



Pembroke Pines Charter School Charter Chat 2018-2019

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Empowering Students for the Possibilities of Tomorrow!

Vision - Our vision, as a community, is to cultivate character, and foster life-long learning through a challenging educational experience in a safe environment.

Mission - It is our mission to prepare students to succeed in a global society by providing a personalized and rigorous curriculum through excellence in teaching.

General Information

Advisory Meeting

The next Advisory Board meeting is at the East Campus on February 5, 2019 at the East Campus. You will receive service hours for attending.

Arrival/Dismissal

PPCS is committed to providing students an education in a safe and secure learning environment. Please know that for school safety, children are not to arrive at school prior to 8:15 am (8:05 West Campus) or to remain on school grounds after 3:45 pm. The school has a supervised before and after school child care program for students who need to be dropped off or picked up earlier or later than the times listed above at a cost.

Email Communication

In an effort to assist with going green, Pembroke Pines Charter Schools will be sending messages and information via technology. It's very important that you keep your contact information up to date, including your email address. There are three (3) ways for you to obtain information:

1. Messages will be sent via Parent-Link, which is by telephone and/or email. FOCUS for the FSU Campus.
 2. Messages will be posted on-line on our website, pinescharter.net.
 3. Messages will be sent via Jupiter Grades and/or Pinnacle.
- Please be sure to keep the school informed of any changes in your address, phone number(s) and email address.

Lottery and Re-Enrollment

The Pembroke Pines Charter System Lottery Enrollment and Re-Enrollment for School Year 2019-2020 is open now through March 10, 2019.

ALL currently enrolled students in the PPCS system are required to re-enroll for the 2019-2020 school year online by going

to pinescharterapply.net/enroll

Those who are currently not in the PPCS system may also enroll their child/children into the 2019-2020 school year lottery by going to pinescharterapply.net/enroll.

Newsletter

This is the second newsletter of the 2018-2019 school year. The newsletter will be distributed 2-3 times per year. Please visit the school website for up to date news and information.

Service Hour Policy

We understand that parent involvement is an essential aspect of what makes our schools great and we encourage parents to continue to actively participate in their child's education by providing time and resources.

Uniform Policy

All students must be in uniform each day. Navy blue bottoms, appropriate uniform shirt as well as uniform sweater and/or jacket. Please assist in making sure your child's shirt is properly tucked in. ID's should be displayed at the middle and high school levels. Solid navy blue jacket/sweater may be used. Please remember to put your child's name on all sweaters, jackets and sweatshirts. The uniform policy may be viewed at www.pinescharter.net

**NEW
2018-2019**

Early Release Days and Staff Professional Development Days

Pembroke Pines Charter Elementary and Middle Schools will be dismissing their students at **12:00 p.m.** on the selected days below and **12:45 p.m.** on the remaining early release days so that teachers can attend educational workshops.

Starting in the 2018-2019 school year the Pembroke Pines Charter School system will have 4 additional Early Release days to allow the teachers to participate in Professional Development:

- Thursday, February 7, 2019 - Dismissal at **12:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, February 21, 2019 - Dismissal at 12:45 p.m.
- Thursday, March 7, 2019 - Dismissal at **12:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, March 21, 2019 - Dismissal at 12:45 p.m.
- Thursday, May 9, 2019 - Dismissal at 12:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 4, 2019 - Dismissal at 12:45 p.m.

Advisory Board Dates

Date	Campus	Time
Tuesday, February 5, 2019	East Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 5, 2019	Central Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2, 2019	West Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 7, 2019	East Campus	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 4 or 11, 2019	Central Campus	6:00 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers

City Manager/ Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Charles Dodge
954 - 450-1040

Central Campus

Sean Chance - Principal
Jenny Iznaga - A.P. Elem.
Dr. Linda Montoto - A.P. Middle
Elem. - 954-322-3330
Middle - 954-322-3300

East Campus

Channale Augustin - Principal
Dr. Maria Garcia - A.P.
954 - 443-4800

FSU Campus

Dr. Lisa Libidinsky - Principal
Dr. Kimberly Pizzo - A.P.
954 - 499-4244

West Campus

Michael Castellano - Principal
JoAnna DiGioia - A.P. Elem.
Alan Pfau - A.P. Middle
Elem. - 954-450-6990
Middle - 954-443-4847

Planet T Uniforms

954 - 538-0066

Transportation Authority

954 - 364-4790

IMPORTANT DATES:

School Fees:

Cash or money order only after May 1, 2019.

Service Hours Due:

Friday, May 24, 2019

Activity Fee for the FSU

Campus due:

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Important Dates**February**

2 - SOS Light p the Night 5K
 4/8 - School Counselor's Week
 5 - Dress Down Day - C
 5 - Girl's Volleyball Game - CM
 5/12 - Valentine Grams - CE
 6 - Principal's Honor Roll - CE
 6 - Kids Care Club - FSU
 6 - Spring pictures - FSU
 7 - Dress Down Day - FSU
 7 - **Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m.**
 8 - Literary Night - FSU
 8 - Spring Dance - CM
 9 - City of Kindness event
 11 & 12 - SOS Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza - Fundraiser
 11 - Girl's Volleyball Game - CM
 12 - Interim Reports Issued
 12 - Teacher and Non-Instructional Celebration
 12 - Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza - E
 12 - SOS Dress Down Day - WM
 14 - SOS Dress Down Day - C
 18 - Holiday - NO SCHOOL
 19 - ESE Fundraiser - Monster Golf
 19 - Dress Down - CE
 21- **Early Dismissal at 12:45 p.m.**
 21 - Career Day - WM
 21 - Taste of Pines
 22 - 3/1 - Spring Book Fair - C
 22 - Multicultural & Book Fair Night - C
 23 - Train Show - C
 23 - Garage Sale - E
 26 - Dress Down - C
 27 - Book Club - FSU

March

4 - Flamingo Gardens Field Trip - K - FSU
 5 - Advisory Board Meeting - C
 5 - Dress Down - CE
 6 - Spring Pictures - CE
 6 - All Pro Dads Breakfast - E
 6 - Kids Care Club - FSU
 6 - Miami Herald Spelling Bee
 7 - All Pro Dad Breakfast - FSU
 7 - PTA Chuckie Cheese Fundraiser - E
 7 - Sports Banquet - CM
 12 - SOS Dress Down
 14 - Mindfulness/Mental Health Workshop - C
 15 - Book Exchange - FSU
 15 - Career Day - E
 19 - Dress Down - CE
 20 - Animal Kingdom Field Trip - Gr. 7-WM
 20/21 - St. Augustine Field Trip - FSU
 21- **Early Dismissal at 12:45 p.m.**
 21 - Fun Fest - CM
 22 - Teacher Planning Day - No school
 22 - Mayor's Golf Tournament
 24 - Islands of Adventure Field Trip - Gr. 8 - WM
 25/29 - Spring Break
 25 - Multicultural Night/Book Fair - E

CE= Central Elementary CM=Central Middle
 E=East Campus FSU=FSU Campus
 WE= West Elementary WM= West Middle

Faculty Expanding Their Areas of Expertise

We would like to recognize the following teachers at Pembroke Pines Charter Schools who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified in another subject(s). While doing this they are teaching those subjects to students. They have been approved to teach out of field by the Pembroke Pines Charter School's Governing Board.

West Campus

Dara Sangiova - Gifted

FSU Campus

Mary Wassenaar—Gifted

**Teacher and Non-Instructional Staff of The Year
2018-2019**

Please join us on the following day to honor our Teachers and Non-Instructional Employees of the year on Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the River of Grass at the High School.

Teacher of the Year	Non-Instructional Staff of the Year	Campus
Deborah Carvajal	Anita Graham	Academic Village Middle
Carmen Echeverry	Berta Cuevas	Central Elementary
Elyse Speciale-Vannucchi	Raymond Pichirilo	Central Middle
Jacqueline Van Belle	Luz Valdes	East Elementary
Hayley Barrocas	Lorena Mateo	FSU Campus
William Toha	Anita Graham	High School
Brianni Lorenzo	Nidia Swanson	West Elementary
Giselle Carreno	Keith Cowvins	West Middle

