



# POWHATAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### Pocahontas Elementary School

#### **General Information**

##### **Kid Pan Alley**

Mr. Josh Wright worked with our fourth grade team and Kid Pan Alley to celebrate different children's literature at the end of March. The fourth grade students read a book and then worked with the song writers and collaborators to create different songs. Rather than one culminating concert, the performers worked with Mr. Wright and the fourth grade teachers for individual classroom concerts.

##### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

All staff at Pocahontas Elementary were recognized as part of Teacher Appreciation Week. The staff were treated by the front office staff to donuts one morning, an afternoon Sunshine Cart, a cookout and Mr. Softee ice cream during lunch. The PTO treated the staff to luncheon Wednesday, May 7 from the Crazy Rooster. The Central Office leadership team and Human Resources provided an ice cream snack from the Snack Shack and a backpack for all staff.

##### **STEM Experiences - Tree Distribution, Butterflies, Chicks, and Mealworms**

As part of the Portrait of a Graduate, our STEM coaches work with the students and staff to support the idea of stewardship and community. This year, the coaches were able to secure different donations of trees for all students to take home. Additionally, students in grade two were given both mealworms and butterflies to monitor and track their growth and life cycle. The fourth grade team monitored the growth and development of chicken eggs which is always a favorite experience of the students until they hatch!

##### **Ronald McDonald Tab Collection**

Our spring tab collection yielded five FULL copy paper boxes for a total of 108.7 pounds.

Congratulations to our top three class winners

1st place - Mr. Schott's homeroom

2nd place - Mrs. Stout's homeroom

3rd place - Mrs. Manna's homeroom

##### **Electric Youth**

Once the buildings "reopened," Electric Youth Directors Mrs. Mindy and Mrs. Saba quickly began to organize our student talent show for May 9. After a hiatus for the last two years, the students were excited to share their talents and skills. The entire gym was packed with fans. Next stop, America's Got Talent!



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### Field Trips

As school got back to normal. Teachers and county staff planned several different field trips for our students.

- VPI – Children’s Museum of Richmond (Chesterfield) on May 19
- KG – Community Helper Field Trip (around Powhatan) on April 12
- First – Metro Richmond Zoo on April 14  
– Henricus Park on May 4
- Third – Metro Richmond Zoo to You (came to PocES) on May 31
- Fourth – Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (Fighting Creek) on April 20
- Fifth – Frontier Culture Museum (Staunton) on April 28  
– Powhatan Middle School on May 5

### Other Notable PocES Events

- Kindergarten Registration took place on Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15. Families signed up for a specific time and were screened on a schedule. The theme was “Saddle Up for Kindergarten” and under the leadership of our reading coach, Mrs. Carla Crump, it was a smooth day and the parents had positive feedback!
- The PHS Senior Walk took place on Friday, May 20. All students came outside and celebrated their success. It is an incredible opportunity for staff to see the students that once walked the halls of Pocahontas. This is an awesome tradition and one that we hope continues with the new PHS administration.
- Kindergartners enjoyed their STEM day on May 23. It was a water day filled with discovery and exploration. The students had a blast thanks to the STEM coaches and teachers.
- Pocahontas held its Field Day on June 1. This was one of our best field days thanks to the organization and fun games that were created by Mrs. Britz, our PE teacher. She organized the parent volunteers and schedule. It was certainly a memorable (and hot) day.
- The fifth graders celebrated their completion of fifth grade on Thursday, June 2 at 10 AM. The gym was packed with friends and family who came out to celebrate their efforts. Their elementary experience was unlike any other and we are incredibly proud and know they will handle all the challenges of middle and high school.
- On Friday, June 3, the fifth graders celebrated the end of elementary school with a morning filled with dance, games, music, and food. PTO and parent volunteers got together to make the morning joyful.



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### **Student and Staff Recognition**

Congratulations to **Mrs. Rebecca Carmichael**, **Mrs. Jen Faria**, and **Mrs. Allison Yandle** for completing the Next Generation Leadership Academy in conjunction with the University of Richmond and several other local school divisions.

Third grade teacher, **Lindsay Salyers**, got married on April 16, 2022 and is now Lindsay Marwitz. Join us in congratulating her!

**Bethany Britz**, our PE teacher, completed the Boston Marathon on April 18. Mrs. Britz was a collegiate runner and it was a dream of hers to compete in the marathon. We are incredibly proud of her.



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Pocahontas spring 2022 retirees include **Mrs. Kathy Walkin** (PRC), **Mrs. Selena Turley** (KG), and **Mrs. Pam Talbott** (VPI IA & bus driver). We wish them all the best as they live out their dreams traveling, hiking, spending time with family, and sleeping late!

Congrats to the following students/classes for being recognized through our PBIS team!

VPI				Kindergarten			
Teacher	March	April	May	Teacher	March	April	May
Fields	Skyler Plummer		Charlotte Raymond	Bowles	Kennedy Martin	Daniel Pierce	
Gauntt	Paislee Austin	Jase Hurt	Maggie Lewis	Johnson	Avery Hershey	EJ Owens	Charlotte Samuels
Welch	Blakely Fields	Taylor Wiggins	Logan Allard	Morton	Aubriana Anderson	Zoey Walters	Charlie Pierson
				Mosher	Catharine Taylor	Grayson Collier	Carter Sill
				Rama	Waylan Berry	Esther Nebel	Emery Davis
				Turley	Austin Shock	Mia Santos Hernandez	Logan Rochette

First				Second			
Teacher	March	April	May	Teacher	March	April	May
Fleming	Jaxxon Vancampenhout	Mackenzie DeBois	Ethan Sandoval	Bates	Levi Lewis	Hunter Marshall	Austin Green
IJpenberg	Brooklyn Meyenberg		Cooper Long	Manna	Dylan Graham		Brody Gravley
McCue		Wyatt Carpenter		Miller	Liam Olsen	Olivia Bortree	Connor Murray
Nice	Kaiden Carey	Lyla Yandle	Lucy Hoyt	Raley	Rory Bucholz	Ellie Dinch	Ariana Phifer
Senger	Molly Thomas	Alora Reese	Annalise Toney	Trimmer	Robert Fobes	Ryleigh Daniel	Ellie Nebel
Stech	Hatcher Sulzer	Sophia Frantz	Jamie Hernandez	Yandle	Carter Huff	Elaina McMillion	Charleigh Burgess

Third				Fourth			
Teacher	March	April	May	Teacher	March	April	May
Beach	Landon Rogers	Austin Frasier	Dylan Kaloski	Brown	Will Stotler	Tyler Timberlake	Marissa Hughes
Blackburn	Liam Crawford	Levi Stovall-McGarry		Faria	Jacob Kerley	Scarlett Ortiz	Jahlik Brown



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Hill				Hannaford		Sawyer Traylor	Cole James
Salyers	Brantley Matthews	Wood Richter	Lucian Strader	Howell		Cora Burgoss	Ryleigh Plummer
Schott	Selena Wright	Niko Moses	Josh Matney	Morin	Brooklyn Bryan	Piper Sumpter	Natalie Whitlock
Timberlake	Clayton Miller	Anastasia Wilder	Kaylynn Belles	Stout	Kelsey Coon	Sydney Richardson	Breanna Finch

Fifth				Resource by Class			
Teacher	March	April	May	Teacher	March	April	May
Bowman	Julia Campbell	Chloe Johnson	Thomas Adams	Britz – PE	KG / Mosher	3 <sup>rd</sup> / Marwitz	2 <sup>nd</sup> / Yandle
Brooks	Kai Tanaka	Chloe Reese	Isaac Lane	Faria – Technology	3 <sup>rd</sup> / Timberlake	4 <sup>th</sup> / Morin	1 <sup>st</sup> / McCue
Chartters	Shakira Morris	Madelyn Cloman	Liam Harris	Freund – PE	KG / Rama	5 <sup>th</sup> / Brooks	5 <sup>th</sup> / Yoder
Reese	Annabel Williams	Avery Lessner	Haley Whitlock	Martin – Art	5 <sup>th</sup> / Chartters	4 <sup>th</sup> / Hannaford	KG / Turley
Smith	Sage James	Ryder Talley	CeCe Waycaster	Ray – Library	2 <sup>nd</sup> / Manna	2 <sup>nd</sup> / Bates	1 <sup>st</sup> / McCue
Yoder	Madelyn McMichen	Aaron Cary	Mackenzie Corker	Wright - Music	5 <sup>th</sup> / Smith	4 <sup>th</sup> / Stout	3 <sup>rd</sup> / Beach

### Important Upcoming Events

June

- 27<sup>th</sup> – Summer School Begins

July

- 4<sup>th</sup> – No Summer School
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Summer School Ends

August

- 9<sup>th</sup> – New Teacher Orientation
- 15<sup>th</sup> – All Teachers Return

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. Thomas Sulzer, Principal