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3rd Quarter Going Strong!

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Educating Global Students in a Local Community

The Enterprise Newsletter

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Third Quarter Update

Our global citizen monthly theme for February has been:

BALANCE

At PSD Global Academy, we feel that good world citizens understand how to find balance in school and in life. In our online classes, it is especially important for students to manage their time. Plus, we know that time management is a critical piece in finding a balance in all aspects of our lives. Please take some time to share with your child how you manage balancing your home,

work, family responsibilities, health and wellness.

Enrollment Now Open for 2012-2013

Make sure you let your Advisory Teacher know if you plan to return

next school year! The district has now opened the School of Choice lists, so we are beginning to contact new families on the Wait List. Don't forget to send your friends to a PGA Open House in Feb, April, or May! Many new students come from your referrals. THANKS!

SPRING BREAK
School Closed,
Blackboard Down
Mar 10-17

Important Dates:

- **Feb 21—23: Registration Meetings** for current students
- **Feb 22: Research Expo**
- **Feb 22: Senior Dinner**
- **March 12: Spring Break!** School will be closed through March 16
- **Mar 19– 29: TCAP**
Students in grades 3-10 will take the CO state assessments.
- **Mar 19– 26:**
No Enrichment
- **Mar 20-22: Book Fair**
In the PGA Gym

Parent Conferences

Third quarter conferences are going on NOW! You should have received a date/time email from your Advisory teacher. At this conference, you will receive a progress

update and support plan from your child's teacher. You will also have an opportunity to provide feedback about your teachers and the school via an anonymous survey.

This feedback is extremely important as we work to improve PGA every year!



Registration Meetings Going On Now!



Check your email for a message from Counselor Chris about your child's **Registration Meetings**. All returning students will be selecting classes **THIS WEEK** during

Current Student Registration Meetings:

- ◆ **Elementary** (K-5 next year): Thursday, February 23rd 12:00-12:30, Gym
- ◆ **Middle School** (6-8 next year): Tuesday, February 21st, 12:00-12:30, Gym

- ◆ **High School** (9-12 next year): Wednesday, February 22nd, 12:00-12:30, Gym

Please let us know **ASAP** if your child is planning to return next school year!

TCAP (formerly CSAP) is coming!

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

March 19-29, 2012

Check PGA website for grade-specific calendars.

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

3) **We can see student growth!** Teachers and parents can see exactly where a student has been and *where they are headed* academically. This information allows us to provide individual opportunities for maximum growth!

TCAP Reminders:

- Bring extra #2 pencils
- Bring a book or magazine to read if you finish early. You do have to stay in the room for the entire session.
- No phones or electrical devices (Ipods, etc)
- Get lots of sleep the night before
- Eat a good breakfast to fuel your brain

Just do your best!



CSAP/TCAP Tests
March 2012
Prizes! Food!
And, some tests.
More Prizes! Fun!

Save the Dates—4th Quarter FUN



Like many of you, we cannot believe that we are already planning for the end of the school year! While we continue to focus on student success and academics, we would like to remind you of a few important 4th quarter events:

- ◆ **May 22 (Tues):** Transition Ceremony for K, 5th, and 8th graders
- ◆ **May 24 (Thurs):** Spring Fine Arts Program. There will be a dress rehearsal during the day and formal performance in the even-

ing.

- ◆ **May 25 (Fri):** Senior Graduation & Commencement Exercises
- ◆ **May 31 (Thurs):** K-8 Field Day, and looking for high school volunteers!

Please add these dates to your calendar as we look forward to celebrating another PGA Class! We are so proud of you!

****As always, please contact us if you need any help****

Bragging Rights... Research Expo & NHS

Research Expo:

Our middle school and high school enrichment students have been working hard on their personal investigations and would like to share the results with you! You are invited to view their projects during the school day:

Where: PGA Gym

When: Wed, Feb 22

Time: 8am - 3pm

National Honor Society

The PSD Global Academy is pleased to announce that we have received recognition to become a chapter school of:

- ◆ National Honor Society
- ◆ National Jr Honor Society

Thank you to Counselor Chris for the time and effort involved with the application process. The students of 2012-2013 will become PGA 's first NHS class! Ask Ms. Chris for more details.

Fundraisers

Like most schools, PGA could use a few extra dollars to help pay for field trips, computer lab equipment, classroom supplies, etc. THANK YOU for helping us participate in the following ongoing Fundraisers:

- Box Tops (due Feb 28)
- Scripps Gift Card orders (due 3/9, 4/6, 5/4)
- Scholastic Book Fair (Mar 19-23)
- Labels for Education (due Apr 30)
- Coke product boxes
- Smencil sales (see Ms. Gilmore)





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YEARBOOKS on Sale Now!

Only 11 yearbooks left for purchase! Please get an order form in the front office or order online. Hurry before they're gone! Still available for the pre-order price of \$25. Please contact Kate Stevens, advisor, if you're interested in getting more information about purchasing a baby ad or business advertisement.

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!

Volunteer Coordinator Needed:

PGA is seeking a parent Volunteer Coordinator to help manage a new kiosk system and volunteer scheduling.

PTO Update:

1. Book Fair Volunteers

PTO is looking for additional members to help with the Spring Book Fair to be held during TCAP. Volunteers will receive a \$5 voucher for the Book Fair!

Please visit this link to sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0Aklz08VLkGHqdDZRbG5aRlRSeFJTclROXlIHZTNmc2c>

2. TCAP Snack Donations

Please consider donating snacks for our students attending TCAP testing in March. We will be giving prizes and snacks to students as they take breaks in the gym.

SAC Update:

The School Accountability Committee has been communicating via email to create targeted improvements for the 2012-2013 school year. PGA turned in a draft of the 2011-2012 School Improvement Plan last week, and we will receive feedback from the District Improvement Committee. The feedback will be shared with SAC, with additional opportunities for input.

Some of the priority improvement targets focused on intervention programs, student achievement, and student expectations / responsibilities upon enrollment. A new application system, credit-earned policy, and attendance requirements were some of the SAC suggestions incorporated for 2012-2013.

