry Immunization Requirement



The California State law requires all students entering 7th grade to show proof of the whooping cough booster shot (Tdap). If your student has had the immunization, please bring their updated immunization record to the school office. If he or she has not had the immunization, please call your health care provider to get the vaccination. Students who have not received this booster shot will be excluded from school until they do. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 646-6568.

Conduct Club

PGMS recognizes students who consistently display outstanding citizenship in the classroom. To be eligible to attend the quarterly Conduct Club Lunch, a student must receive straight O's (Outstanding) on his/her report card during the previous quarter. Students eligible to attend the Conduct Club Lunch activity will receive an invitation a few days prior to the event. Students are responsible for obtaining missed classroom assignments during the event.

The Conduct Club Luncheon is on Wed. Mar. 25.
Eligible students will receive a permission slip.
*The permission slip is due into the office **by Mon. Mar. 23, at 3:00 pm.***

***NO LATE PERMISSION SLIPS
WILL BE ACCEPTED!!***

Honor Society Social

The Honor Society Social will be held on **Tues., Mar. 24, 6:30 p.m., in the Gym.** Students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Eligible students will receive an invitation during their Homeroom (2nd period). It is your student's responsibility to pass on the information or you can ask your student if they received an invitation. Any questions, please contact the office 831-646-6568.

Here are upcoming PGMS PTA Dine Out Fundraisers:

Wed. Feb. 25: Pizza My Heart
Wed. Mar. 25: Pepper's

More information about the fundraisers will be posted in the video bulletin as the date gets closer. Thank you!



**Buy your PGMS
yearbook for only \$50
before they run out!
Forms are available in
the office.**

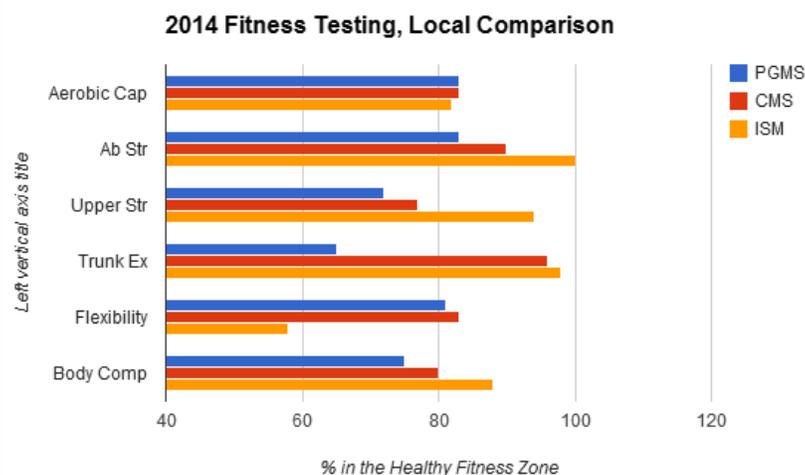
PGMS PE

Breakers are preparing for the Spring Physical Fitness Test

Families, please reference this link to see age-based expectations for 6 components of health-based fitness. Data from the 7th graders will be reported to Sacramento, and all students will take a carefully administered version of the test to prepare for official scores as 7th and 9th graders in 2016!

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/pf/documents/pft14hfststd.pdf>

Here's a chart comparing 2014's 7th graders from PGMS, Carmel Middle, and International School of Monterey.



8th Grade Panorama Picture

When: Tues. Feb. 3

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Order forms can be picked

Presidents' Holiday & Break

Feb. 16- 20

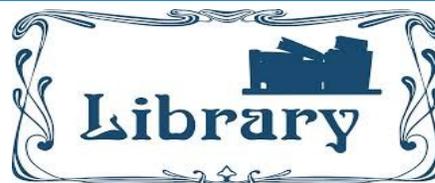
NO SCHOOL

The school wide Spelling Bee is scheduled for Fri. Feb. 13.



Lost and Found

The Lost and Found areas are located near the alcove by the library, in the main office, and inside of the boys and girls locker rooms. Students are encouraged to write their name on all personal items and clothing. Persons finding valuable items should turn them into the office immediately. Students and parents should check the lost and found regularly and only take items originally belonging to him/her. All unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to charity at the end of each quarter.



The library is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Library books may be checked out for two weeks at a time and then must be returned or renewed. Students must take responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged books. Overdue materials may result in the loss of library borrowing privileges. All fines must be paid in order to participate in the end-of-year field trips. Students are not allowed to bring food or drinks into the library.

Students may use the library at lunch by picking up a library pass in the morning before school or during break.

Study Hall: The library is open on Mon-Wed for afterschool study hall from 3:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a quiet, structured drop in program for any student who would like to work on homework or do research on the computers. A faculty member will be present to provide assistance.



January

Each month our faculty selects students of the month for all classes. These students have excelled in one or more of the following areas: ongoing academic achievement, exemplary accomplishment on a particular project or unit, excellence in attitude, effort or improvement.

The selected students are professionally photographed and their photos are displayed on the bulletin board next to the office. A letter is sent home, along with the photographs, bumper sticker, and certificate from the teacher.

Congratulations to all of the selected students!

Office Assistant

Connor Jones & Dezi Green

Social Skills

Garrett Bourez

Teacher's Assist.

Hannah Peralsky

History

Niklas Kennedy

AVID

Jasmine Malone &
Jason Kim

Foods

Sophia Levy

Thrive

Todd Avila

Leadership

Alissa Aguilera &
Megan Miller

Learning Center

Ian Keesecker

Physical Ed.

Hunter Hanes

ELD

Briza Escamilla Luna

CORE

Hannah Johnston, Hannah Shin, Henry Woods, Hunter Yeates, Jenna Hall, Juliana Aliotti, Kelsey Mitchell, Rachel Dal Bon, Sofia Guertin, Stella Kim, Tianna Battistini, & Tucker Evans



Alexandra Andrianova, Brett Shearer, Caroline Coen, Holden Elstob, James Baek, Nadine Poole, Philip Tuffs, & Sophia Levy

Math

Sofia Vandersluis, Gazel Isik, Grace Hardin, & Neidy Castaneda



Bryan Rodriguez, Dylan MacLaren, Jonathan Leon, Josh Moore, Leo Lauritzen, Madison Van Tassel, & Tanya Von Giese

Attention **8th** Grade Parents!

It's time to honor your **8th** grader with a promotion ad!

Information and payment for parents' ads are now being accepted. All ads will be 3.75 by 2.5 inches (business card size).

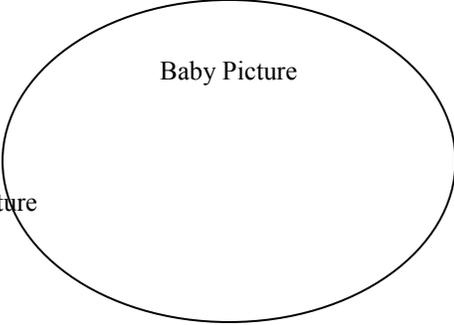
You must submit your ad information and payment of \$25.00 to the office by Friday, February 20, 2015.

Please make checks payable to PGMS and note "yearbook ad" in the memo. If you would like to include a candid shot of your child, please email a digital photo, using a **300 DPI or higher**, to Ms. Costales (jcostales@pgusd.org) before February 20, 2015.

Note: *There is a limited amount of space available for ads; they will be sold on a first-come/paid, first-serve basis.*

Form (complete for your ad)

Print student name: _____
Message: (no more than 35 words, including signature)

<p>Jane Doe</p> <p>Congratulations, our shooting star! We know you will achieve all your goals and dreams. Shine brightly and the world will shine with you!</p> <p>All our love, Mom and Dad</p>	<p>Baby Picture</p>  <p>Random Picture</p>
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Parents: Please print and fill this form out. Please have your student return it to the office as soon as possible. **Thank you.**

PACIFIC GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Photo/Video Release Form

AUTHORIZATION TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR AUDIO-VISUAL

I, _____, hereby authorize the Pacific Grove Unified School District to use, reproduce, and/or distribute and publish photographs and/or video that may pertain to either myself or my student _____, including image, likeness and/or voice without compensation.

I understand that this material may be used by PGUSD for PGUSD related purposes and in various mediums, including electronic and print, such as PGUSD publications, public affairs releases, or for other PGUSD promotional related endeavors. The photo/video may also appear on the Pacific Grove Unified School District website (www.pgusd.org), PGUSD's Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or future PGUSD social media pages. This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn by my specific rescission of this authorization.

PGUSD may also publish materials, use my or my student's name, photograph, and/or make reference to me or my student in any manner that PGUSD deems appropriate in order to promote/publicize its programs and services.

The Pacific Grove Unified School District seeks your consent and release to allow PGUSD to take photos or to record/video you or your student, and to allow PGUSD to use such photographs or recordings as described above. Execution by you of this consent and release does not obligate PGUSD to record and/or use your presentation as described. By executing this consent and release form you are affirming that you are the legal parent or guardian of the above named student.

Signature _____

Date _____

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**PGMS SCHOOL CALENDAR
2014-2015**

**MISSION STATEMENT OF
PACIFIC GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The mission of Pacific Grove Middle School is to provide a quality educational experience that teaches our students the skills and abilities they need to transition into high school with self-esteem, a capacity for critical thinking, a sense of responsibility, global awareness, and respect for self and others. Our staff is committed to setting and achieving high standards of academics and behavior while recognizing and responding to the individual talents and learning styles of our students.

**VISION STATEMENT OF
PACIFIC GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The staff of Pacific Grove Middle School pursues excellence in education by providing a progressive, standards-based program that challenges every student to be an independent thinker and responsible citizen and inspires a desire for lifelong learning.

In an atmosphere that is purposeful and structured, friendly and caring, skills are taught and support is provided to assist the transition from childhood to adolescence. Our team-oriented approach is based on a strong academic foundation and is enhanced by fine arts, vocational and extracurricular opportunities, and the use of current technology. We encourage our students to work to their highest potential and publicly recognize both their efforts and achievements.

Pacific Grove Middle School maintains a positive partnership with the parents of our students and the greater community by collaborating on numerous student-centered programs that model success through cooperation, communication, and enrichment of our environment for personal and academic growth.

If you have any questions about an event, please contact the school office, 646-6568.

February	3 13 16-20 22 25	Tuesday Friday Monday - Friday Sunday Wednesday	8 th Grade Panorama Picture Spelling Bee Presidents' Holidays & Break (<i>no school</i>) Great Taste of PG, Spanish Bay Student of the Month Pictures, 12:30/ Sports Pictures, 3:15
March	6 13 16 19 23 24 25 26 *27 30-31	Friday Friday Monday Thursday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday - Tuesday	Spring Dance, 7 th & 8 th Grade, Youth Center, 7:00-8:30 p.m. End of Third Quarter Staff Development Day, All PGUSD Schools Closed Parent Conference Day Student of the Month Pictures, 12:30/ Sports Pictures, 3:15 Honor Society Social, Gym, 6:30 p.m. Conduct Club Activity Parent Conference Day Minimum Day, Students released at 12:11 Spring Break, no school
April	1-3 8 18 20 22 25 28	Wednesday-Friday Wednesday Saturday Monday Wednesday Saturday Tuesday	Spring Break (<i>no school</i>) 5 th Grade Parent Orientation, Auditorium, 6:15 p.m. & Open House, 7:00-8:30 p.m. CMEA-CCS Regional Solo & Ensemble Festival, PGMS Aud. 8 th Grade community service hours due Student of the Month Pictures, 12:30 Music in the Parks Festival PGMS Volunteer Appreciation Reception, Library, 7:30am - 8:30 a.m.
May	5 13 15 20 22 25 28 * 29	Tuesday Wednesday Friday Wednesday Friday Monday Thursday Friday	Honors Night, Auditorium, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Spring Music Concert, 6:30 pm, Auditorium Awards Assembly 6 th Grade Movie Party, Lighthouse Theater, 3:15-5:45 p.m. 5 th Grade Student Orientation, 9-11:00 & 8 th Santa Cruz Boardwalk, 9:30-5:30 Memorial Day holiday, No School Promotion Ceremony, Aud., 6:30-7:30 p.m. & Promotion Dance, 8:00-10:00 p.m. Minimum Day, End of Second Semester 8 th Grade Pancakes in the Park, End of Second Semester, School Year End

Spirit Days:

Feb. 13: Red, White, Pink Day
27: PJ's day

Mar. 13: Plaid Day
27: Spring Breakers Day (dress in Hawaiian or Luau attire)

*** Minimum Days (November 26, December 19, March 27, May 29)**
Dismissal at 12:11