

Junior Jags Newsletter

Pembroke Pines
Charter Schools
Academic Village
Middle School

Administrative Team

Principal

Peter Bayer

Assistant Principal

Jennifer Diaz

Guidance Counselor

Jenilee Abolafia

Our MISSION

The Pembroke Pines Charter Community will provide a challenging educational foundation to prepare students for college success and responsible citizenship.

Our VISION

Pembroke Pines Charter High School, in collaboration with students, parents, and the community, endeavors to create a challenging and supportive organization of lifelong learners. It is our vision to actively engage in a continuous process of intellectual, emotional and social growth that is unified in direction, yet diverse in approach and instruction.

A Cambridge Certified Center

September 2017

College Citizenship Community

Welcome to the
2017-2018 School year!

WE ARE AN 'A' SCHOOL!!!

What's New at AVM?

We are delighted to welcome our incoming 6th graders, all of our new students, and their families to the Jaguar team!

**Back
to
School**

New Junior Jags Staff:

The Jaguar Family is excited to welcome our new staff members: Giselle Urizarri (Language Arts) and Jacqueline Mandel (Reading and Language Arts).



We kicked off the year with a Solar Eclipse on the first day of school!

Total Eclipse Fun Facts:

- This eclipse was the most viewed ever.
- This was the first total solar eclipse in the continental U.S. in 38 years.
- The path of totality was a strip of land about 70 miles wide or so that stretches from central Oregon through South Carolina.

Important Announcements

Parent Advisory Meetings

Our parent advisory meetings will be held at 6:00PM at the SW Regional Library Auditorium. Parent volunteer hours are given for attending the parent advisory meetings. Mark your calendars!

Uniforms

In order to maintain a safe and orderly campus, all students must be in proper uniform.

On-Campus Supervision

On-campus adult supervision is provided from 8:15AM-3:45PM. Students who are at the library after school are subject to Broward County Libraries' rules & regulations.

Sign-Out

Students will not be able to sign out after 2:30PM.

Parent Volunteer Hours

It is the parent's responsibility to keep track of their hours. Please note the following dates for your records. The commitment of 30 parent hours must be completed by **May 25, 2018**.

Student Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is available online at the school's website, ppcmsavc.weebly.com

Drop-Off Policy

When dropping off items at school, you are responsible for contacting your child and ensuring that they know to pick up all items during their lunch or between classes. We will **NOT** contact your child as this disrupts the learning environment.



Athletics Dept.

Anthony Kelly
Athletics Director
akelly@ppines.com

Athletics Department

Soccer Home Games (4-6pm)

September 5th	vs. Hollywood Academy
September 12th	vs. Franklin Academy Pines
September 13th	vs. Franklin Academy Cooper City
September 19th	vs. Franklin Academy Pines
September 25th	vs. Renaissance Plantation
September 28th	vs. North Broward Academy
October 2nd	vs. Renaissance Plantation
October 4th	vs. Hollywood Academy

Charter School Liason

Our Charter School Liaison for Academic Village is Aner Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager.

Below is his contact information:

E-mail: agonzalez@ppines.com

Telephone Number: (954) 431-4884

Dispute Resolution Procedure

There is a procedure by which the charter school board resolves disputes. The school board is aware of this dispute resolution procedure.

1. Parents speak with teacher. If not resolved...
2. Parents speak with administrator. If not resolved...
3. Parents speak with principal. If not resolved...
4. Parents speak with Charles Dodge, City Manager

Changes to Meal Prices

Please note that meal prices for high school students have changed for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

Breakfast - \$1.75 L

unch - \$3.00

Address Changes

Please note: If your address changes, you must complete an address change form and attach a copy of a current utility bill (light, water, etc.) The utility bill MUST have the name of the parent/ guardian and complete address. Updating this information in Jupiter Grades and/or the emergency contact card does not complete the process. This form and utility bill can be turned in to the Guidance office.

Employee Performance

Assessment

Parents have the opportunity to provide input into the faculty and administration performance evaluations. If you are interested, please provide the Principal with your input by April 30, 2018.

Academic Village Clubs

- Fishing/Environmental Club
- Film/Movie Club
- Pet Talk
- Photography
- Science Competitors
- Arts and Crafts Club
- Student Government
- Sports Club
- Relaxation Club
- Foodies Club
- Jags in Anime
- Board Games
- Mentoring
- Selfie Club
- Nature Club



Peace Week

During Peace Week, the students at the Academic Village Charter Middle School will participate in the annual WePledge100 campaign. Each year, our middle school raises money for people struggling with extreme poverty in Ti Limbe, Haiti by pledging to raise at least one hundred dollars as a school. In years past, we have far exceeded our goal thanks to the generosity of our students and families.

WePledge100 is working to build homes to replace the shacks made from sticks and mud in which many of the people in Ti Limbe currently reside. Plans to build a school where children can receive education, their one lifeline out of poverty, are also underway. By participating in this fundraiser yearly, the students have been able to see the direct impact of their generosity, as several homes have already been built, providing shelter and safety to those families and a sense of pride to the community of Ti Limbe. A representative from WePledge100 will speak to some of our classes during Peace Week, giving the students a global perspective and an increased sense of gratitude for all that we have and are privileged to share with those in Haiti.

- Please participate in our dress down day on Wednesday, September 27th and support WePledge100! Students may dress down for \$1.00 for tops and \$1.00 for bottoms, but we encourage families to give generously as they are able. Students should wear blue and white as visuals of our commitment to peace.

School Counseling News/Events

- Kids of Character: In September, students were recognized for demonstrating cooperation. Through various school and classroom activities, our students are learning to work together to accomplish a common goal.
- Also, in recognition of AVM's participation in the #Pinesiskind initiative we were presented with a Peace Pole. The pole has been placed in our garden. A celebration will occur on **October 5th** with Mayor Frank C. Ortis, City Commissioners, and Broward School Personnel.

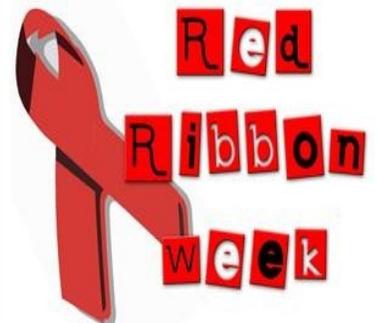
Survival Guide

Back to school advice for the incoming 6th graders...

- “Breathe, live your life and enjoy it! Middle school is fun. Focus on the positive things. Life will be so much easier that way.” - *Aliya Khan (8th grade)*
- “Enjoy 6th grade while you can, because the work load will increase guaranteed.”
–*Priscilla Lozano (8th grade)*
- “Make sure you keep working hard, and remember to take breaks when you get stressed.” - *Gianna Gato (8th grade)*
- “Try your hardest on everything. Believe in yourself.” - *Carolina Glock (8th Grade)*
- “Follow the rules and listen to your heart.” - *Alek F.*
- “Be a role model for others. Stand out in a positive way. Represent AVM in a positive way. Be confident and reach out to others that need help.” - *Mrs. Diaz*
- “Try your very best. You might surprise yourself. Do not procrastinate. You will become overwhelmed if you wait until the last minute. Get involved in school activities. Some of the best memories you will make in middle school will come from the clubs and teams you are a part of. Appreciate the wonderful school that you are a part of.” - *Mr. Gil*
- “Check Jupiter, write your name on your paper, and work hard!” - *Ms. Lewis*
- “Enjoy every aspect of middle school. Keep your academic, social and athletic life well balanced. You will become a successful adult if you are well rounded. –*Mrs. Abolafia*

Red Ribbon Week

PPCMS-AVC will participate in Red Ribbon Week, which will take place from October 23rd-31st. Students will participate in a door decorating contest reflecting the theme of the week. Red Ribbon Week is sponsored by the National Family Partnership. Visit www.redribbon.org for more information about the campaign.





Important Dates

September

- 4- No School (Labor Day)
- 7- Picture Day
- 8- Charter Family Night (6-8 pm)
- 11- Parent Advisory (6-7pm)
- 13- First Club Day (2:30- 3:15pm)
- 14- Early Release Day
- 16- Saturday School
- 21- No School
- 25- Peace Week Begins

October

- 9- Columbus Day and Picture Make-Up Day
- 10- SOS Dress Down Day

- 19- Early Release Day
- 20- No School (Teacher Planning Day) and End of 1st Quarter
- 21- Sunshine Picnic

November

- 10- No School (Veterans Day)
- 13- Parent Advisory Meeting at Southwest Regional Library (6-7pm)
- 16- Report Cards Issued
- 21- Cambridge Science Field Trip
- 22-24- No School (Thanksgiving)

Faculty Members Broaden Their Areas of Expertise

All of our professional teachers are continuously upgrading their skills and developing increased levels on content expertise. We would like to recognize those teachers at Pembroke Pines Charter High School who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college work and/or training sessions to become certified in another subject. While completing this work, they will be teaching those subjects to students. They have been approved by the School Board of Broward County to teach out of field. The following teachers are out of field for the 2017-2018 school year: Jennifer Carson for ESOL.

City of Pembroke Pines- Academic Village Middle School

Home of the Jags!

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 Jay Schwartz, Commissioner
 Iris Siple, Commissioner
 Charles Dodge, City Manager & Superintendent of Schools

