

“Believe You Can!”

Pleasant Grove Elementary

December, 2011



Love the giver more than the gift.
-- Brigham Young

Dear PGE Family,

As the holidays approach, we at Pleasant Grove Elementary are grateful for all of the wonderful adults that work with our children. We are proud to recognize the achievements of a few who “Believe We Can” at PGE.

We are bursting with pride as we announce our 2011-2012 **Teacher of the Year** Pam Jordan! Mrs. Jordan’s dedication to our students is evident in all she does. Whether working with the students in her first grade classroom or helping her colleagues implement best teaching practices, she can be counted on to go above and beyond to meet the needs of our PGE family. We are proud of Mrs. Jordan and all of the teachers who were nominated for this honor: Christine Albrecht, Gina Atkin, Karen Boynton, Cassie Borst, Jen DeWeese, Debbie Eckstein, Sue McInnis, Charlotte Myer, and Teresa Raymond.

Our **School-Related Employee of the Year** is Abby Perrone! Mrs. Perrone is our media/tech aide and can be found assisting students and staff with finding materials in our media center. Mrs. Perrone is an active member of our PTA and our Relay For Life Talent Show team. We are so proud of Abby and all of our support staff who were nominated for this honor: Kim Blocker, Raynae Brennan, Vincent LoPiccolo, Avery Milliard, Brian Perrigo, Sandy Koehler, Stacey Badger and Barb Warner.

Our **Volunteer of the Year** is Erica Luke. Mrs. Luke works with students in our preK classes as well as serving as President of our PTA. The following were also nominated; Kathy Cobo, Lisa McMillan, Jackie Budd, Annamarie Perrigo, Alicia Vereas, Audrey Rodgers, Sarah Clauss, Sarah Lafayette and Cynthia Moeller. We are thankful that these volunteers “Believe We Can” at PGE!

May your hearts be filled with the wonders of the season!

Lynne Kirby



Congratulations to Abby Perrone, our Support Person of the Year, and Pam Jordan, our Teacher of the Year.

PGE School T-Shirts are here!

This year’s “Believe You Can” t-shirts are now available. Students can purchase a shirt to show their school spirit. Shirts cost \$6.50 each. Thank you to Mary Legear for designing our shirt.



When shopping online, please consider shopping through www.schoolstore.com. This is an online shopping mall with more than 400 nationally-known merchants that have agreed to give a percentage of sales to K-12 schools. Companies like Walmart.com, Sears, Target, Disney Store, Family Book Store, and Oriental Trading Company participate. The money brought in through this program will go to support your student’s education here at PGE.

Your child recently brought home picture ornaments. If you want to keep the ornaments, please send in \$10 (checks payable to PGE). If you are not interested, please return the package to your child’s teacher. All money will stay at PGE.

ADOPT-A-CLASS: Thank you to all of our Adopt-A-Class sponsors. PGE teachers have received almost \$4,000 from sponsors already this year. If you would like more information on Adopt-A-Class, please visit the PGE website or call 637-4400. Thank you to . . . **Brian Wilkerson** (Mrs. Jensen’s and Mrs. Knott’s classes), **Mr. and Mrs. Perrigo** (Mrs. Xenophon’s and Ms. Burrows’ classes), **Branch Banking and Trust** (Mrs. Jordan), **Floral Nails, Inc.** (Mrs. Taylor’s and Mrs. Stone’s classes), **Barbara and Wayne Johnson/Madison Thompson/Daniel Sands** (Mrs. Stone’s and Mrs. Miller’s classes), **an anonymous sponsor** (Mrs. Stone’s class), **Sumter County Animal Hospital** (Mrs. Janicki), **Citrus County Airboat Alliance, Inc.** (Mrs. Coker’s and Mrs. Loyed’s classes), **Mr. and Mrs. Lederman** (Mrs. McInnis), **Janet Mayo** (Mrs. Bunce), **Mr. and Mrs. Cooper** (Mrs. Younger) **Barbara Raymond** (Mrs. Raymond), **Citrus Dental of Inverness** (Mrs. Kane), **Clawdaddy’s Raw Bar and Grill** (Mrs. Piffath), **Dimples and Daisies Photography** (Mrs. DeWeese), **Land Title of Citrus County, Inc.** (Mrs. Dillersberger), **an anonymous sponsor** (Mrs. McClain), **Modern Plumbing** (Mrs. Xenophon’s class) and **Janice Coiley** (Mrs. Mattingly’s class), **PGE PTA** (Mrs. North’s, Mr. Langley’s, Miss Irving’s classes), **Inverness First United Methodist Church** (Ms. Eckstein’s and Mrs. Thomasson’s classes), **Little Italy** (Mrs. Kane’s and Mrs. Thomasson’s classes), **Laura O’Shea** and **British European Soccer Training, Inc.** (Mrs. Canfield’s art room), **Friends of the PGE Library in memory of Janet Gonzalez** (Mrs. Myer’s Media Center), **Webb Family** (Mrs. Koelber’s class). Thank you sponsors!

COMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 5 3:30-4:30 Writing Club
Reach Open House
5:30-7:00 Cookies with Santa (Media Center)
- Dec. 7 Domino's Pizza Night
- Dec. 8 8:00-8:30 STAR Runners
Domino's Pizza Night
- Dec. 9 9:45 5th grade FOCUS graduation
- Dec. 12 3:30-4:30 Writing Club
6:30 Kindergarten holiday show
- Dec. 15 8:00-8:30 STAR Runners
12:20 Dismissal
- Dec. 16 12:20 Dismissal
- Jan. 4 Students return from Christmas break

Our **PGE Talent Show** will be held on Friday, Jan. 27 from 6-8. Ticket prices range from \$2-\$7, and are \$10 for reserved seating. Refreshments will also be available that evening. All proceeds will benefit Relay for Life. Come see the talents of our PGE students.

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

Skyler Santolucito, Mia Walley, Kara Davis, Jadyne Lovell, Mark Covino, Michala Jones, Angel Smith, Gavin Cole, Rylie Nieves, Alydia Black, Shivam Patel, Chase Watkins, Jacobi Joseph, Rubie Geer, Matthew Mennella, Ty Conard, Bethany Herndon, Gracie Shroeder, Kaiden Ellis, Alison Loggins, Georgia Geer, Morgan Johnson, Emma Jones, Tyler Cameron, Aiden Weber, Angelina Munoz, Skye Morrow, Halie Oser, Abigail Hageman, Noah Sheley, Seth Steffey, George Covnio, Jessica Valenzuela, Jada Jones, Lyndsee Philipps, Brittany Peters, Amanda Schnettler, Bryan Fisher
Congratulations students!

Counselor's Corner: The 8 "L's" of Parenting

LOVE your child. For your child to be successful, he or she must feel valued. Giving your undivided attention, especially at the end of each day, demonstrates caring.

LOOK for the good in your child and make specific comments on what he or she does well. You must believe in your child's worth before he or she can believe it. If you want your child to have self-confidence and motivation, watch for positive behaviors and comment on them.

LISTEN, without judgment, to your child express his or her thoughts and feelings. If you do not listen, your child may attempt to gain your attention by misbehaving.

LAUGH with your child, not at him or her. Demonstrate a sense of humor as you cope with life's difficulties.

LABOR diligently and with pride so that your child will want to work hard, persevere and do his or her best.

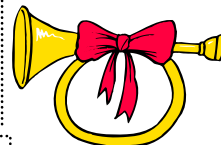
LEARN new information. It is fine to say, I don't know, but then add that you both can find out together. Take the time to read and thus instill a love of learning. On car trips play word games, read or listen to books on tape.

LEAVE the television and other media off. Many programs and video games desensitize your child towards violence and contribute to fearfulness and aggression. Place computers in central locations to monitor internet use.

LIVE life to its fullest. Take pleasure in little things like an ice cream cone, a beautiful day or the enthusiasm of your child. Read, pretend, dance, sing, take walks, play games, have pleasant meals, look at photos, share dreams, and enjoy each other.

Remember: Your child will most likely adopt the attitudes and habits you demonstrate daily.

Art: This rotation students have been learning about American sculptor Mark di Suvero who is famous for his monumental abstract sculptures made of steel. We have been using recycled materials, such as rolled newspaper beams and paper towel tubes to create our own abstract sculptures. The students' work has been amazing! Check out www.pleasantgroveart.weebly.com to see what we have been up to in the art room!
Artfully Yours, Mrs. Canfield



Music: Please join us for the Pre-K and Kindergarten Holiday Concert on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

PE: We would like to congratulate those students who achieved Fitness Awards.

Presidential – Xavier Delgado

National – **1st Grade:** Cole Morgan, Nathan Richmond, Mallory Mushlit, Cristofer Walley, Grace Burkholder, Logan Craft, Austin Hooker, Shivam Patel, Sebastian Haskins, Molly Strunk, Evan Jones, Hayley Menella, Cason Williamson. **2nd Grade:** Alex Carrier, Edward Oser, Erin Doyle, Joseph Sullivan, Danae Williams, Nicholas Freier. **3rd Grade:** Tanner Stoess, Austin Jensen, Jessica Jones, Aiden Weber, Phoenix Stevenson, Griffin Webb, Michael Wilson, Mason Reynolds. **4th Grade:** Mac Davis, Briana Amann, Michael Gatto, Riley Schaffer, Nathan Anderson, Jacob Freier, Tyler Keney, AJ Knight, Lauren Walker, Hunter Moeller, Chase English, Zoe Mushlit, Riona Westphal. **5th Grade:** Caleb Hauser, Paige Holt, Lyndsee Philipps, Christopher Spencer, Perry Johnson, Shauna Powers, Tyran Hicks, Shaydon Loggins, Karyl Sonza, Bryan Fisher, Gavin Shephard.



Media/Tech: Things are hopping in Media/Tech! Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders are continuing their research projects and will be writing outlines and creating storyboards to prepare for their multimedia slideshows. Second graders will be studying the famous author/illustrator Tomie DePaola. First graders will be learning the Kamishibai Japanese story telling method and will be creating their own stories using KidPix software. Kindergarten will also experience Kidpix software and have the opportunity to create some artwork. Be sure to bring your children out to enjoy **COOKIES, COCOA & Holiday Stories** on Monday, December 5th from 5-6:30 in the Media Center. Thank you to all of the families that joined us Monday, November 14th for Media Fun Night. It was so much fun watching the children playing games and eating hot dogs. The Media Staff would like to thank you for your continued support of the Media Center. We'll plan on having another Fun Night in the spring.



PGE is always in need of volunteers and mentors. You must first take a training class provided by the CCSB. If you would be interested, please call 726-1931 ext 2233 to register. Volunteer 9-10, Mentor 10:15-12:15
Upcoming dates: Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, March 16