

6TH GRADE HOUSE

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Assistant Principal

House Counselor

House Secretary

Extension 247

Extension 244

By this time your student should be well settled in to their schedule and the PGMS routine. To assist in this transition the Sixth Grade House is designed to meet the needs of your student. The House concept not only establishes a more personal and manageable setting, but also brings greater consistency to the academic success and the positive expectations for all students.

The goal of the house is to provide a nurturing environment for the students with a balance between a challenging standards-based curriculum and fun. A positive behavioral support system is in place through the use of Eagle Bucks. Rewards such as house socials, pizza with a friend, and other activities are held monthly.

Parent involvement is essential to student success. Each student has been supplied with a planner/agenda to keep track of homework and class assignments. Help your child by checking it daily to see if it's being used on a routine basis. The planner/agenda can be an excellent way to facilitate school-home communication. You can also visit our sixth grade teachers' websites at <http://pgm.ccps.k12fl.us/>. This will allow you to monitor class work, assignments, due dates, and special projects. Grades and other pertinent data can be accessed through registration on Parent Portal at www.ccps.k12.fl.us. You can also contact us regarding any issues or concerns. Together we can make this a positive and productive year for your student.

6th Grade Science

Science students are currently digging into minerals and rocks. We are working to finish unit 6 on Earth's Structures within the next few weeks. Students have also applied the scientific method with various hands on/inquiry activities and labs. Science students love the new consumable textbooks, along with our digital lessons and virtual labs online. Please remember that students can log into their textbook online at www.thinkcentral.com. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Keep up the great work 6th graders!

Mr. Bunk, Mr. Comment, Ms. Deese, Mr. Fritz,

Mrs. Simco, and Mrs. Slowinski



Social Studies

In our Social Studies classrooms we have embarked on a journey of learning. Each grade level has charted a course of discovery with learning goals that promote higher order thinking. We encourage our families to help maintain the course of discovery by checking their child's planner, encouraging review of the day's lesson, and discussing current events that impact our world today.

The sixth graders are concluding a unit on basic geography skills including hemispheres, latitude/longitude, six elements of geography, plate tectonics, and landforms. The students will be applying those skills while they study the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt.

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. ~

Chinese Proverb

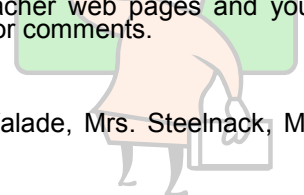
Mr. Sloan, Ms. Soentgen, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Moore,

Mr. Taylor

Math

We are excited to have your child with us as we start this new year. The sixth grade math department has been working on multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. As we continue on through the next few months we will be discovering the relationship between fractions, decimals and percents and how easy it is to switch from one to another. We would like to remind our parents to prepare their children for class on a daily basis - meaning each student will come to class with their books, paper, pencil and homework completed. Also, parents please check the teacher web pages and your child's planner for homework or comments.

Mr. Henry, Ms. Asaro, Ms. Valade, Mrs. Steelnack, Mr. Outlaw.



7TH GRADE HOUSE

Andrew Tenney

Jodi Booher

Amy Burns



Moving on Up!!

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year. All of us here at Punta Gorda Middle are very excited about the potential that this year holds for our Eagles and the 7th graders in particular. This is the year so many of the students begin to really “spread their wings” and experience more of middle school life! Punta Gorda Middle offers a number of opportunities for them to be involved in clubs and organizations. Your son or daughter can take part in the many diverse activities going on every day. They also have the opportunity to experience some new elective classes or delve deeper into things they were introduced to last year. The year has started out strong for our 7th grade Eagles both in the classroom and around school. As of today 60% of our students have a GPA of over 2.0 and more than one third of them have all A's and B's! The 7th grade also had a strong showing at our Fall Dance and demonstrated to everyone that they were full of Eagle Spirit by participating in all the Spirit events last week. Homeroom representatives have been elected and a special congratulations and thanks to all the students who threw their hat in the ring to be a part of Student Council. We have a great bunch of dedicated and energetic teachers ready to help your child reach their potential and more. All of us here in the 7th grade house are excited about this year and the PGMS Class of 2013. Thanks for all you do to support what we do. Together we can assure that your son / daughter has a fantastic year!

7th Grade Science

Ms. Alumbaugh, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Comment,
Mr. Fritz, and Mrs. Simco

7th grade science is having a great start to a new year, especially with our new textbooks! We have been reviewing scientific method & continue to use it daily as well as weekly in our science labs. We have actively been learning about cells & their structure & functions. It is important to keep a well organized notebook in science class.

Lab day schedule: Simco - Tuesday, Coffey - Wednesday,
Alumbaugh - Thursday, Comment - Friday

Math

The seventh grade math students started the year strong by mastering operations with integers and fractions. We are now solving algebraic equations using our knowledge of positive and negative rational numbers. We are very pleased to offer extra math tutoring afterschool on Mondays and Wednesdays. Come on out to room 310 after school until 5pm to get help with homework and test preparation. Parents should be sure to check out all the on-line resources available through our math book website (bigideasmath.com) and to keep up with your student's grades via FOCUS.

Mrs. Ziegler, Mrs. Steelnack, Ms. Valade, Ms. Stevens

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The seventh graders reviewed basic skills and are now setting forth on a discovery of Europe using a geographer's perspective. The focus will begin with Ancient Greece and Rome and then progress to modern day Europe.

The 7th grade civics elective had an amazing visit from the Supervisor of elections Paul Stamoulis. He joined our classes with a presentation on the Declaration of Independence and brought along a supporting cast of historical figures to share their life accomplishments. The gentlemen that dropped in for a visit were Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin.

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Mrs. Moore, Mr. Diccico, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Slattery, Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Outlaw

COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

We have arrived! We've made it to 7th grade and what a fantastic start. I have been so proud of our students as they mature into responsible and respectful young ladies and gentlemen. Part of that achievement is due in part to our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support). This program continues to impact our students and rewards them for making good choices. Keep up the super job kids!!

As we continue to “Strive for Success” here at PGMS, we encourage both parents and students to monitor their academic progress through our FOCUS parent portal. This link can be located on the left side of our web page found at <http://pgm.ccps.k12.fl.us/>. Parents may contact the main office for their username and password to access this free monitoring tool. Even students can self monitor their progress by using their last name and their FOCUS ID number as both their username and password.

As always, we look forward to working with our students and their families. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

7th Grade Language Arts

The hallways on the second floor have been adorned with posters of student Autobiography Projects. The first Charlotte Writes Essays are complete and Grammar lessons will continue to fine tune student writing skills. We'll be continuing to read various genres in our textbooks. A good reminder for students would be to carry a book to read with them daily and visit the Media Center as often as possible.

Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Volk, Ms. Armenio, Mrs. Brooks

8TH GRADE HOUSE

Hello and Welcome to the Punta Gorda Middle School 8th Grade House. The 8th Grade House consists of your child, our Assistant Principal, Mr. Jon Butts, School Counselor, Lucinda Rempala, and House Secretary, Marisa Sagarese.



Social Studies Gr.8

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The eighth grade American History students have focused on early exploration of North America, the impact on Native Americans, and early colonization. They will begin work on their History Fair. During the 2011-12 school year, National History Day invites students to research topics related to the theme, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History." The theme is broad enough for you to select a local, state, national, or world history topic. To understand the historical importance of your topics, you must ask questions of time and place, cause and effect, change over time, impact and significance.



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Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Moschini, Mrs. Foley, Mr. Koski

8th Grade Language Arts

Welcome back to all of our PGMS students and families! We have had a really positive start to this school year and the students have already been excelling in language arts class. We look forward to working with the students and parents over the course of this 2011-2012 school year.

Students have been implementing more sophisticated word choices in their writing. Some of our teachers have also been utilizing "The Word of the Day" and some other classes have the Green Wordskills Vocabulary Workbooks to help them increase their vocabulary and improve their future test scores.

As we have ended the first half of the marking period and progress reports were sent home on 9-14-2011, we are preparing to advance into the next part of the grading period. Literature studies have focused around suspense, horror, and "Strange Goings-On." These 8th Graders are an extraordinary group to work with. Students should be keeping an organized Language Arts Folder or Notebook. Finally, our literary focus will be on the elements of the literature including Mood and Tone. Thank you to all our parents for your continued support.

Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Combs, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Brooks, Ms. Thame

8th Grade Science

Mr. Alexander, Mr. Fritz, Dr. Damico, Mr. Salcedo

Hello Eagle Families!!!



In Science, we've started off the year with our first unit by exploring the scientific method. We've used scientific investigations to perform many labs such as "Shadow Lab," "Penny Boat Lab," "Spaghetti Tower Lab," "Metric Smile Lab," and "Newspaper Bridge Lab." We've posed questions, generated hypotheses, performed controlled experiments by isolating variables, gathered data, created graphs, and shared conclusions.

As we move into our next unit, we are exploring the properties of matter and calculating the mass, volume, and density of regular and irregular objects (as well as liquids). We will also learn about the periodic table as we delve into chemistry, mixtures, and substances.

We look forward to a continued great year!!!

Math Rocks!

In 8th Grade Math, first we Rock and then we Rule,

Our biggest request to you, get your kid to school!

We're a team and together we develop a plan,

Success is our goal for each woman and man.

As Mt. Everest challenges any climber to reach,

So is the multi-step equation we dare to teach.

Effort is the key for success on a test,

30 minutes every night, is what we suggest.

In the game of life, we teachers of Math,

Work for our students, to straighten their path.

And to you our parents, a major piece you do play,

Without your involvement, our ducks then may stray.

So as with the triangle, who sides are the same,

Parents, students and teachers.....all playing the same game!

From the very first day, until they walk out our door,

We help them to learn, so as Eagles they SOAR.

8th Grade Math –
Mrs. Parnell, Mrs.
Spires, Mr. Outlaw,
and Mrs. Toms



Brain Teasers!!!

1. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, and has a bed but never sleeps??
2. What happened in 1961 and will not happen again until 6009??
3. What is light as a feather, but even the strongest man cannot hold it more than a few minutes??



Answers on back page

TUTORING:

Did you know that almost 40% of our eighth grade students have all A's or B's? Regardless of the grades your child brings home, you must first focus on positive aspects of the report. For some, this might mean highlighting a strong effort or praising an academic accomplishment or attendance record. Starting on a positive note shows your child that you truly care about the accomplishments, not only the areas that need improvement.

If your child is struggling in a particular class, or just needs some homework help, Tuesdays after school the Junior Honor Society will host peer tutoring homework help. Your child will need to pick up a permission slip from the house office to attend. Students will be able to receive help in any of the subject areas including help with homework or just peer tutoring. This program is already underway.

Math tutoring will be held on Monday and Wednesday after school until 5pm. Please make sure transportation arrangements have been made prior to attending any of the after school activities.

CREDIT RECOVERY

Students have the opportunity this year of working on credits during the school day. Students are still able to work on credits at home on the internet as well. Please make use of all of the resources we have available to help your student be successful. Credits must be done before the end of the school year in order to move on to high school.

FINAL NOTES

Encourage your child to do their best. Break tasks into small steps. Make use of the teacher's websites and parent portal. Students have been given their own user name and passwords to login to see their grades in focus. If you have any questions in regards to your student, or would like a conference, please feel free to contact us and we would be glad to work together to help your child in any way possible.

Let's make this the best year ever for our children.

DREAM BUILDING:

This year we will be focusing on empowering your child to feel the success, having confidence in their ability to succeed, and to be looking forward to their career goals and choices. This year there will be events on horizon to help your child transition into the high school setting which is called the Dream Building Series. The schedule will be updated as events are finalized. You may find these dates on our school's web page in the "For the Parents" tab. This year we will also be having activities hosted by a number of our departments. These activities will also be included in the "For the Parents" tab.

August Students of the Month

Grade 6



Danial Kukuk

Grade 7



Christina Tringali

Grade 8



Baylie Crawford



Tayler Macomber



Paul Scott



Thien Huynh



Important Policy Reminder

Student use of cellular phones is strictly prohibited at any time during the school day. Cellular phones or other communication devices used during the school day will be confiscated. **Confiscated devices will only be released to the parent/guardian.** Students may possess electronic communication devices such as cell phones and ipods or the like; however, the use of these communication devices is strictly prohibited at any time during the school day. All electronic communication devices, **must be turned off (including vibrate).** Violation of this policy will result in confiscation. Please see the Student Code of Conduct for the complete policy.

Please work with us to be sure you and your children are aware of this policy. If you need for us to get a message to your child, please call the school and we will be happy to do so. Thank you for your assistance with this.

PGMS T-Shirts

\$10.00



RECYCLE

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES AND OLD CELL PHONES TO MRS. BRUNO IN ROOM 115. THESE CAN BE RECYCLED TO OBTAIN NEEDED ITEMS



Attention Visitors!

Parents are always welcome at Punta Gorda Middle School and we ask that you check into the main office to receive a visitor's pass. Please have the proper identification (Driver's License) available to obtain this pass, and please wear the pass at all times while you are on campus.

Quotes worth quoting

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Study while others are sleeping; work while others are loafing; prepare while others are playing; and dream while others are wishing.

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning.

Albert Einstein

Good friends,
Cheyenne Ellsworth and
Taryn Johnson



Media Center News

The fall book fair runs from Oct. 5th through Oct. 14th. This is a chance for our students to see and purchase current books. Proceeds go to acquire books and materials for our media center.

All our students have visited the media center for orientation and have learned about our new electronic catalog. This catalog helps students choose books for their reading programs such as Accelerated Reader. It also makes it easy to see and order books from other schools in Charlotte County.

Finally, we are participating in the Florida Sunshine State Readers Award program again. This program is sponsored by the Florida Dept. of Education. Fifteen fiction books are nominated for 6-8 graders by students, teachers, and librarians. Students who read these books are invited to special functions throughout the year. The first is a sneak preview of our fall book fair with refreshments and prizes given. Students who read three of the books will vote on their favorite for the Florida Sunshine State Award winner. The list of books is available at <http://myssyra.org>.



Adam Morrison is
hard at work in
Language Arts Class.

Exploratory Classes



Spanish

We have had a busy few weeks, learning introductory Spanish. While the content differs for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, all of the classes are covering basics like greetings, how the letters of the alphabet are pronounced, numbers (with the 8th graders learning all the way to one million!), colors, and the question words. The 6th grade is now practicing numbers up through 100, and beginning to learn the names of classroom objects. The 7th graders are doing a unit on clothing and how to describe it, and the 8th graders are studying how to express time, dates, and the seasons. We try to get everyone speaking Spanish a bit each day, and do some hands-on practicing of what they are learning. Please encourage all of the students to study their vocabulary and grammar each night. Learning a new language takes practice!



The 7&8 grade Eagle Band is preparing four band arrangements for the Dinner Theatre pre show performance; they are presenting tunes from Famous Broadway Shows. Music from 'Grease' the song 'One' from A Chorus Line, selections from West Side Story, and selections from Phantom of The Opera. They are also working up a new arrangement for the Veterans Day Parade, a patriotic parade sequence of three patriotic favorites with drum cadences. The 6th and 7th grade bands, Jazz Band and Show Choir are preparing their music for the Fall Concert.

"Welcome to Health Class Homies!"

-Mr. Brooks; Health Education Teacher

Our commitment to Health Education at PGMS grows stronger day by day, and I'm excited to have your child in class!

Remaining topics this semester include: Physical Health, Nutrition, Tobacco, Alcohol and other Drugs, Communicable/Non Communicable Diseases and Growing and Changing.



Physical Education

The PE department is happy to welcome Meredith Masony to our coaching family. In August both the girls and boys did a Wiffle Ball unit. Many homeruns were made. Right now the girls are finishing up a Fitness unit which includes: a fitness board game call Fitness Skilltastic, the Pacer test and Geo-Motion mats for both cardio and dance. The boys are finishing up an exciting Softball unit. Once the unit is done there will be a unit test and the girls will be heading to the great outdoors for some softball and the boys inside to the world of fitness.

Hope everyone has a great year!

Sincerely,

Coach Damico, Coach Mack, Coach Masony,

Coach Rankin, Coach Spire

Drama class is in full swing!!

The Drama 1 students have completed their unit on play adaptations, creating their own version of The Real Princess by Hans Christian Anderson. Likewise, the Drama 2 students completed their projects about adapting a children's story to a play. Drama 3 students are working on miniature sets.

What's New in the Career High Tech STEM Lab

This year there are many new technology modules for the eighth graders to try. The Anatomy module is one of the most requested. Students apply clay in various colors to represent anatomical structures, muscles, tendons, and arteries.

Students learn to use many different types of clay tools such as: rollers, clay knife, wire loop, sculpting thumb, and a mini-extruder. They roll, flatten, shape, coil, and add textures to represent the internal organs. They learn about anatomy kinesthetically.

In order for students to create accurate scaled replicas of body systems they watch a professional video that uses step-by-step instructions and gives detailed explanation of how the systems work.

This station assists students who are interested in careers in medical fields gain an understanding of human anatomy of the inside out.

(L-R) James Horn and Thomas Dang using the Anatomy module.

Clubs & Activities

Jr. Thespian Club

- **Jr. Thespians** are currently working on their entries for District Festival. The cast of After Hours is rehearsing for the play's premiere at the PGMS Dinner Theatre on October 27.

Want to get FIT while having FUN?

- Join the Fitness Club! We meet every Tuesday and Thursday until 5:00 pm through November 10th (meet in room 116). Our main focus is to get moving through a combination of sports, machines in the weight room, running/walking/ and even Wii fitness games! Questions? See Mrs. Koble in room 116. Hope to see you there!



Intramural Basketball

Intramurals Basketball is going on right now from September 19 – October 17 every Monday – Thursday from 4-5 in the gymnasium. A consent form must be on file at the school to participate.

Come join the REAL Club!

- Everyone is welcome. Held in Mrs. Slowinski's room #142 the 1st Friday of every month from 8:35-9:05.
- Learn the effects of drug and alcohol use and strategies to stay drug and alcohol free! We have REAL Club gear give aways, guest speakers and much more!

PGMS Jr. Honor Society

Ms. Deese & Mrs. Volk Advisors

We are proud to announce and congratulate our new 2011-2012 Club Officers:

President- Kendall Chavarria, Vice President- Liana Nunez, Secretary- Paul Scott, Treasurer- Nick O'Donnell

To be inducted into the PGMS Jr. Honor Society, a student must hold a 3.5 G.P.A for three consecutive marking periods and display role model behavior. We encourage all students in all grades to work hard and be inducted in May 2012.

The PGMS Jr. Honor Society will continue to hold peer tutoring after school every Tuesday until 5pm for ANY and ALL students who wish to attend. Please see Ms. Deese or Mrs. Volk for permission forms.

At our recent meeting, students discussed possible activities and fundraisers for the 2011-2012 year. Options included: IPOD fundraiser at lunch (was held Sept 23rd), donating to the Bird Sanctuary and/or Humane Society, and selling Candy Cane Grams before Winter break. Please listen to WPGM or visit our website for information on future meetings and/or volunteering opportunities.

Please see us with anymore ideas or suggestions!

*Ms. Deese (room 144)

*Mrs. Volk (room 218)

email: danielle_deese@ccps.k12.fl.us

email: rita_volk@ccps.k12.fl.us

Science Fair

Mr. Bunk, Mr. Alexander, and Mrs. Simco

The science teachers have been working on scientific method and inquiry with the students. Some of the students are also making projects for the annual science fair. The school science fair will be held November 3rd at PGMS, with judges from around the area who have many different science backgrounds. Parent viewing will be after that (times to be announced). Mr. Bunk is the science fair coordinator and can be reached for any questions. GO SCIENCE!!!

Parent Input

Our goal is for students to learn and achieve. We invite you to give your input on our instructional program. If you have suggestions that will help improve instruction or services, please feel free to complete an Input Form which is available in our school's main office.



Bus Passes

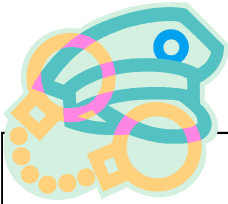
Only students who are eligible to ride buses may do so. If your child is a walker, or is out of district, he or she cannot ride a bus for any reason. Those students that are eligible may ride another bus for **emergency** reasons only. Sleepovers, birthday parties or just hanging out with a friend are not considered to be emergencies.



CHECK YOUR CHILD'S AGENDA

Ask to see your child's agenda. Check it for assignments and ask your child about using it regularly to keep track of due dates, long-term assignments, etc.





Corporal Tony Pribble

School Resource Officer

Hello Eagles!!!!!!!!!!

I am Corporal Tony Pribble the School Resource Officer here at Punta Gorda Middle. I would like to welcome our entire new 6th grade Eagles to the school and welcome back our upper classmen along with our Eagle parents.

In the first newsletter of the year, I always like to make an introduction of myself and what my expectations are on your children while they are under our care.

First, I am proud to say that I am starting my fourth year here at Punta Gorda Middle and I look forward to another great year with your kids. I have been in law enforcement for the past 16+ years and worked in many facets of this profession. I am currently in the process of finishing up my Bachelors in Criminal Justice Management. I can say without reservation that I have enjoyed the past 3+ years working with the children over everything that I have done in law enforcement.

My office is located in the main office at the school. I am normally in my office by 8:30am Monday thru Friday and I leave the office by 4:30 in the afternoon. If a student or a parent would like to have a meeting with me, I welcome you all to come in and have a chat. I am available to the parents after 9:25am on a normal basis. I encourage you to please call and make an appointment with me to make sure that I do not already have a meeting scheduled or that I am not in a classroom teaching.

I would like to take this time to let you know a little about what my job is here at Punta Gorda Middle .

First my main objective is the students and staff safety, which I take very seriously!!!!

As a part of that, I would like to share with you some helpful pointers to get you through the year safely and trouble free.

First, if your child brings a weapon to school it can be a serious offense and could get them into a lot of trouble. However, we all know that kids go camping, fishing, hunting and things of this nature when they are not in school. If your child should forget about a weapon (as stated in the Code of Conduct books) that they left in their back pack from the weekend, please tell your child to let either me, their house administrator or their teacher know about it and turn it over to them immediately.

Second if your child brings or knows of anyone that has any type of illegal drugs such as marijuana or any type of pills please let a staff member know immediately. This includes any type of medication like Tylenol or your prescription medication. This must be handled through the school nurse Mrs. Banes.

They do not have to give their name but this too can be a serious matter and needs to be brought to our attention.



Lastly, for my bike riders out there..... I want to make sure that you know that your child must wear a helmet whenever they are riding their bike. If I or any of the staff see your child without a helmet, they will get one warning. If they are seen a second time without a helmet they could receive a \$60.00 ticket. If your child does not have a helmet, please tell them to come to my office and just ask for one. I have helmets that I will be happy to give them free of charge.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me or email me. My email link is under the Leadership tab on the school web site.

Thank you and have a great year Eagles and make sure we all S.O.A.R. Strive for success, Opt for Honesty, Act responsibly and Respect others.

Corporal Tony Pribble

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PUNTA GORDA MIDDLE SCHOOL

NON-ADOPTED BOOK LIST

2011 – 2012

READ 180



<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
A Christmas Carol.....	Charles Dickens	Help! I'm a prisoner in the Library.....	Eth Clifford
A Corner of the Universe	Ann M. Martin	Holes.....	Louis Sachar
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	Hoot.....	Carl Hiaasen
Among the Barons	Margaret Peterson Haddix	I, Houdini.....	Lynne Reid Banks
Among the Betrayed	Margaret Peterson Haddix	Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell
Among the Enemy	Margaret Peterson Haddix	Julie of the Wolves	Jean George
Among the Free	Margaret Peterson Haddix	King of the Wind.....	Marguerite Henry
Among the Hidden.....	Margaret Peterson Haddix	Let the Circle Be Unbroken.....	Mildred Taylor
Among the Imposters.....	Margaret Peterson Haddix	The Library Card	Jerry Spinelli
The Anybodies.....	N. E. Bode	Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli
The Barn Burner	Patricia Willis	The Midnight Train Home.....	Erika Tamar
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	New Kid in Class.....	Anne Schraff
The Bully	Paul Langan	Number the Stars	Lois Lavry
The Birchbark House	Louise Erdrich	The Outsiders.....	S. E. Hinton
Brian's Song	William Blinn	Sasquatch.....	Roland Smith
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Peterson	Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
Caddie Woodlawn.....	Carol Ryrie Brink	She Touched the World: The Laura Bridgman Story	Sally Hobart Alexander & Robert Alexander
Call it Courage	Armstrong Sperry	Shiloh.....	Phyllis R. Naylor
Call of the Wild.....	Jack London	Sixth Grade NickNameGame	Gordon Korman
Crash	Jerry Spinnelli	The Shining Mark.....	Anne Schraff
Dive: Book One-The Discover	Gordon Korman	Skeleton Man.....	Jospeh Bruchac
Double Identity	Margaret Peterson Haddix	So B. it.....	Sarah Weeks
Ella Enchanted	Gail Carson Levine	Sounder.....	William Armstrong
Escaping the Giant Wave.....	Peg Kehret	Things Not Seen	Andrew Clements
Esperanza Rising.....	Pam Munoz Ryan	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	AVI Orchard Classics
Everest: Book One-The Contest	Gordon Korman	The Truth Test	Lori Pollard-Johnson
Everest: Book Three The Summit.....	Gordon Korman	Titanic: Disaster at Sea	Martin Jenkins
The Family Under the Bridge	Natalie Savage Carlson	Tuck Everlasting.....	Natalie Babbitt
Found	Margaret Peterson Haddix	When a Hero Dies	Anne Schraff
Freak the Mighty.....	Rodman Philbrick	Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
Frindle.....	Andrew Clements	Whirligig	Paul Fleischman
The Frozen Face.....	Anne Schraff	White Fang	Jack London
Getting Near to Baby	Audrey Coulombis	White Star, A Dog on the Titanic	Marty Crisp
Ghost Canoe.....	Will Hobbs		
The Giver	Lois Lowry		

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LANGUAGE ARTS

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	The Lottery Rose	Irene Hunt
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Shakespeare	Make a Movie.....	Rodman Philbrick
A Raisin in the Sun.....	Lorraine Hansberry	Max the Mighty	Rodman Philbrick
An Edgar Allen Poe Reader.....	Globe Books	The Midnight Train Home.....	Erika Tamar
Al Capone Does My Shirts		The Miracle Worker	William Gibson
Al Capone Shines My Shoes		The Monsters are Due on Maple St.....	Rod Serling
And Then There Were None.....	Agatha Christie	My Teacher is an Alien	Bruce Coville
Brian's Return.....	Gary Paulsen	October Sky.....	Homer Hickam
Brian's Winter	Gary Paulsen	The Once and Future King	T. H. White
Bridge to Terabithia.....	Katherine Peterson	Out of the Dust	Karen Heese
Call of the Wild	Jack London	The Outsiders	S. E. Hinton
Charlotte's Web.....	E. B. White	Peter and the Shadow Thieves.....	Dave Berry
The Chocolate War.....	Robert Cormier	Peter and the Star Catchers.....	Dave Berry
Cousins	Virginia Hamilton	The Pigman	Paul Zindel
Crash.....	Jerry Spinnelli	Pride and Prejudice.....	Jane Austen
Deep, Dark & Dangerous.....	Mary Downing Hahn	Reader's Handbook.....	Great Source
Devil's Arithmetic	Jane Yolen	The Red Pony	John Steinbeck
Diary of Anne Frank.....	Anne Frank	REM World	Rodman Philbrick
Don't Look Behind You	Lois Duncan	The Revealers	Doug Wilhelm
Everlost.....	Neal Shusterman	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor
Frankenstein.....	Mary Shelley	The Schwa was Here	Neal Shusterman
Ghost Canoe	Will Hobbs	Selected Poems.....	Robert Frost
The Giver.....	Lois Lowry	Souder.....	William Armstrong
Grammar for Writing.....	Sadlier-Oxford	Stranger With My Face.....	Lois Duncan
Hatchet.....	Gary Paulsen	Tales of the Brothers Grimm	Carol Joy Cincerelli
The Hobbit.....	J. R. Tolkien	That was Then, This is Now	S. E. Hinton
Holes.....	Louis Sachar	Time Enough at Last	Rod Serling
Homecoming	Cynthia Voight	Times for Kids Comprehension	
Hoot.....	Carl Hiaasen	& Critical Thinking	Jamey Acosta
The House of Dies Drear	Virginia Hamilton	Treasure Island	R. L. Stevenson
It Happened To Nancy.....	Beatrice Sparks	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	AVI
Jaguar.....	Roland Smith	Tuck Everlasting.....	Natalie Babbitt
The Jungle Book.....	Rudyard Kipling	Twelfth Night	William Shakespeare
Last Book in the Universe	Rodman Philbrick	The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin
Leon's Story	Walker Tillage	Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
Let the circle Be Unbroken.....	Mildred Taylor	Woodsong.....	Gary Paulsen
The Lightening Thief.....	Rick Riordan	Writing a Research Paper	Sadlier-Oxford



NON-ADOPTED BOOK LIST

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SCIENCE

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
1001 Shocking Science Facts	Anne Rooney
Annie’s Baby	Beatrice Sparks
Ask Me Everything.....	DK Publishing
Astronomy	Kingfisher Publishing
Biology	Kingfisher Publishing
The Biology Coloring Book	Robert D. Griffin
Earth Science Physics Chemistry.....	It’s About Time

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
The Elements.....	Theodore Gray
Ideas That Changed the World.....	DK Publishing
Science Fiction Anthology	
.....	Rinehart Holt & Winston Holt
Sciencesaurus.....	Great Source Publishing
Visual Fact-Finder, History Timeline.....	
.....	Miles & Kelly Publishing

EXPLORATORIES

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
The Hound of the Baskervilles	Arthur Conan Doyle
The Transall Saga	Gary Paulsen

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
Out Town	Thornton Wilder

SOCIAL STUDIES

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
3 Cups of Tea – M.S. Version	
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Judy Barrett
Four Perfect Pebbles	
.....	Lila Perl & Marion Blumenthal Lazan
If America Were a Village: A Book about the People of the US	David Smith
If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World’s People.....	David Smith
Journey to JoBurg	Beverly Naidoo

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
Mieko and the Fifth Treasure	Eleanor Coerr
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry
One Well: The Story of Water on Earth.....	Rochelle Strauss
Sadako & The Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor Coerr
The Sneetches.....	Dr. Suess
The Terrible Things: An Allegory of the Holocaust	Eve Bunting & Stephen Gammell
Yertle the Turtle	Dr. Suess

Out of Field Teachers

Florida State law requires notification to parent (s) /guardian (s) when a teacher in a district is assigned teaching duties in a class dealing with subject matter that is outside the field in which the teacher is certified. Punta Gorda Middle School currently has 6 teachers teaching out of field.

David Alexander, Gifted	Linda Irons, Reading	Melissa Tosto, ESOL
Karen Brooks, ESOL, Reading	Betty Ann Smith, Gifted	

Based upon a review of these teacher’s backgrounds, we believe they are qualified to deliver instructional services in their currently assigned areas to your child.



Target Card

Target sponsors a program to benefit schools. If you currently have a Target red card or apply for one, you can designate Punta Gorda Middle School as the recipient of a 1% donation from Target. I know it doesn't sound like much, but it's extra cash that our school didn't have before. This money goes directly to the general fund for student use.

The PE Department is collecting Box Tops for



Education to purchase PE supplies. You can find "Box Tops" on many items. Please collect them at home and send them in periodically with your child. (Box Tops do expire so please check the date.) Please turn them in to Coach Damico.

Can Tabs

Our school nurse, Mrs. Banes, is collecting can tabs which are donated to McDonald's for the Ronald McDonald House. This is a community service project. Our school does not profit from this, but it is a way for us to give back to the community.



If you would like to collect these at home and send in full baggies on occasion, please have your child drop them off in the nurse's office.

Campbell's Labels for Education

We are asking all of our PGMS families to help us collect Campbell's Labels for Education by clipping and saving certain labels. You can help our school receive some exciting new items.

You can view these items at labelsforeducation.com.



Brain Teaser Answers: 1. A River, 2. The year reads the same upside down, 3. His breath.

A. S.)

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