

PGMS Gazette

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Upcoming Events at PGMS

Homecoming Parade:

Monday, September 21

@6:30

Homecoming Game:

Thursday, Sep. 24

Middle School Dance:

Friday, Oct. 2 6-8

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PEP RALLIES AT THE GROVE

We asked the students about the pep rallies and what they would add to or change.

Q:What do you like about pep rallies?

A:Cheering-Olivia Kirk

Q:What are some things that you would include in the pep rallies?

A:The coaches should do stuff-Parker Thomas

Q:What are some changes you think should be made at the pep rallies?

A:No standing-Madison Ethridge

Interviewers:Kaitlyn Wells & Breyanna Lundy

First Week of School

by Jacob, Jonah & Tyler

It's a new school year at PGMS and that means new 6th graders. Sometimes 6th graders are unaware of the challenges of the first week of middle school. From learning about lockers to being taught by eight different teachers, this group of students will face many challenges throughout the year. For the 7th and 8th grade this is no problem, and most of the older kids will help when the 6th grade needs it most!

The New Gals

Last year there was a tremendous amount of surprise as we welcomed a new addition to our school. They are the Star Steppers. To find out what the girls are like we asked them what they plan to do this year, and how they contribute to our football games & pep rallies.

Q:Were you nervous about your first pep rally?

A:Yes-Justyce Redeau

Q:Would you say your dances are modern or traditional?

A:Modern-Holly Thornton

Q:How does the middle school drill team differ from the high school drill team?

A:We don't kick as much-Zoe May

Interviewers:Kaitlyn Wells & Mary-Jane Bray

What's Your Hobby?

We asked students what they liked doing out of school:

Q: What are your after school activities?

-Kelsey Clark: "Competitive cheer"

-Huson Twisdale: "Parkour"

-Abby Davison: "Dance"

-Jonathan Lacey: "Football and TV"

Interviewed by: **Mary-Jane Bray/Destiny Abhulimen**

Homecoming Dress Up Days:

Monday - 'Merica Monday (red, white, blue)

Tuesday - Team Tuesday (wear your favorite team jersey)

Wednesday - Western Wednesday

Thursday - Black and Gold (Hawk spirit)

Friday - Flashback Friday the 80s!!!

Music To Our Ears

PGMS band directors have much in store for the band this year, including concerts, trips, and

competitions. Mr. Colquitt says, "I'm

super positive about my students work, and everything that they are

going to do". Mrs. Gladden says that her "students are the best

students a teacher could ask for"

By: **Donna Stark, Jessica Colvin, Lexie Howard.**

LADY HAWKS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

It's been a great season so far. The girls have had a great experience! 7th B won 1 and tied 2, 7th A won all games and tournament, 8th B lost 2, 8th A won 2 and lost 1. There are many more games to come! Come out and support our Lady Hawks.

"It's been good experience to be on the team with the girls!"

Holly Thornton

By: **Breyanna Lundy & Destiny Abhulimen**

CHEER POWER!

Cheerleaders are an important part of PGMS by inspiring the football players and pumping up the students. The cheerleaders are off to a great start with their first pep rally being a success Mrs. Gibson indicates "We've been practicing really hard and have had a lot of great routines in the works. We love supporting the Hawk Nation!" GO HAWKS!

By: **Lexie Howard, Donna Stark, and Jessica Colvin**

Thursday Night Lights

by **Jacob, Jonah & Tyler**

After the pep rally is done, the team gets their gear together, loads the bus then heads to Hawk stadium to warm up before the game. Then the Hawks line up on the field and the game begins! Although the 8th grade B team lost to L-K and the 7th grade won against L-K, hopes were raised when the 8th grade A team won against L-E. After that loss against L-K, it taught the B team that they have to work harder the next game against Quinlan Ford, and that this will hopefully be the only loss this football season.

Q: How well do you think the football team will play this year?

Anthony Mejia: "I think the football team will do great this season."

Cade Norris: "We will probably do good but hopefully we improve and become great."

WHAT DID YOU DO THIS SUMMER?

MIKKI POPE-POWER OF DANCE INTERNATIONALS, PIG TOAST, AND CHURCH CAMP

KARLA SANCHEZ-EUROPE, MEXICO, CALIFORNIA, AND LAS VEGAS

BLAKE SLADE-WENT TO NOWAK, MICHIGAN

OLIVIA ROCHELLE-WENT TO MY CABIN, AND DESTIN FLORIDA

TUCKER ANDERSON-WENT TO THE BEACH

TYLER COOK-NETFLIX AND CHILL

Brain Teasers

1. The maker doesn't need it, the owner doesn't want it, the user doesn't know he's using it what is it?
2. Which word, if pronounced right, is wrong, but if pronounced wrong is right?
3. A boy and a doctor were fishing. The boy is the doctor's son but the doctor is not the boy's father. Who is the doctor?
4. Jim and his mom and dad went out in the rain on their holiday but only two of them got their hair wet. Why?
5. What is so fragile that when you say its name, you break it?
6. What's yours but people use it more than you?
7. What is at the beginning of the end, the start of eternity, and the end of time and space, was in the middle of yesterday but is nowhere in tomorrow?

Answers

1. A coffin
2. Wrong!
3. His mother.
4. His dad was completely bald.
5. Silence
6. Your name
7. The letter E

Big Bags Equal Big Problems

by Sophia Saldino

Kids shuffle their way to school everyday wearing giant backpacks. Even high school students have to bend forward to lug their heavy books and binders to and from school. Dr. Karen Jacobs, a clinical professor at Boston University, says, "Kids are saying, 'My back hurts, my neck and shoulders hurt.'" A heavy backpack can also contribute to headaches and problems concentrating at school. Backpack loads are responsible for a significant amount of back pain in children. Putting too much weight on a young developing body could change a child's posture, compress the spine, and impair growth. It also might contribute to back problems or injuries when the child's older.

Backpack Tips

Proper fit and design are important to relieve pressure from the spine and shoulders. You want a backpack that's made for your size. Padded shoulder straps and cushioned back will also prevent aches and pains. Another tip is to pack the heaviest items in the middle of the pack, closer to the back. -Sophia Saldino

Should Girls Be Allowed To Play Tackle Football?

By Lexie Howard

August 24, 2015, Peyton Watson, a ten year old from Katy, Texas, made the headline in USA today. Peyton Watson loves to play tackle football. She says, "I play wide receiver, cornerback and safety." Here is her story, originally by Josh Chapin.

What is your image of a girl? What is the first see when you think of them? Do you see a girl as a weak, wimpy, Girly girl? If so, you have been misled on the view of girls. While some are like that, not all are so frail.

Most schools won't even give girls a chance on the team. In their view girls will not be able to withstand the pressure in football. However, 10-year old Peyton Watson from Katy, Texas has proved them all wrong.

During warm ups, the young girl looks no different from the crowd, she fits in well with her teammates. She plays wide receiver, cornerback and safety. She loves the fact that Coach Goudeau has taken her under his wing and allowed her to play with the boys in tackle football this year.

Peyton's dad, Shawn Watson, said that Peyton has wanted to play tackle football since she was little. "She's begged us for years to let her play and we've always told her no," Shawn said. Eventually they decided to let her try out for the flag football team. Even though she got some satisfaction from playing, she still had a desire in her heart to play tackle football. She plans to try out for the team in Junior high next year.

So, what do you guys think? Should girls be allowed to play an "all-Boys" sport? Should there be some respect for girls that want to play? For all you young men playing football right now, would you allow a girl on YOUR team?

TAKE A LOOK AROUND PGMS!



