

Eagle Nation

Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School

A Note From Mr. Sedick

Hello and Happy April to all of our P.A.E. community! I hope as the snow has changed to rain and the ice has all melted away, that this newsletter finds you well. With Spring Break on the horizon and the 4th marking period awaiting us on the other side, I am pleased with what I am seeing on a daily basis from our students not only academically, but in terms of behavior, as well. It seems like every time we have a guest in the building, we receive multiple compliments regarding our school, including the warm, welcoming environment, the friendly staff, as well as how well behaved our students are. It truly is a wonderful

reflection of how our parents prepare our young people for school each and every day. Being that we are getting ready to enter into our 4th and final marking period, I am asking that all parents ensure that their child(ren)'s grades are up to par, and that each child has no missing or incomplete assignments for the 3rd marking period before report cards come home. Also, if you received a letter in the mail, or your child brought a letter home regarding our "Weekend Warriors" Saturday school, I am asking that you seriously consider this opportunity and encourage your child(ren) to fully partici-

pate in this 8 week learning acceleration course. The first session was held on March 28, and the following sessions will take convene after Spring Break. For more information regarding this wonderful opportunity to enhance your child(ren)'s learning and achievement scores, please contact the elementary office. Finally, as we approach the end of the school year, please keep a close watch on the grades of your student(s). Teachers will begin to make contact with parents regarding the progress of students and whether they are ready for promotion, or if summer school will be required.

April is Poetry Month at P.A.E.

As we wrap up our "March is Reading Month" celebration, we are eagerly transitioning into our celebration of poetry in literature throughout the month of April. Our elementary students will not only be exposed to a variety of po-

ems, as well as poets in the month of April, but will also have the opportunity to have an actual poet read a few of her poems to them live. On top of that, through the collaboration of our media center (Mrs. Weiler), test-taking skills

(Mrs. Ross), music (Ms. Fox), and art (Mrs. Renko) teachers, we will be weaving our recognition and appreciation for poetry throughout our students' specials classes. By the end of the month our students will be poetry experts!

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Upcoming Events

- 4/3/09: Progress reports sent home
- 4/3/09: End of 3rd marking period
- 4/6/09-4/10/09: No School—Spring Break
- 4/16/09-4/17/09: Parent/Teacher Conferences
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Dean of Students Strikes Again—Sam’s Club Partners with P.A.E.

Thanks to the work of Mrs. Veda Thomas, our elementary Dean of Students in establishing partnerships with local businesses, Sam’s Club of Waterford presented a check in the amount of \$1000 to Pontiac Academy for Excellence to be used to continue to service the families of our community. On top of her established duties here at the school, Mrs. Thomas commonly takes it upon herself to create ties between outside companies and Pontiac Academy for Excellence, and her work has yielded results such as donations of new clothes for our students during the

winter months, student recognition from both the Congressman’s as well as the Sheriff of Oakland County, as well as financial contributions from our surrounding businesses. “Coach” Derrick Taylor and Twanna Collins from Sam’s Club presented both Mrs. Thomas, as well as Mr. Sedick with a check for the school on Tuesday, March 17, and expressed interest in further contributions to our school community. Pontiac Academy for Excellence would like to thank Mrs. Thomas for going the extra mile to ensure that local businesses know that P.A.E. is truly the

finest school in the city of Pontiac!



Honor Roll Dinner a HUGE Success!

On Tuesday, March 31, Pontiac Academy for Excellence held its first ever Honor Roll dinner for those students who earned either all A’s or all A’s and B’s through the first two marking periods of the school year. The event took place at Auburn Hills Christian School, and over 150 of our very own students, as well as their families were honored for their commitment to education. Families who attended were treated to a

wonderful dinner, as well as participate in a recognition and awards ceremony for both our honor roll students, as well as their parents. Needless to say, a wonderful time was had by all, as pres-



entations were made by Mr. Williams, our Parent Liaison, Elementary Principal Mr. Sedick, Ms. Pond, our coordinator of Elementary Education, and Mrs. Thomas, our Dean of Students. We would like to congratulate all of our honor roll students for a job well done. We are hopeful that our numbers for the next semester’s honor roll dinner will surpass that of this event’s!

Students of the Month

Pontiac Academy for Excellence would like to congratulate those students whose grades and behavior have earned them recognition from either Congressman Gary Peters or Sheriff Michael Bouchard. These are students who have been nominated by their classroom teachers will received a certificate from either the office of the Congressman, or the Sheriff, depending on which honor they have received. Pontiac Academy for Excellence would like to thank these students for their service as model students in school!

Congressman Peters’ Award (March 2009)

K: Janaye Marble

1st Grade: Madyson Morgan &
Taleyah Williams

2nd Grade: Adriana Garcia

3rd Grade: Alejandra Montalvo-Collazo

4th Grade: Lisandro Munoz

5th Grade: Rashaun Heaston

Sheriff Bouchard’s Award (March 2009)

K: Se’eness Myers-Nixon, Taniyah Morris, Jailynn Lopez, Neveah Hogans

1st: Grade: Sophia Flisek, Natysia Evans, Zoe Flisek, Brandon Sanders

2nd Grade: Angel Melendez, Tamara Barnes, Efren Munoz

3rd Grade: Aaliyah Brown, Austin Wagner, Desire Mallory

4th Grade: Tatiana Vicens, Eduardo Acosta, Soraya Sanders

5th Grade: Tatiyuanna Briggs, Janee Evans, Ka’Ren Ridgeway