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2011-2012 NEWS OF PONTIAC ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE

The Principal's Corner

Dear parents and guardians,

Second semester has arrived to Pontiac Academy for Excellence Middle School with full force. This semester which began last week, has the same expectations and rules mirroring that of our first semester with the exception of our new detention policy which was introduced officially on February 1, 2012.

The teachers and administration met to discuss strategies and consequences as it relates to students who disrespect their teachers in class, display bully-like attitudes or instigating possible fights among students to name a few. The main frustration outside of recent discipline attitudes is the amount of our students who are refusing to participate in class, completing classroom/project assignments, and taking a lazy-like attitude as it relates to completing homework at home.

Therefore, our PAE educational staff created an after-school detention program which will address those students who are not demonstrating excellence in behavior and academic participation. Parents, we are team, and we need your cooperation and understanding as we strive to accent the "E" not only in Excellence but excellence for Everyone!

Detention will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week every month from 3:15pm until 4:15pm. Students must report to the cafeteria at 3:00pm to check in to serve their detention. If your child receives a detention, you will receive a call from our school to inform you of the detention and what day the detention must be served (usually 2-3 days after the day of the incident/detention occurred). Failure to appear to detention unless the detention was re-scheduled will result in your child receiving a double detention or possible external suspension. More information can be found on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

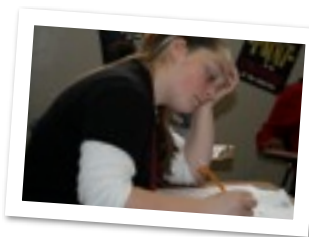
We are striving for excellence but at the same time, we demand excellence and cooperation from our students every day! I thank you for your support and let's make this semester an educational success for our students!

Educationally,

Principal Lozelle

Food Reviews

Last semester's Yearbook and Journalism classes practiced their descriptive writing by doing food reviews. Read some of these reviews yourself on the next page.



Food Reviews

James Williams

On January 11, one of my teachers made French toast. It was delicious. Ms. Harris made some of the best French toast I've ever eaten in my entire life. Personally, I think Ms. Harris should make this once a week. It was so creative.

Ms. Harris brought in bananas, almonds, and caramel to go with the French toast. All you could hear was people smacking, and sizzles as she put the French toast on the griddle. My French toast was golden brown, and it was looking good. It felt smooth and tasted great.

Yannice Goerke Cruz

On January 11, 2012, we ate French toast in Ms. Harris's classroom. When she was making it, I saw eggs, milk, cinnamon, vanilla, and bread. Then she mixed it and then cooked it. Then I got some toast and it looked really good. The decoration of the food was really pretty.

When I ate it, it was really good. You can taste a splash of vanilla, then cinnamon. It smelled really good, like cinnamon. It felt really smooth. It was like it dissolved in your mouth (the syrup, too).

In some parts it tasted kind of crunchy. I really liked it ... A+ Ms. Harris.

Dayshanick McGee

On Wednesday, January 11, 2012, we ate French toast in Ms. Harris's class. When you walk in her classroom all you could smell was cinnamon. While she was making it, she showed us the ingredients. So she showed us a few things we could use.

What we see is Ms. Harris cracking eggs. Another thing we see her doing is sprinkling seasoning in the eggs. We also see her dipping the bread in the egg yolk. We see caramel, almonds, and bananas on the table. Ms. Harris said we can put that on top of our French toast if we want.

In Ms. Harris's class you can hear the toast sizzling. Another thing I hear is people saying it's good. When you eat it, you hear chewing, but mostly you hear people saying it's good.

When you eat it, you taste different things. It really tastes like fresh donuts to me. But you can kind of taste the almonds. It was good.



Home Game By Alyssia Armster

“We want our ball back!” The Eagles steal the ball. Only six more seconds on the clock ... 3, 2, 1. **Whoosh**** and the Eagles win the game with the other team only scoring six points.**

On December 15, 2011, the Eagles went against the Academy of Southfield at our school’s gym. Almost over 50 people attended. The score was 36 to 6 ... You’re gonna have to do better than that to beat the mighty, mighty Eagles.



We the cheerleaders were cheering on the sidelines. Although some were shy, we tried our best. Some of the students even got in the team spirit mood with writing numbers on their faces and making posters.



**Pontiac Academy for Excellence
Middle School
Detention Guidelines
2011-2012**

The Middle School after school detention program was developed to help students increase their self-awareness, to understand and respect the rights of others, and to increase their ability to relate to their peers, teachers, and other adults.

Detention is held every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during the school year. Students who receive a referral will serve detention during that week or next week's detention days.

- Students must report to the cafeteria at 3:00pm and wait for their room assignment.
- Students must remain in their designated room from 3:15pm - 4:15pm.

Guidelines:

- Students must follow the directives of the supervising teacher. Directives may include (but are not limited to) doing homework or a detention assignment.
- The rules and guidelines in the Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct and the High School rules are in effect. Appropriate dress is required and no food or drinks are permitted.
- Any student who is late, disruptive, or does not follow the directives from the teacher will be asked to leave and referred to the Dean of Students office for further disciplinary action.
- Students will be dismissed by the supervising teacher.
- Any student who leaves early will have to serve an additional detention.
- **Parents must pick up their students promptly as 4:15pm, not before and not after.**

Valid Excuses: (with documentation)

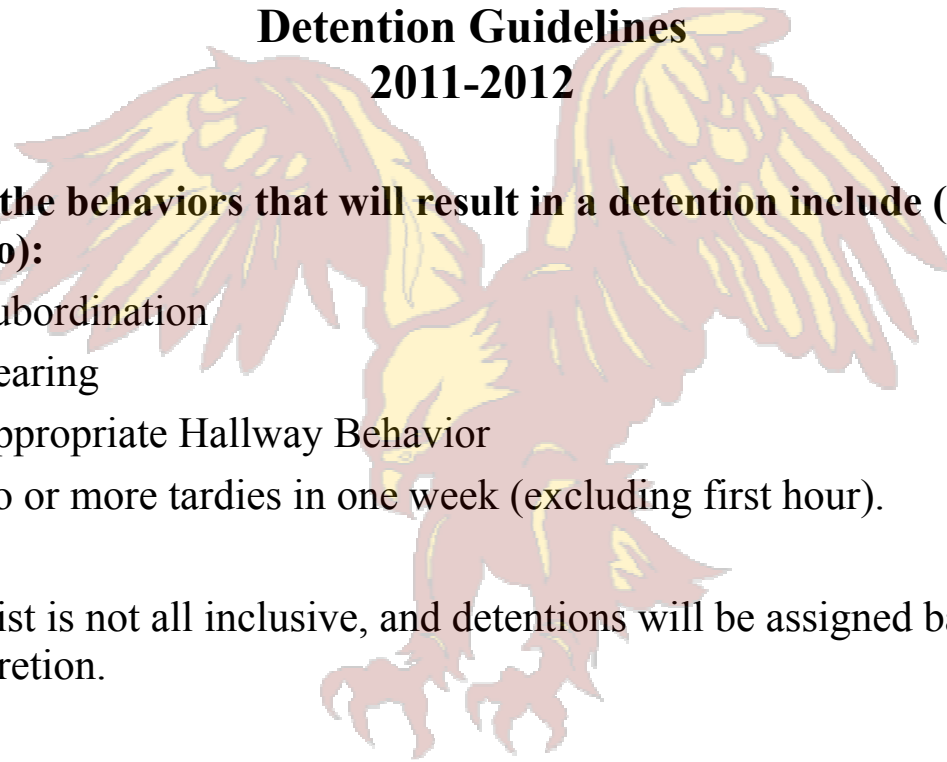
- Doctor appointments

Note: Parents cannot get students out of detention for other reasons except by prior approval from the Principal or Dean. **Written documentation must be submitted** the following day from the place of the appointment.

Unexcused missed detention:

- 1st time will result in double detention
- 2nd time will result in 1 day Out of School Suspension

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Some of the behaviors that will result in a detention include (but are not limited to):

- Insubordination
- Swearing
- Inappropriate Hallway Behavior
- Two or more tardies in one week (excluding first hour).

The above list is not all inclusive, and detentions will be assigned based on teacher discretion.

Ask L.A. Madison



Hello! My name is L.A. Madison and I will be helping you for the next school year. If you have a problem, I would be the best mystery person for the job, no matter how big or small. Trust me, I've heard them all, so just ask L.A. Madison. Just write to my box located in Ms. Harris's room. Hope to hear from you soon.

Dear L.A. Madison,
When is our Mingle?

- Luau

Dear Luau,
Our Mingle is not dated yet.

- L.A. Madison

Dear L.A. Madison,
What do you do when you think a boy is cheating on you?

- Suspicious

Dear Suspicious,
If you think he is cheating on you, ask him, and if he doesn't answer, he is cheating on you.

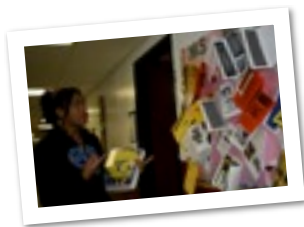
- L.A. Madison

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PAE?

FEB 8
Count Day

FEB 15
EXPLORE
Testing for
Grades 7-8

FEB 20 - 24
Schools Closed
Mid-Winter
Break



FEB 21
School Board
Meeting

FEB 27
District Re-
Opens

MAR 2
Progress Reports
Distributed