



PSD GLOBAL ACADEMY
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First Quarter!

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Educating Global Students in a Local Community

The Enterprise Newsletter

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First Quarter Update

The first quarter is coming to an end, and you should be 25% complete in your year-long K-8 courses (or 45% complete for semester 9-12 courses). We are very proud of our hard-working students! Our school-wide theme in September was:

RESPECT

Our students discussed how we respect ourselves, our classmates, our community, and our planet. In their 21st Century enrichment classes, students also discussed internet safety and online ethics. Mr. Melendrez had students share their personal definitions of respect, on

display in the hallway.

During the month of October, students are focusing on our next school-wide theme :

CONFIDENCE

Students in grades K-12 are spending time talking about academic and social confidence. Teachers are encouraging confidence by inviting students to work online during live *Elluminate* sessions to increase discussions among classmates.

Our monthly themes guide our entire school in nurturing responsible global citizens.



Above: Maya and Theresa display respect and confidence in their abilities to help one another in Fine Arts Enrichment..

Important Dates:

- **Oct 20-21- Fall Break**
School is closed, but you may choose to work in online courses to catch up.
- **Oct 28**—Fall Festival & Family Carnival
- **Nov 1-3**—Testing for district 3rd graders (CogAT)
- **Dec 1**—Silent Auction and Winter Celebration

Make-A-Difference Day: Oct 24

Our first school-wide Community Service project is underway! PGA has teamed up with the United Way for their annual Make-A-Difference Day event. All students are asked to bring in donations of warm clothing and

canned food to share with the United Way organizations. **Due by Monday, OCT 24**

The Challenge!

PGA has also agreed to a friendly competition... whichever school (elementary, middle, or

high school) donates the most items will receive a school party!

- Help your neighbors!
- Have a party!

Contact Mrs. McGrath or Student Council members for more info,

FALL BREAK
School Closed
Thurs & Friday
October 20-21

Important Announcements for Oct & Nov

Students & Parents—
Please read the important announcements below:

1) GRADE 3—Students

CogAT testing for ALL district third graders, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 1-3 (12:15-1:30 pm). Bring a sack lunch to eat before testing.

2) GRADE 8 & 10—Parents and Students

PLAN and EXPLORE test results session—Tuesday, Nov 1, 1:00 pm in the computer lab. Pick up your results and understand your scores. Contact Counselor Chris for more info.

3) GRADE 12—SENIORS!

Please pick up your packet in the front office to order your caps, gowns, announcements, etc. for graduation! Orders are due by Monday, October 24th.



Fall Festival & Carnival



Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual PSD Global Academy

Fall Festival & Carnival!

Pick up your FREE admission tickets at the PGA Main Office. Students, families, and friends are all invited! We will have GAMES, CRAFTS, FOOD, PRIZES, and LOTS OF FUN!

This social event and school fundraiser needs your help to set up, run booths, hand out prizes, and

volunteer to build games. We also need donations of food and prizes.

Some of the games at the Carnival this year will be:

- The very popular **Jail House Rock**
- Gone Fishin'
- Facepainting
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- Food and Desserts
- Arts & Crafts Booth

Most games will cost 1-2 tickets (50 cents each). Food will be available for purchase or

donations. At the Fall Festival, you can also purchase:

- School Spirit t-shirts and sweatshirts
- School Logo Items
- Order your Yearbook (before the price goes up in November!)

Visit our website to SIGN UP and volunteer!



Save the Date—Winter Celebration & Silent Auction: Dec 1!

The PSD Global Academy's 1st Annual Winter Celebration and Silent Auction will be held in the PGA Gym on **Thursday, December 1**. Attend the Silent Auction to complete your holiday shopping while supporting the fundraising efforts of the school's PTO!

There will also be a performance by Mrs. Fenlason's Fine Arts

Enrichment classes! We appreciate our parent support, and we strongly believe that our parents help create a strong school community.

If interested in helping or donating items, please email: Nicole Copeland, PTO Pres CopelandN13@gmail.com

We Need You!

Silent Auction

volunteers and donations



Tips from Your Teachers

Now that our students have gotten used to their online courses, the Teachers of PSD Global Academy have a few reminders and pointers:

1. ATTEND CLASSES FULL-TIME

The most common problems we see are students not spending enough time in class. Remember, this is full time school, and it is hard to help a student catch up if you are not logging in enough. Call us if you need help managing your time and/or logging in.

2. GO TO HELP SESSIONS

Teachers are available in person

and live online to help answer questions. Attending a live *Illuminate* session is a great way to chat with classmates and get ahead in class! You don't have to be behind to attend a help session!

3. CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY :)

Believe it or not, some students are not checking their email regularly! That is the most important thing you can do as an *online student* (and parent!). Important announcements are sent often via email, so check your email account every day!

We love working with our online students, so call or email if we can help!



Pictured: Student Council Rep Melinda Ramsey works on her online classes.

Fundraisers! We Need YOU!

Those "little" things really add up to help us support our students! Please consider participating in the following **ongoing** fundraisers for PGA kids:

- BOX TOPS
- Script GIFT CARD orders
- Morning Fresh Dairy caps
- Capri Sun pouches

We also have event Fundraisers coming up:

- Fall Festival (Oct 28)
- Silent Auction (Dec 1)
- Spell-a-thon (spring)
- Book Fair (spring)

The following student groups will also be fundraising for

special student projects:

1. 5th Grade Eco Trip
2. Student Council leadership
3. Pioneer 101 Freshman Class project

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR KIDS!



Student Highlight: Karissa Amsden

Name: Karissa Amsden

PGA High School

Best thing about being a PGA high school student: You get to come in on Wednesdays and work face-to-face with your teachers and friends.

Hardest part: I didn't think it would be so hard to get motivated at first—but I'm getting

better!

Favorite Subject: Earth Science

Hobbies: Karissa currently plays on the Rocky Mountain HS volleyball team!.

Advice for other students: Stay motivated to just get everything done!

After High School, I want to: be a Flight-for-Life paramedic.

Great job, Karissa!





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YEARBOOKS on Sale Now!

Where will you find full-color glossy images that show the terrific year your PGA student had? In their yearbook, of course! The hardcover yearbook is available for the pre-sale price of \$17.00 and will feature all grade levels for the 2011-2012 school year. Student created and produced, your child's yearbook is available for this low price until November 1. On November 2, prices will increase to \$21.

TO ORDER ONLINE: <http://jostensyearbooks.com?REF=A01114796>

TO ORDER ON CAMPUS: Order forms are available in the front office (checks payable to "PSD Global Academy.")

See Mrs. Stevens if you want to purchase an ad, senior announcement, or special recognition for your child or friends!

Get Involved—Students & Parents!

Calling all Students and Parents in grades K-12! Clubs and committees are just getting started, so there is plenty of time to get involved. Just check the School Calendar on our website for details about the clubs, meeting dates, and how you can get involved.

Remember, clubs are a great way to foster friendships and gain experience (and they look great on job and college applications)! Just a few of our current clubs:

- **Journalism / Yearbook**
- **Craft Club**
- **Chess Club**
- **Webcasting / Video**
- **Fitness Club**
- **Reading Clubs (K-12)**

If you would like more information, please visit the school website or talk to your Advisory Teacher.

Parents are also invited to get involved through a variety of opportunities:

- **PTO**
- **Social Events committee**
- **Fundraising committee**
- **Volunteer**
- **Coffee Klatch (socializing for parents!)**
- **Fall Festival & Carnival**

If you would like more information, please email: Nicole Copeland, PTO President:

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Above: Middle School students complete a teamwork activity in PE/Wellness with Mr. Drez.

