



The Pirate Post

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Principal's Corner

By, Meabh M.

Ms. Paese has been a principal for over fifteen years. She first started as a teacher at a Catholic school where she taught for a couple years. Then, she moved to the NYC Public Schools and taught math. After teaching math, Ms. Paese became the principal at a NYC middle school. She was a principal there for eight years before coming to Pearl River.

I was able to meet with Ms. Paese and ask her a few questions. Ms. Paese and I talked about many different topics. One topic that stood out in our conversation was the student chromebooks. Ms. Paese loves the chromebooks. She thinks they are helpful to students even though they can be a little stressful to distribute. They decided to get the chromebooks because we need to learn how to use technology with the world advancing so fast. It also provides a lot more ways for teachers to teach all of their topics. It seems like everyone is loving the chromebooks!

Lastly, I asked Ms. Paese what her favorite thing about being a principal is and she said her favorite part is interacting with the students! Don't we have an awesome Principal?!

This Month at PRMS

- The Holiday Boutique is on December 4th and 5th.
- PRMS Winter Concert is on December 12th at the High School at 7:00 pm.
- Spirit Days: Dec. 5th is Wacky Wednesday, Dec. 21st is Holiday Spirit Day.
- Winter Recess: December 24th-January 1st.

Sports at PRMS

By, Kayla D. & Alex W.

Are you wondering why sports are important to have in schools? Well, we have the answer! Sports are important because it helps students become well rounded, and it is a way for kids to learn how to manage their time. Also, it helps kids learn how to work as a team which can help later on in life. There are many sports to join at PRSD. Some sports offered are boys and girls soccer, cross country, track, tennis, swimming, field hockey, ice hockey, volleyball, football, and many other sports.

We spoke to Mr. Travaglino and asked if there were any sports he would want to have at Pearl River. He told us that he would like to add more winter sport choices.

If you would like to play a school sport, you can start in 7th grade. To prepare for 7th grade sports, 5th and 6th graders can practice sports they enjoy. This will help you to be ready for 7th grade sports.

In 7th and 8th grade, students play modified sports. In 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, students can play Junior Varsity, or Varsity. However, if you excel at a sport you could be moved up to Junior Varsity, or even Varsity. For example, a 7th grader last year (2017) was very good at swimming and she was moved up to Varsity swimming. When we interviewed Mr. Trav he said that it would be a lot to handle for someone in 7th grade but we think it is pretty awesome that she made Varsity!

Many PRSD sports have won awards for getting far in their games. Many teams have won sectionals, and even championships! With a little dedication and hard work, one day you can be on a championship team too.



Advisory Reflections

By, Amelia L. & Olivia M.

This months quote is ***"You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose!"*** -Dr. Seuss.

We chose this quote because we think it connects to our advisory program. We think this quote means that everyone has the ability to be independent in life. Additionally, you have the power to make your own decisions that will make you happy. Everyone can make changes in life and it is up to you to make the best of a situation. We believe that each day is a new day and it is up to you to choose the right decision to lead you down the right path.

In advisory we recently created “We Are” murals. We talked about positive words and phrases that describe who we are at PRMS.

This year advisory has changed to meeting once a week and each advisory has students from different grade levels. We talked to some other kids and everyone thinks it was a nice change. It helps us to create better bonds between grade levels. Also, meeting once a week helps us form better connections with our advisory teacher and classmates.



Teacher Spotlight

By, Chloe M. & Katie M.

Our teacher spotlight is.....

Mrs. Danahy!

Her life has been quite an adventure! She grew up fairly local, in West Nyack, and still lives there. She has one son whose name is Ian, he is 23. He attends Suny Maritime College, in Throggs-Neck. She has three dogs that she loves very much. One golden retriever whose name is Brodie, and two Welsh Corgis named Kiri & Maggie Mae. Some of her hobbies are to downhill ski during the winter, swim, kayak and garden during the summer. Her favorite books are To Kill A Mockingbird and Tuck Everlasting.

Before becoming a teacher Mrs. Danahy was in advertising for 10 years. While she was in this career she realized she would love to be a teacher. She decided that she wanted to be an ELA teacher because she loved to read and write. Mrs. Danahy is now in her 27th year of teaching!

Mrs. Danahy is an advocate for Young Stroke Survivors. On January 11, 2016, she woke up and her foot was asleep, or at least that is what she thought. She got ready for work, as if it were any normal day. She then realized that she was dragging her foot. She called her husband and 9-1-1. By the time her husband got there, the paramedics and police were already at her house. When the paramedics came she was already paralyzed on her entire left side. Then, the paramedics took her to the hospital. Mrs. Danahy told us that everyday she progressively gets better!

Even though Mrs. Danahy is doing much better, she is still working hard to achieve her goal. Now, her mantra is "Pink is Positive!"

Favorite Books

By, Paul N.

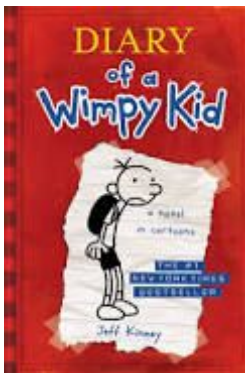
Welcome to the Book Review Corner! We focus on some of the best books read by middle schoolers today. Some of the books we discuss are part of the ELA curriculum at PRMS and some books are just read for fun.

Some of the books that are being read in ELA classes at PRMS are, *The Lightning Thief*, *Esperanza Rising*, *Bud, Not Buddy*, *Every Soul a Star*, and many more.

Here are some of the best books for middle schoolers!

- *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series. This book is a humorous, realistic fiction book that gets you laughing.
- The next book, that is one of my personal favorites, is *The War I finally Won*. This is a book about courage, faith and hopefulness.
- The book that is last but not least on the list is *Ready Player One*. This is a Book that takes place in the future. It is filled with action and suspense. You can also check out the new movie based on this book.

Hopefully this helps you to choose a good book for the winter break!



Student Voice

By, All Newspaper Club Members

The Newspaper Club recently met with Dr. Talleyrand to discuss some things that we want to change at our school. She asked us to think about what we would want if we could create the school of our dreams.

We have already seen some changes to our school this year. You might have noticed the outdoor furniture in the courtyard and the extra four square board we have for recess. Stay tuned for more updates on new things at PRMS!

Outreach Club

By, Meabh M.

Outreach Club wants everyone to know that they are grateful for the JDRF donations. Being a part of Outreach Club means you are a student who cares about others and the planet. The purpose of Outreach Club is to spread awareness.

In December Outreach Club will be trying a new fundraiser called "I Believe" and the donations will go to *Make A Wish Foundation*. Make sure you keep an eye out for more information .



