

Eagle Country

Pontiac Academy for Excellence Middle School

A Note From Principal Lozelle



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Welcome to PAE Middle School! I believe that you will find our school to be a very caring, student-centered school. We have an outstanding, dedicated teaching and support staff while enjoying as well excellent parent and community support. Our Parent Advisory Committee is extremely active and helpful in a variety of ways including such things as fund-raising, assisting in the front office, patrolling the hallways, just to name a few.

PAE enjoys a very diverse student and family population with a wide variety of ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds. These differences serve to strengthen our academic programs, broaden our students' perspectives, and enhance each learner's appreciation for the uniqueness and strengths of each individual. Our students learn to cooperate with others through a variety of classroom settings and activities.

Our commitment to providing students successful experiences is reflected in our school mission statement as well as our commitment to "differentiated instruction". The goal of differentiation is to provide

instruction based on each student's abilities, learning styles, interests, and needs. The students at PAE have continued to demonstrate academic gains as measured by teacher and district assessments as well as through the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). Please refer to the district web page for complete MEAP results.

As previously mentioned, the parents of PAE students are highly involved in their child(ren)'s education. Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences are well attended. Parents participate on a number of school and district committees and volunteer in the classroom and as active members of the PTO.

As the principal at PAE Middle School, I am extremely excited to be a part of such an active, stimulating learning environment. I am committed to doing my part in keeping our school moving forward and in providing the experiences

that our students need to help them to be successful both in and out of school.

I welcome your input and comments.

Sincerely,

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Middle School Principal

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Upcoming Events

- **Board Meeting, September 15, 2009 @ 6:00p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month.**
- **Book Fair in the 3rd Floor library, September 16 thru September 25, 2009.**
- **Curriculum Night, September 24, 2009 from 5:00-7:00p.m.**
- **Count Day, September 30, 2009**

New Faces at PAE

You can locate the middle school office in D building, up on the second floor where the high school office used to be located. The high school office is now on the first floor of the D building and Central office is now located on the second floor of the elementary school in the OLSHA building. Our book fair is Sept 16 to Sept. 25 in the library now located on the third floor in room 301, which used to be the middle school computer room. We have some new faces on the third floor. Ms. Harris in room 316 is teaching 7th & 8th grade reading. Ms. Harris graduated from University of Michigan and is happy to be at PAE. Ms. Wolak in room 314 is teaching 6th & 7th grade writing. She has come to us from Wayne State University with a major in English and a minor in History. Finally, Ms. Schulman in room 306 is our 6th & 7th grade Math teacher. Ms. Schulman graduated from Oakland University with a major in Math and a minor in Chemistry. When you see all three of our new staff members, please give them a warm PAE welcome.

Core Classes for 6th, 7th and 8th grades

6th grade Core Subjects

Literature
English/Writing
Basic Math
Western Hemisphere
Life Science

7th grade Core Subjects

American Literature
English/Writing
Pre-Algebra
Eastern Hemisphere
Physical Science

8th grade Core Subjects

Literature
English/Writing
Algebra
US History
Earth Science

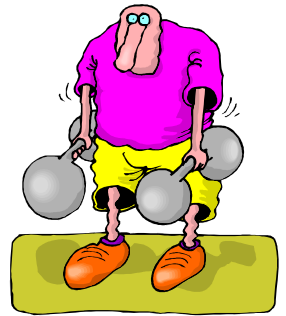
Welcome to PAE Middle School. For our newcomers this will be a helpful piece of information. Each grade has specific core classes that students must take every year. Above are the core classes for each grade. If your schedule does not have all five of these classes please contact Mrs. Avita-Moore and let her know so she can fix the problem. Each month a newsletter will come out to help distribute bits of information from each subject area. This is to keep parents up to date with students progress in each core subject. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Elective classes for 6th, 7th and 8th grades

Elective classes are designed to give students a chance to try new things. Some of our elective classes will allow students to experience technology, while others are designed to understand different cultures and ethnic groups. The following is a list of available elective classes.

The following classes are for middle school only.

- Strategies for Math
- Strategies for Success
- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2
- Intermediate Spanish
- Computers 1
- Computers 2
- Band 1
- Band 2
- Health



Sports and After school Clubs

Pontiac Academy for Excellence Middle School proudly presents the following sports programs now available for students to participate in the school year of 2009-2010. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the coaches that are named after each sport.

Coaches names will proceed each sport or club.

Choir (6-8) Fall 2009

Nick Williams

Drama (6-8) Fall 2009

Tiffany Devasher

Girls Basketball (6-8) Fall 2009

Coach Branner

Girls Volleyball (6-8) Fall 2009

Coach Thornthwaite

Cheerleading (6-8) Fall 2009

Coach Reese

Coed Hip Hop (6-8) Fall 2009

Coach Wright

Coed Cross Country (6-8) Fall/09

Coach Sodee

Jazz Band (6-8) Fall 2009

Mr. Sarver

Sewing (6-8) Fall 2009

Ms. Johnson

Boys Soccer (6-8) Fall 2009

Coach Potez

Girls Soccer (6-8) Spring 2010

Coach Potez

Boys Basketball (6-8) Fall 09/Winter 10

After school tutoring

Starting September 15 2009, students will be able to receive after school tutoring from their core teachers. We highly recommend all students to take advantage of this opportunity. Each student will have access for help in one or more of their core classes during the week.

The student only has to talk to their classroom teacher and find out what days are available to them. After school tutoring is an enrichment session. Students who attend will get help with key concepts by working in small groups with the teacher. If there are any concerns or questions please contact your child's teacher and they will help you.

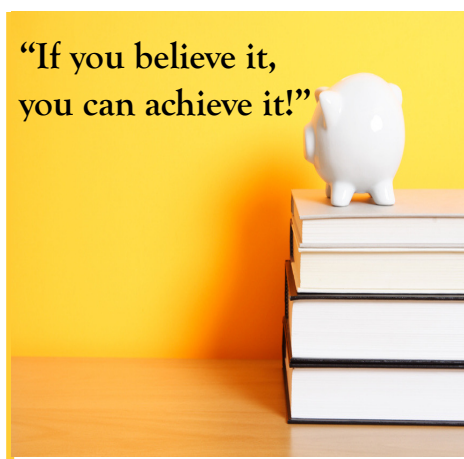
Tuesday			
Literature			
Hudson	313		3:45pm to 4:30 pm
Math			
Sodee	316		7:00am to 7:30 am
Writing			
Wolak	314		7:00am to 7:30 am
S. Studies			
Branch	304		3:45pm to 4:45 pm
Science			
Davis	308		3:45pm to 4:30 pm
Resource			
Hasselbach	317		3:45pm to 4:30 pm
Cantu	317		3:45pm to 4:30 pm
Wednesday			
Math			
Schulman	306		7:00am to 7:30 am
Resource			
Cantu	317		3:45pm to 4:30 pm

Homework Club			
Avitia-Moore			
302			3:30pm to 4:30 pm
Resource			
Hasselbach	317		3:45pm to 4:30 pm
Thursday			
Literature			
Harris	316		3:45pm to 4:30 pm
Math			
Andrzejak	312		3:45pm to 4:15 pm
S. Studies			
Branch	304		3:45pm to 4:45 pm
Science			
Flisek	310		3:45pm to 4:30 pm
Friday			
Writing			
Thornthwaite			
311			3:45pm to 4:30 pm
S. Studies			

Saturday School

Saturday school begins September 19, 2009. We did not design this program to punish the students only to help them succeed. This Saturday, students are to arrive by 7:45 am to begin class by 8:00am. In Saturday school we will concentrate on how to succeed in the MEAP. During your child's time they will learn techniques to overcome test anxiety along with strategies on how to eliminate possible wrong answers. They will also have practice on MEAP like questions.

Breakfast is served at 7:30a.m. and lunch will be offered at no charge at 11:30a.m.



Middle School Procedures

At PAE Middle school we strive to be our best. We are taking this time to remind all students and parents when you arrive late to school please go to the Middle school office and sign in. After signing in the student will receive a pass to class. If the student does not go to the office and they head straight to class they will be reminded to sign in and get a pass from the office.



We ask for you to follow this procedure to keep our school safe. When a student is out of class they should always have a pass from their teacher. This pass gives them access to do what they need to do. If the student does not have a pass they will be asked to go back to class and to get a pass.

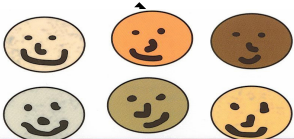
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Announcement:

Now accepting applications for candidates for
PAE School Board of Directors positions.
Applications are available in the Middle School
Administrative Office.



Pontiac Academy for Excellence

"I am a Pontiac Academy for Excellence student. I can make a difference. My heart believes it, therefore I can achieve it."

Failure is not an
Option!

Big Changes at PAE

Hope you all had a wonderful summer vacation. This school 2009-2010 is going to be an exciting one! Up on the third floor at Pontiac Academy for Excellence Middle School we have gone through several changes.

You will note that the middle school has been separated from the high school, so we are officially a school of our own. The secondary office has been split, we now have a high school office and a middle school office. With that being said the locations of these offices are as followed. In the D building, which is the high school, the high school office is on the main floor. Across the hall from the new high school office is the high school computer lab. Up on the second floor of the D building is the middle school office. Around the corner of the middle school office is now the middle school computer lab. Just to let you know another change that occurred is the movement of the library, it is now located on the 3rd floor where the middle school computer lab was in room 301. Any questions or concerns please call the middle school office. Ms. McLendon and Ms. Mary are always there to help you out when needed. Remember when you come to school to arrive on-time. If you happen to be late, go to the office and sign in so you can receive a late pass.

Lets make this year wonderful and don't forget, "Failure is not an
Option!"



September is Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15–10/15/ 2009)

Today, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 44 million people in the United States are of Hispanic origin. *That's about 14 percent of us!* Many Hispanic Americans trace their roots to the cultures of the indigenous peoples of the Americas -- including the Arawaks (Puerto Rico), the Aztecs (Mexico), the Incas (South America), the Maya (Central America), and the Tainos (in Cuba, Puerto Rico and other places). Some trace their roots to the Spanish explorers -- who in the 1400s set out to find an easier and less costly way to trade with the Indies.

Other Latinos trace their roots to the Africans who were brought as slaves to the New World. For purposes of the U.S. Census, Hispanic Americans today are identified according to the parts of the world that they or their ancestors came from, including Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain, or the nations of Central or South America.

