



Panther Press

2ND EDITION

FEBRUARY WRAP UP!

FEBRUARY WAS A SHORT MONTH BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT NOTHING HAPPENED! FOR VALENTINE'S DAY, FBLA SOLD CANDY GRAMS SO EVERYONE COULD SHOW HOW MUCH THEY CARE, AND THE LIBRARY HAD A BOOK FAIR WHICH HAD MANY NEW AND INTERESTING NOVELS FOR EVERYONE TO READ. VALENTINE'S DAY WAS A HUGE HIT AMONG PEOPLE, MANY PEOPLE WERE BRINGING GIFTS, AND CHOCOLATE FOR OTHERS TO ENJOY. AT THE VERY END OF THIS MONTH THERE WERE TALENT SHOW TRYOUTS SO IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW EVERYONE DOES! EVEN THOUGH FEBRUARY WAS SHORT, THERE WAS STILL A LOT THAT WENT ON!

NEWSPAPER TEAM

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WELCOME NEW PANTHERS

TEACHERS ALREADY HAVE A TOUGH JOB AS IS. HAVING MULTIPLE CLASSES TO TEACH, EACH WITH A FAIR SHARE OF MISBEHAVING STUDENTS. SO, IMAGINE HAVING SIX DIFFERENT CLASSES OF DIFFERENT GRADE LEVELS, PEOPLE, AND TEACHERS, HAVING TO GIVE KIDS A BREAK WHEN YOU DO NOT GET ANY, AND IMAGINE DOING IT AT A NEW SCHOOL! SEEMS CRAZY RIGHT? BUT THESE TEACHERS DID IT ALL. I INTERVIEWED TWO NEW TEACHERS AT PHMS. THE NEW BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST, MRS. DAVIS AND THE NEW ESE TEACHER, MRS. MINTER.

LET'S START OFF WITH MRS. DAVIS

QUESTION: WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO TEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL?

ANSWER: I LOVE MIDDLE SCHOOL! I WORKED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AS A COUNSELOR, AND I LOVE THE STUDENTS AND STAFF! MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A VERY IMPORTANT TIME, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU THROUGH.

QUESTION: WHY DID YOU WANT TO BE A BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST?

ANSWER: I LIKE THE BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST JOB BECAUSE I HAVE EXPERIENCE AS A COUNSELOR AND TEACHER, AND WANT ALL THE KIDS TO SUCCEED

QUESTION: WHERE DID YOU TEACH BEFORE?

ANSWER: I USED TO TEACH IN TEXAS AND CAME TO FLORIDA NOT TOO LONG AGO

QUESTION: HOW IS THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHING YOU?

ANSWER: VERY WELL! I LOVE THIS MIDDLE SCHOOL! THE STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE AMAZING!

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU TEACH?

ANSWER: I TEACH SPECIAL EDUCATION (ALL SUBJECTS)

QUESTION: WHEN DO STUDENTS COME TO SEE YOU?

ANSWER: STUDENTS COME TO SEE ME WHEN THEY NEED A BREAK AND ARE STRESSED BY NORMAL CLASSES.

AND NOW MRS. MINTER.

QUESTION: WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THE ESE (EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION) TEACHER JOB?

ANSWER: I WILL TELL YOU THE TRUTH. MANY YEARS AGO, MY OLD BOSS SAID THAT THE BEST JOB FOR ME TO DO WAS TO TEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL. IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, YOU ARE AT A CRUCIAL TIME IN YOUR LIFE, AND I WOULD LOVE TO HELP YOU THROUGH!

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU DO AS AN ESE TEACHER?

ANSWER: I SUPPORT SEVERAL CLASSES INCLUDING 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE ELA CLASSES, 1 MATH CLASS, ONE HISTORY CLASS, AND ONE OF MY OWN

QUESTION: WHY DO YOU LIKE TO BE AN ESE TEACHER?

ANSWER: A LOT OF STUDENTS HAVE LEARNING DISABILITIES, BUT I DO NOT SEE IT AS THAT. I SEE IT AS KIDS WHO NEED CARE. MIDDLE SCHOOL IS WHEN THEY NEED THE MOST HELP AND I HOPE I CAN PROVIDE THAT

QUESTION: HOW IS THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHING YOU?

ANSWER: EXCELLENT! EVERYONE IS SO SUPPORTIVE ALL AROUND AND WE HAVE A TRULY KIND AND LOVING PRINCIPAL

School Lunch

School lunch has a lot of potential. Our cafeteria manager works hard every day to make food for everyone. There is no problem with the food itself. If you dig deeper, there is a bigger problem. There is a shortage of everything. They are short on condiments, dressing cups, trays, cookies, and even some of the entrees. In a normal year, our lunches would be better, but we do not have the supplies to make our meals up to par. Many of us forget we can take more than some of us we get. You are allowed one entrée, milk, Fruit or juice and a veggie. Also, if you don't want to get a veggie you can get one fruit and a juice. Before you go talking bad about the food you get for free every morning or afternoon, please do your research.

MARCH EVENTS

This month, there are more tryouts for the talent show and the show itself will be on April 1st and there are flag football tryouts this month, and they will start playing soon! There is a spring fling dance on April 12th, so start preparing for that! FBLA has state competitions this month, and 8th graders are going to Finance Park. The end of the quarter and spring break are coming up so make sure to work hard to keep your grades up!

Upcoming Events!

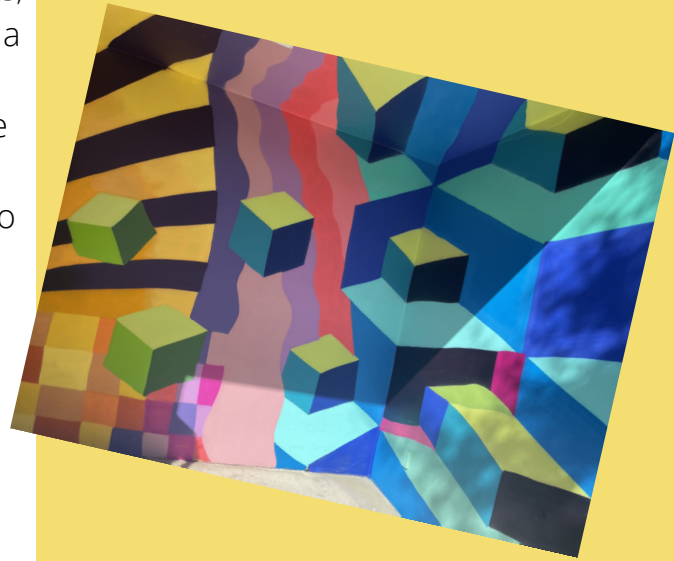
8th grade events

Since it's their last year, the 8th graders have a few special events coming up! There is an 8th grade dance on **May 6th**, and the 8th grade award ceremony is on **May 17th** and the 8th grade field trip to Universal **May 13th** wish them luck on their high school adventures.

Spring Fling Dance:

April 12th 4:15-6pm

Mural



Say Something !!!

Trying to help the well-being of someone can be hard, but it is also very important to try. If you believe that someone may be going through something, please try to get them to call a hotline listed below or file a report at Say Something. Accessible through Clever at "Say Something" or on your phone through google or safari at **saysomething.net**

Teen Health Resource Directory		
Organization	Phone	Web
ChooseMyPlate: healthy eating and physical activity info		choosemyplate.gov/browse-by-audience/view-all-audiences/students/teens
Florida Abuse Hotline	1.800.96.ABUSE	mylifefamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline
Love is Respect - prevent and end abusive relationships	1.866.331.9474 or text LOVEIS to 22522	loveisrespect.org
National Eating Disorders Association	1.800.931.2237 or text NEDA to 741741	nationaleatingdisorders.org
National Human Trafficking Hotline	1.888.373.7888 or text HELP to 233733	humantraffickinghotline.org
National Institute on Drug Abuse for Teens		teens.drugabuse.gov
National Road Safety Foundation	1.866.SAFEPATH	nrsf.org
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	1.800.273.8255	suicidepreventionlifeline.org
Power to Decide: sexual health		powertodecide.org/teen-talk
STOMP Out Bullying		stompoutbullying.org
Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT)		swatflorida.com/join-the-movement
Tobacco Free Florida Quit Line	1.877.U.CAN.NOW	tobaccofreeflorida.com