



Pinnacle View Middle School
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September 6, 2016

Dear Sky Hawk Families,

We are off to a fantastic start! The faces of the children on a daily basis are priceless. They all seem to be extremely happy and comfortable in their new school. I would like to thank all of you for your continued support in our efforts to educate every child in a holistic manner.

I want to share a few updates with you concerning both this school year and construction of Phase II. The air conditioning issues we have endured over the past several weeks have been solved. Mr. Kevin Yarberry with the district's maintenance department has worked tirelessly to make our students and teachers comfortable. We appreciate him. A mobile unit was delivered last Friday and the installation process is being completed today. The computer lab has been installed and the students are loving the new technology! All of our Smartboards have been installed. There have been a few issues with the set up, but the technology department is working through the problems.

Construction on Phase II is moving along very well. A group of students, parents and staff were able to take a tour last Friday with representatives from Baldwin and Shell. We are so pleased to have them as partners in education. They donated a drone to our EAST program that will enable our students to document the construction progress. Please see the school's website and the PTSA Facebook page for further information.

Our academic programs are moving at a rigorous pace. Students will be working very hard in all of their classes. Communication with our teams of teachers is occurring to monitor large assignments to make sure they are not all due on the same day. Please monitor your student's grades via Edline. If you have any issues with gaining online access, please contact Mrs. Karen Heatherly, Assistant Principal.

Dress code with our students has been much better the last several weeks. Please help us by continuing to monitor your student's attire as they leave for school. Shorts must be no more than four inches above the knee, no tank tops are to be worn without a jacket, and leggings must be covered with either a long shirt or shorts.

With the long length of time between students eating breakfast and lunch, we have allowed students to bring a snack before fourth period classes. Please help us ensure students are bringing healthy snacks to school. Candy, gum, and suckers are not part of our plan. Also, discuss with your student about picking up after themselves. So far they have done a good job but we would like to continue to have the cleanest facility in the state.

Our after-school program should be up and running very shortly. The days and times of the program are being worked out. I will communicate the entire plan once the budgetary aspects are finalized. Transportation will be available for students, as well as a small snack. Students participating in the program will begin working on our online enrichment program called *i-Ready*. They will then have time to enjoy games of skill before cleaning up and leaving for the day. The program is open to all, but we will be asking students who did not perform at high performance levels to participate to accelerate their learning in math and literacy.

Club days will be run every other Friday for all students. We will run a modified bell schedule of those days for students to enjoy extra-curricular activities during the last thirty minutes of the day. Students will sign up for no more than two clubs. Club sign up will occur within the next two weeks.

I would also like to encourage all students to take part in our weekly spirit day. On Fridays, all members of the Sky Hawk family are asked to wear our school colors- Royal Blue and White. We feel this will bring about a deeper love of our school culture and community. Go Sky Hawks!

Here are a several important dates to remember:

September 8: Open House 6-7:30PM. (\$5 Hot Dog Dinner sponsored by PTSA, Kona Ice on-site)

September 13: Band Night (beginning at 4:00PM)

September 22: School Security Appreciation Day

September 29: Watch Dog Dads Sign-up Dinner

October 3: School Custodian Appreciation Day

October 10-12: Check Us Out Tours of PVMS

October 13: Parent Conferences, 4:00PM-7:00PM

October 14: Parent Conferences, 8:00AM-1:00PM (No School)

October 17: Professional Development for Teachers (No School)

October 24-28: Red Ribbon Spirit Week

October 28: School Dance

October 31: Report Cards Sent Home

We thank you again for your continued support for Pinnacle View Middle School. Without your help we cannot reach the pinnacle of educational utopia. As always, contact me at 447-8500 or jay.pickering@lrsd.org if you need anything.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Jay Pickering". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "P".

Dr. Jay Pickering
Principal