



Poinciana Press

Poinciana Day School

West Palm Beach, FL 33401

February 3, 2012



The Start of a Busy Month!



Dates to Remember



February

- 3 Principal's T-Shirt and Jeans Day
- 3 100th Day of School!
- 9 Auction Committee Mtg 8:30 am
- 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10 Middle School Dance 6-8 pm
- 14 Valentine's Day Parties - 2:00 pm
- 16 Auction Committee Mtg 8:30 am
- 17 Principal's T-Shirt and Jeans Day
- 17 March Lunch Orders Due
- 17 Class Basket items due
- 22 Auction Reservations/payment due
- 23 Auction Committee Mtg 8:30 am
- 23 K-8 Field Trip to WPB Library
- 24 Grandparents' Day Celebration
- 25 Auction

In Ms. Kerri's Pre-K, the theme was Groundhogs Day, shadows, and the letter "Ss".

Students are working on the sight words "had", "one", "or", "from", "have", "this", "by", and "word".

The class discussed shadows this week and made shadow art and shadow

puppets. The class also celebrated Groundhogs Day and talked about what it means when the groundhog sees his shadow.

Students celebrated the 100th day of school with their special 8th grade friends on Friday.

The theme in Ms. Linda's Kindergarten this week revolved around the celebration of the 100th day of school!

In Math, Kindergartners practiced counting, sequencing, ordering and writing their numbers from 1 to 25. Students worked on the concepts of before, after and between, as they applied to numbers, and also reviewed counting by 10's, 5's, and counting to 100!

Ms. Margie & Ms. Barbi's First and Second Grade Math students used bar graphs to determine information such as range, mode and median.

Ms. Barbi's Second Grade Math students took the chapter four test and moved onto chapter five dealing with subtracting double digits.

Ms. Barbi's First and Second Grade Social Studies students discussed what history is, who is a part of history, and the many women and men who are part of our history.

In Lanugage Arts, Ms. Barbi's First and Second Graders discussed adverbs. Students wrote in their journals to work on their expressive writing skills.

Ms. Barbi's Third Grade Readers read the story "Lon Po Po" and discussed the relationship between folk tales and legends. Students used

their dictionary skills to find the meaning of their vocabulary words.

Ms. Marige and Ms. Diana's "Lions" Reading Group is working on sequencing and finding details in the short story "Petting the Cat".

Ms. Diana's "Sabre-Tooth Tigers" Reading Group is working on how to break words into syllables, and understanding the difference between fiction and non-fiction.

Ms. Diana's Third Grade Math Class has been working on division without remainders. The students now

Principal's Corner



What a wonderful buzz of energy we have on our campus!

Students are working hard on their Grandparents presentations, and creating awesome class projects for our upcoming Auction. What a fabulous weekend it will be!

Be sure to join us on Tuesday for our Auction Gift-Gathering Hoe-Down at Renegades from 6-8 pm.

Also, we will have a free Camp Gladiator Fitness session for adults on Monday at 4:00. Bring a water bottle, yoga mat or towel, and some great energy!

Have a great Super Bowl weekend!

*Ms. Ann
Head of School*

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**Check Out the Latest
Auction Donations:**



Champagne makeover party
for six at Saks Fifth
Avenue - value \$750

iPad 3 to be hand-delivered
the first day of issue
(approximately March
2012) - value \$500

Black Dooney and Bourke
handbag - value \$300

Foursome of Golf at Bear
Lakes Country Club - value
\$600



Betty Boop watch in
collector's case - value \$50

understand how important it is to
know your multiplication facts to
check division.

**In Science, Ms. Diana's First and
Second Graders** watched a Bill Nye
The Science Guy film on erosion.
Students learned that the Earth
changes slowly because of the effects
of forces such as wind and rain.

**Ms. Diana's Third Grade Science
students** learned how important it is
to wash your hands after playing in
dirt because of the rocks, sand,
minerals, clay and even decayed
plants in it!

**Ms. Diana's Fourth Grade Science
students** are working on a report
about an invertebrate. Students must
include the phylum, characteristics,
habitat, and description of their
invertebrates and draw a picture.

**In Reading with Ms. Dana, Fourth
Grade** read the story "*Red Writing
Hood*" and learned how the sequence
of events will help you understand the
story better.

**In Math, Ms. Dana's Fourth
Graders** started learning about the
different metric units of measurement
and used them to measure various
items in the classroom

**In Social Studies, Ms. Dana's
Fourth Graders** learned how Florida
is connected to different places around
the United States

**In Writing, Ms. Dana's Fourth
Graders** wrote a poem called "*I
Wish...*" and wished for important and
meaningful things for the world.

**Ms. Dana's Third Grade Social
Studies Students** learned that every
community has a history and how we
could find out more about the history
of our community.

**In Writing, Ms. Dana's Third
Graders** started to write a poem for
Grandparents Day!

In Social Studies, Fifth Graders are
continuing their study of the American
Revolution. Students will be
researching a famous patriot from this
time. At the conclusion of this unit,
students will participate in a "Wax
Museum" activity.

In Science, Fifth Graders received
their Science Fair packets. Students
will be working on this project both at
home and at school.

**In Technology, Ms. Margie's
Kindergarten through Seventh
Graders** are working on their
language arts skills on the Education
City website.

To reinforce what students learned
about with the Camp Gladiator
session, students researched nutrition,
healthy lifestyles and overall wellness!
Students worked on sites such as
supermarket adventures and appetite
attack, to reinforce the food pyramid
groups. Students had fun filling up
their grocery carts with healthy foods,
making sure that they did not go over
their calorie limit.

**Mrs. Quinlan's Strand "A"
Language Arts class**, students studied
the author James Thurber. The class
continued with their vocabulary words
on health and fitness in "*Word
Wisdom*".

**In Social Studies, Mrs. Quinlan's
Strand "B" students** began to student
the United States' westward
expansion, the Louisiana Purchase and
Louis and Clark.

Mrs. Quinlan's Strand "C" students
examined the financial panic of 1837
and events and policies that ended that
depression. To continue their
financial literacy, students made
presentations on topics such as
compound interest, mortgages, FDIC,
and Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Class Baskets

Pre-K - Wild Animals



Kindergarten - Lego Mania

***First and Second Grades - Pamper
Me***

Third Grade - Blast Off into Summer

Fourth Grade - Kitchen

Fifth Grade - Family Fun

Sixth Grade - Sports

Seventh Grade - Gourmet Craze

Eighth Grade - Home Decor

*Please drop off items with
Safety Patrol members or in
office - please include value
of items*

*Questions? - call Kimberly
Briard - 307-5485*

**February
Principal's T-
Shirt and Jeans
Days**



**Fri. February 3rd
Fri. February 17th**

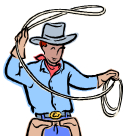
**\$3 for one day or \$5
for both
send money in to
your student's
home room teacher**

**100th Day of
School!**



Today was the 100th day of school this year! All the classrooms celebrated with special activities, including counting, measuring, estimating and more hands-on fun.

**Auction Gift-
Gathering Hoe-Down
Party**



Come to **Renegade's
Country Bar and Grill**
Tuesday, February 7th

for a western good time at our Auction

**2012-13
Registration
Packets will be
going home
soon!**

Gift-Gathering Event.

The fun begins at 6:00 pm. Attendees receive one free drink and a free line dance class begins at 7:00pm.

Admission for the event is an item for our silent auction.

Thank you to **Brooke Havrilla**, for organizing this event.

**Auction Kids Night
Event!**

Saturday, February 25th will not only be a fun event for adults, but our kids will have their own separate event that night here at school!



Students can join **Coach Rocco, Ms. Cheryl, and Ms. Erica** for a fun-filled evening with food, activities, friends and more!

The cost for the evening is just \$10 - less expensive than providing your own babysitter!

The hours are between 6:00 and 10:30 pm, so parents will have plenty of time to get back and forth to the auction.

Students, siblings and their friends are welcome to the event. Please RSVP so that we know how many students to plan for.

**Wanted: Auction
Items Big and Small**

Do you have any items at home that perhaps were presents, or something you purchased and have just not found the perfect use for it? Well, these are perfect to contribute to our upcoming auction. Gifts large and small are welcome.



Many of the smaller items can be combined into baskets such as: games, candles, candle holders, picture frames, albums, decorative

**Middle School
Tropical Winter
Dance**



**Friday, February 10th
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Tickets cost \$5
through Student
Council)**

items, children's jewelry, books, toys, and more. Let your imagination be your guide!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either **Brooke Havrilla Brooke at 644-6402.** or **Ms. Debbie in the office.**

We are particularly looking for men's items, children's, sports, jewelry and women's items.

We can also use more gift certificates for restaurants – these are always favorites and don't cost you anything.



Just ask your favorite restaurant. If you need more donation forms, they are available in the office – or you can download them from your auction email.

**All Flag
Football
Participants
Must wear a
knee guard**



*Submit Mascot
Designs to the
Student
Council
Suggestion Box*



**Twentieth
Anniversary Auction
Reservations**

Please send in your RSVPs to the office. **The cost of the event is \$45 per person or \$80 per couple. A table of 10 costs \$400.**

This will be a great evening out for everyone – school families, friends, and relatives. The auction is the day after our annual Grandparents' Event, so grandparents are welcome to attend the auction as well.



Brooke Havrilla, Third Grader Connor's mom, is the Parent Chair of this event. If you have any questions about the event, or would like to help in any capacity, please contact **Brooke** at 644-6402.

*Poinciana Day
School Auction*



*Saturday,
February 25,
2012 6:00 pm*

*Please RSVP and send in
money for your tickets*

**Our Wonderful
Volunteers:**



Thank you so much to all our wonderful Poinciana families!

Maeve and Fiona A'Hearn's dad, Jason and his company Random Access, for maintaining our school website

Dylan Garcia's mom, Sue Grow, for coordinating our Box Tops for Education and Labels4Education programs.

David Libfeld's dad, Miguel, for keeping our flower boxes so bright and colorful.

De Andre Martin's mom, LaShawnda; Cole and Savannah Shiller's mom, Jamie, for aftercare snacks and water bottles.

Teddy Thompson's mom, Sue, for water bottles and wipes and markers for Kindergarten.

Kyle Dunton's mom, Lynne, for file folders and a desk carrel.

Zachary Foreman's mom, Christine Slack; and Connor Havrilla's mom, Brooke, for helping in the office with our auction paperwork.

Connor Havrilla's mom, Brooke, for arranging our next Auction Gift-Gathering event at Renegades on February 7th.

Jacob and Aeryn Meyer's mom, Stacey Skinner, for bringing in materials for baskets that were stored at her house.

Logan Maharaj's mom, Susan, for storing items for the auction at her home.

Cole and Piper Fendrich's mom, Mary Murphy; Brianna Garrow's dad, John; and De Andre Martin's mom, LaShawnda, for picking up items for the auction.

**Parent Camp
Gladiator Free
Fitness Session**



Monday 4-5 pm

**Bring a water bottle
and yoga mat or
towel**

Jacob and Aeryn Meyer's mom, Stacey Skinner; Sean and Andrew Lester's mom, Kara Leitner; and Cole and Savannah Shiller's mom, Jamie, for donating items for the class baskets.

Kyle Dunton's mom, Lynne; Niko Sarantidis' mom, Allyson; Lori Margolis; Diana Walton, and Debbie Ullman, for donating items to the auction.

Connor Havrilla's mom, Brooke; Chavous Anthony's mom, Valarie Witchard; Kaleb Schimming's mom, Jill; Dylan Carmenini's mom, Helayne; Karly Briard's mom, Kimberly; Andrew and Sean Lester's mom, Kara Leitner; Maeve and Fiona A'Hearn's mom, Katherine Kress; Zachary Foreman's mom, Christine Slack; Dylan Smith's mom, Cyndi; and De Andre Martin's mom, LaShawnda, for making follow-up phone calls for auction donations.

Auction Committee Members:
Connor Havrilla's mom, Brooke; Karly Briard's mom, Kimberly; Kaleb Schimming's mom, Jill; Zachary Foreman's mom, Christine Slack; Logan Maharaj's mom, Susan; Fiona and Maeve A'Hearn's mom, Katherine Kress; Niko Sarantidis' mom, Allyson; Thomas Wingate's mom, Jenny; De Andre Martin's mom, LaShawnda; and Jaden Sanchez's dad, Epi Ortiz.