



THE THUNDER REPORT

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Administrators' Message

As one year comes to an end and we look forward to the bright, new opportunities 2021 may provide, I'd like to ask us all to pause and reflect about the great strides we've all made during this unprecedented year. Many of us have had to step outside of our comfort zone, try new ways of teaching, learning, and parenting. We've had to stretch ourselves beyond what even we thought we were capable of—and we made it through, stronger than before. Take a moment to congratulate yourself on these accomplishments- big and small.

Looking forward to 2021, dream big, set goals, and make a plan to achieve those goals. The Thunderbird community is strong and tenacious; there is nothing we can't do. Work hard and ask for help, we're all on this journey called education together. Cheers to the new year and new opportunities

Mrs. Amber Schmittiel

Assistant Principal
Pinellas Park Middle School

CALENDAR EVENTS

December 19-January 3
Winter Break

January 4
Is a regular school day

January 15
Last day of First Semester

Quote of the day

“
**Teachers affect
eternity; no one
can tell where their
influence stops.**

HENRY BROOKS ADAMS

School Sports and Extracurricular Activities Projected to Come Back in 2021

There is some much needed excitement tentatively coming to PPMS and other schools in the district for the 2020-21 school year. Sports will tentatively start back with Volleyball resuming in January, Basketball in February, and Track in April. If you would like to participate, please go to <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/15271> to register

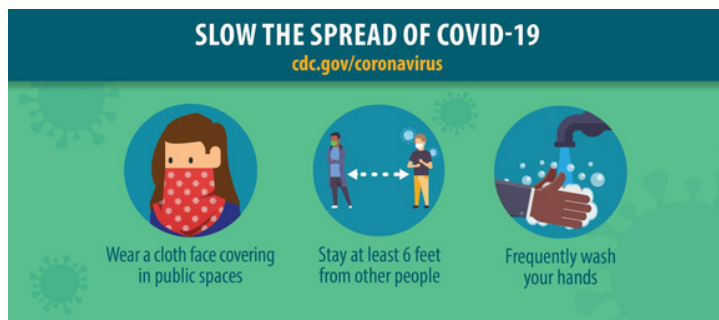


Happy Holidays



Covid Cases Gradually Rise

As Covid-19 cases gradually rise, it is of the upmost importance that we continue to follow safety guidelines. Please social distance yourself as much as possible and wear your mask. Covid-19 can be defeated when we all can continue to follow safety protocol. If you suspect yourself of being sick, go get tested and isolate yourself from others so that it isn't passed along. Currently there's a vaccine being developed that will hopefully curb the number of cases that we're seeing.



Staff Shoutouts!

Fred for all her support and guidance- Weiler

Sherri- The energizer bunny and who has been helpful and kind when I needed it the most- Weiler

Mrs. Murray is always helpful. Love the kids

PPMS staff is awesome!

Wanda- You are like a momma to us when we need you- Weiler

HUGE- thank you to all teachers that use their planning period to cover for others. It's a crazy time and you keep on rocking it!

If you would like to submit a shoutout, use the pink box in the copy room!

Parent Tech Tips

Need help with PCS Portal login instructions?

Use the link below

for instructions in English and Spanish

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/33798>

Use the link below for help with Canvas.

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/33748>

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Staff Member Highlight

Mr. Victor Melendez



Subject: ELA

Last read: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Years taught: 5 years

Born: Puerto Rico

Interesting Fact: US Army Veteran

