



PSD GLOBAL ACADEMY
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End of 1st Semester!

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Educating Global Students in a Local Community

The Enterprise Newsletter

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First Semester Update

Our global citizen monthly theme for December is:

APPRECIATION

At PSD Global Academy, we feel that good global citizens understand that the act of appreciation goes beyond saying “thank you.” In Mrs. Gilmore’s 3-5 grade writer’s workshop, students have been working on a daily “Attitude of Gratitude” journal. In high school Mentorship, Mr. Drez has led his students through technology-rich lessons for showing appreciation by applying Vokis, emails, and tech posts to members of the PGA staff.

Many of our families will take some time over Winter Break to appreciate time with friends and families. We hope that all of our students and parents find the time to reflect, recharge, and show appreciation for the good things in our lives.

A note from Mrs. Hiebsch:

The staff of PSD Global Academy would like to express our sincere appreciation to students and parents for allowing us to spend our days with our students as partners in learning. Thank you!



Above: Assistant Principals for the Day (JJ and Theresa) helped make sure the students were learning, having fun and being safe.

Important Dates:

- **Dec 14-21: Final Exams**
High School students must make an appointment with teachers to take final exams on campus.
- **Dec 22: Winter Break**
School will be closed through January 8.
- **Jan 9, 2012: School Open!**
Students begin 2nd semester schedules.

WINTER BREAK
School Closed
Dec 22—Jan 8



Left: Middle School students work on a video during a combined math—language arts enrichment project. Students are submitting videos in a national contest

Winter Program and Silent Auction



THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE PTO RAISE \$1,600 AT THE WINTER PROGRAM & SILENT AUCTION!!!

Left: Fine Arts K-2 students perform at the Winter Program.

TCAP (formerly CSAP) is coming!

Mark your calendars for the CO State TCAP (formerly CSAP)

March 2012

Why is the TCAP important for your student?

1) We Can Help Your Child!

The results help teachers know how to support your student through enrichment, intervention, or acceleration. While the TCAP is not the only test your kids will take at PGA, we feel it is important to see how your child is doing throughout the year. This helps

school staff guide instruction and plan our classes.

2) PGA Stays Open!

In order for our unique school to remain an option for students and families, we must meet specific participation requirements set by the state of Colorado.

As a CO public school, our students are required to take the test to keep our school in compliance with CO law.

3) **We can see student growth!** Teachers and parents can see exactly where a student

CSAP/TCAP Tests

March 2012

Prizes! Food!

And, some tests.

More Prizes! Fun!

has been and where they are headed academically. This information allows us to provide individual opportunities for maximum growth!

Second Semester Classes

CLASS SCHEDULES:

Counselor Chris has been working hard to make sure all students are ready for second semester classes! If you have any questions about your schedule, please email her at ChHagge@psdschools.org This is also a good time to think about your plan for next school year!

WORKING OVER BREAK :

While we encourage students and families to use the Winter Break to relax and recharge, we know many of you would like to peek at what is coming 2nd semester. Grades K-8 may access classes and work as much or as little as you need. High School students

who would like to access 2nd semester courses should have contacted their teachers and/or counselor by **December 14**. Remember, teachers will not be available over break. Please refer to the email sent last week for details.

Tips from Your Teachers — A Fresh Start!

Second semester is a great time for a fresh start with your classes! This is the time for students to talk with teachers and counselors about how to keep good habits and improve on others. Below are the PGA Teachers' *Tips for Semester 2*:

HIGH SCHOOL:

ATTEND ORIENTATION on January 12. Even if you attended Orientation in August, this is a great time to learn a few new tips about being a successful online student. Mandatory for new students.

ALL STUDENTS (k-12):

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) ASK FOR HELP

Teachers are available in person and live online to help answer questions. Attending a live *Ellu-*

minate 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

Believe it or not, some students and Learning Coaches 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!

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
- Scripp GIFT CARD orders
- Morning Fresh Dairy caps
- Capri Sun pouches

We also have event Fundraisers coming up:

- Spell-a-thon (spring)
- Book Fair (spring)

times.

- 2) Family Movie Night @ PGA January 19th 6pm—Free Admission—Snack

ECO TRIP FUNDRAISING:

- 1) Smencils for sale before and after enrichment on 12/20 or see Mrs. Gilmore other

ECO TRIP STUDENTS ARE SO CLOSE TO REACHING THEIR GOAL!

Student Highlights: Semester 1 Rock Stars

December Graduates! YOU DID IT!!

- 1) Dylon Charvat
- 2) Rachel Davies
- 3) Jacob Triplett

We can't wait to see you back in May to walk the stage!



Finished ALL 1st Semester High School courses Early with wonderful grades:

- 1) Jasmine Munoz
- 2) Andrew Rylant

Several other students have also finished courses early! Way to go!

Amazing progress 2nd quarter:

- 1) Joseph Martin
- 2) Grace Sandez

We continue to be amazed by the hard work of so many students and Learning Coaches! Well done!



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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!

There are so many wonderful ways to get involved at PGA!

For students: Consider signing up for enrichment classes, field trips, clubs, socials, and volunteering for special events throughout the year!

For Parents: please consider volunteering, joining PTO, attending School Accountability meetings, chaperoning a field trip or social, or fundraising! Our parent volunteers have already made an incredible difference, and we appreciate each of you!



Above: Fine Arts 3-5 students conduct a choral reading for the Winter Program.

Right: Students help fix a traditional Thanksgiving meal with pumpkin, corncakes, smoked turkey, and salmon!



PTO Update:

PTO is looking for additional members to help with upcoming events such as the Spring Book Fair, social at Rollerland, and field trips.

SAC Update:

Members of the School Accountability Committee are completing the Quarter 2 tasks for PGA's ongoing School Improvement Plan. We welcome community feedback about our efforts for continuous improvement!

