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Palm Harbor Middle School



Happenings At The Harbor

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Palm Harbor Middle School has been involved with many community projects this year including the Annual Canned Food Drive that was held last month. The PHMS Student Council with the leadership of Mrs. Herrig, 8th grade Social Studies Teacher, collected cans and non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Drive held November 5th through November 12th. Thank you to all who were able to donate and support this great cause.

Congratulations to Mr. Wipoj Huse, PHMS Art Teacher. He has been nominated for Teacher of the Year by PHMS. Three of his students have been selected as the top winners from our school for the International Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Lions Club. Anthea Knappe received 1st place, Janis Wang received 2nd place and Ben Chong received 3rd place.

The November Book Fair in the Media Center was a great success. Volunteer Debbie Cusumano coordinated the event and scheduled numerous volunteers. Mrs. Cindy Millisor, PHMS Media Center Specialist and Jackie Bersch, Family and Community Liaison, are very grateful for the many hands that helped.

The Great American Teach-In was held on November 15th and was an incredibly interesting day. Many thanks to Mr. Shay, PHMS Science Teacher for coordinating this event. PHMS would like to thank all of the wonderful speakers who visited our school and shared their vocations and hobbies with the students. Michelle O'Toole, PHMS Hospitality Chairperson and the PTSA provided snacks and beverages for the speakers.

This month we are hosting our annual "Spirit of Giving" program to help needy families for the Holidays. Each 1st period classroom was given a child's age and wish list. Palm Harbor Sweetbay is partnering with our school. They will have a tree decorated with wishes of anonymous needy children in our area. Jennifer Lotti, PHMS Guidance Counselor, coordinates the Spirit of Giving. This is an opportunity for our students to learn to give to others if they are able. Gifts will be collected from December 3rd through December 18th.

You can support our school by Collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education. There is a collection box in our front office open from 8:30am-4:30pm on weekdays. Two other ways to help our school and our community is by recycling. There is a recycling bin for newspapers behind the school. There is also a yellow bin for gently used clothing items for the homeless. PHMS has many community service opportunities for showing compassion to others and our environment, as well as supporting our school. Thank you for your support.

Have you considered volunteering? There are many opportunities that can be tailored to your availability. Volunteers must register with Pinellas County Schools. PHMS has a need for math tutors and male mentors. Contact Jackie Bersch at (727) 669-1146, ext. 2008 or berschj@pcsb.org for more details.

PHMS would like to thank all of our volunteers and community partners (past and present) for helping our school to be an A+ and

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5-Star School. PHMS received the 5-Star Award at a special ceremony held at the Administration Building in Largo on November 13th. Principal Victoria Hawkins and Jackie Bersch were present to receive the award.

Upcoming Events:

- Basketball Home Game vs. Safety Harbor – Dec. 3rd
- Basketball Home Game vs. Carwise – Dec. 6th
- SAC, 5:30pm – Dec. 10th
- PTSA, 6:15pm – Dec. 10th
- Basketball Home Game vs. Tarpon Springs – Dec. 13th
- Winter Holidays – Dec. 24th - Jan. 4th
- School Reopens – Jan. 7th

- September 2013
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