

Red Devil Review

As we all know the last 19 months has been at the very least a very trying time. You have done more than anyone could expect in order to sustain and promote academic achievement.

Thank you

Ms. Thompson reports:

Pre-K students finished up the Thanksgiving unit on Friday. They enjoyed listening to different books throughout the week--*Family Thanksgiving*, *Turkey Trouble*, and *Llama, Llama Gives Thanks*, *The Great Turkey Race*, and *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*. After reading the stories, students participated in large group activities in which they made predictions, recalled information from stories, identified rhyming words, came up with an alternate ending to a story, and described how to make a turkey trap. After listening to the short story, *My Thanksgiving Story*, students made a Thanksgiving bracelet. They charted their favorite Thanksgiving foods, extended an AB pattern of pumpkins and turkeys, followed a recipe to make Thanksgiving trail mix. Students made turkeys using tail feathers to spell out their names and made Thanksgiving stew by counting out the correct number of items on the 'recipe'. Staff and students really enjoyed the Thanksgiving lunch provided by the lunchroom.

Ms. Bass reports:

PCES held Family Literacy Night and Honor Chorus performance on Tuesday. Seventy-six students attended and over 100 family members joined them. There was standing room only in the PCES gym! Thank you to Delilah Carr for promoting the event! We would like to thank Mrs. Maggie Bloodworth and Family Connection for supplying fruit loops for bingo and setting up the book walk. PCES teachers facilitated the stations which included a book walk, sight word bingo, and a read aloud station. A shoutout to Mrs. Melissa Gaines and the PTO for making and distributing 180 treat bags, and Mrs. Joyce Ellison from the public library for providing bookmarks and candy. A huge thank you goes out to PCES music teacher, Mrs. Karen Morrison and the PCES Honor Chorus. The group performed "Songs from the 70's" Tuesday evening to a gym full of family, friends and teachers. The iconic song list included: "I Just Want to Celebrate," "I've Got the Music in Me," "Lean on Me," "Old Time Rock & Roll," and "Y.M.C.A." Their performance was fun and energetic! This event was a huge success, and we appreciate the efforts of everyone who made it possible.

PCES is very proud of the 11 Cloverleaf 4-H'ers that completed in Tifton for Southwest District Fall Project Achievement on Saturday, November 13th. There were five 1st & 2nd places winners: Madi Blair Abney - Performing Arts General 1st, Billy Spivey - Performing Arts General 2nd, Scarlett Durden - Plants, Soils, & Fertilizer 1st, Addy Goss - Food Fare 2nd, Aubree Jones - Housing 1st, & 6 Honorable mentions: Bradleigh Aaron - Dog Care & Training, Elizabeth Bean - Wildlife, Heaven Deese - Between Meal Snacks, Fatima Gomez - Historic Places & Events, Lily Goss - Between Meal Snacks, & Kemierius King - Historic People.

Kindergarten students learned about the letter Ff this week. They practiced writing Ff and identifying words that begin with the letter Ff. They also practiced identifying the final sound in words. The Journeys lesson topic of the week was animal bodies. In math, students compared the weights and liquid capacity of various objects. Kindergarteners also talked about Thanksgiving and what we are thankful for. We practiced writing complete sentences about the first Thanksgiving, what we are

thankful for, and what our favorite Thanksgiving food is. Everyone enjoyed our Thanksgiving feast in the lunchroom on Thursday!

First grade students enjoyed making turkey and Thanksgiving crafts, while also learning the importance of Thanksgiving, math facts, and practicing reading fluently. First grade teachers also had a good time at Family Literacy Night coordinating the K-2 sight word Bingo Games!

The second-grade students have been learning how to write informative essays this marking period. Considering that recipes are informative and list the steps in order, writing recipes and looking at different recipes is a great way for students to understand how informational writing works. Therefore, the students in Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Stubbs' classes participated in a tasting party on Friday, November 19th. The students had to bring in a dish/baked good prepared at home with an adult, write or type the recipe, present the recipe to their class, then pass out their good for everyone to taste. The turnout was a success and a great wrap up right before Thanksgiving Break!

Students in the 4th grade have been busy this week! Students took a field trip to Go Fish Educational Center in Perry on Tuesday and Wednesday. During their field trip, students were able to explore the outdoor aquarium and listen to a presentation called "How to Dress an Alligator." Students were even able to go fishing! Mrs. Huckabee and 4th grade student Tristian McFall were both lucky enough to catch a fish! Students thoroughly enjoyed this experience! In math this week, students have been learning how to find the factors of numbers by using the "factor rainbow." In reading, 4th grade students have been reviewing previously taught skills such as using context clues, main idea and supporting details, and text structure.

Mrs. Lowry's 5th grade class has been reading the Journeys story "Storm Warriors" about the elite African American surf men of Pea Island, North Carolina. The students discussed the heroes in the story. The students chose a modern-day hero to honor by creating a medal and writing a speech about their hero. The students chose heroes like veterans, parents, firefighters, police officers, friends, and a champion jockey.

Ms. Kilgore reports:

The PCMS Red Devils traveled south to face the Wilcox County Patriots on November 15, 2021, seeking to get another win over the Patriots. The Patriots and the Devils are in a battle for fourth place in the Middle School Conference. Both teams came out aggressively fighting for a much-needed win to earn a spot in the playoffs with only four games remaining in the season. The Patriots got off to an early 6-pts lead in the first quarter 9-3 over the Devils. The Patriots were able to maintain their lead throughout the first half going into halftime up by 9-pts. 17-8. The Devils fought valiantly in the third quarter dropping 10-pts and ending the third quarter down 27-18. The Devils turned up the defensive pressure on the Patriots seeking to have another comeback win over the Patriots by holding the Patriots to 3-pts in the fourth quarter tying the game 27-27 late in the fourth quarter. The game went down to the final seconds with the final score of Patriots 30 and the Devils 29. The Devils went 3 for 11 (27%) from the charity stripe. Poor shooting from the charity stripe has plagued the Devils all season, being the primary reason for the Devils having a 2-5 record and losing the last two games by 3 and 1 point. Box score leaders for the Devils are Joshua Nelson with (11-pts. and 2-rebounds), Nieem Blair dropped in (9-pts., 3-rebounds, 2-steals, and 4-block shots), Jaden Collins added (6-pts., 3-steals, and 1-block shot), Tayvon Shivers came off the bench and added (3-pts., 1-rebound, and 1-block shot), Martin McDonald

supported the gritty efforts of the Devils with (4-rebounds and 2-steals), and Jakori Pickett got into the action by pulling down a rebound.

The PCMS Red Devils faced off for the second time with the Irwin County Middle School Indians fighting to keep pace with Wilcox County Patriots for the battle for fourth place. The Indians were determined to avenge their loss to the Devils on November 1, 2021, of 38-18. The Indians were small in size compared to the Devils, but they proved that it's not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog. Both teams battled hard throughout the entire game. The first quarter ended with the Devils up 15-7. The Indians defense picked up in the second quarter only allowing Devils to score 2-pts. while the Indians added 11-pts with the half ending with a score of 18-17 in favor of Irwin. The Devils stood up in the third quarter by dropping 18-pts and holding the Indians to 10-pts. ending the third quarter with a 35-28 lead. The Indians would not go away easy fighting back to tie the game 44-44 at the end of regulation. In a 3-minute overtime, the Indians dropped two quick back-to-back 3-pointers taking a 50-44 lead with 1:25 remaining in overtime. But the Devils rallied back with Nieem Blair dropping two 3-pointers of his own in overtime with Martin McDonald and Tayvon Shivers hitting key baskets in crucial moments in overtime for the Devils to squeeze out with a 54-53 win to stay in the playoff hunt. The Devils shot 63% from the field, but the free throw wows continue with Devils shooting 27% from the charity stripe. Jaden Collins improved his free throw shooting by going 3 of 6 (50%) from the charity stripe. Martin McDonald led the box score with (20-pts, 7-rebounds, and 5-steals), Nieem Blair (19-pts, 6-rebounds, and 1-steal), Jaden Collins (5-pts, 3-steals, and 2-assists), and Sebastian Clark (5-pts. and 1-steal) and Tayvon Shivers rounded the box score out with (5-pts and 6-rebounds). The Devils will be back at home for the final two games of the season (Nov. 29 vs. Turner County and Dec. 1 vs. Macon County) looking forward to your support. Games will begin at 4:30.

The PCMS Lady Devils had a tough week. The girls have been working hard competing against very competitive teams. Monday night the girls traveled to Wilcox and put up a fight but lost. Monday night Addy Winchester was the leading scorer. On Thursday night, the girls traveled to Irwin County. The girls played a very close game up to the last 3 minutes. Irwin County pulled off resulting in a 12-point lead. Autumn Linder was the leading scorer with 8 points. Addy Winchester was right behind her with 6 points. Next game will be 4:30, November 29th, at home! Would love to see you all there!

On Sunday November 14th, the Junior Beta Club met at the Board office for a workday. The Beta Club members met within teams to work on the competitions for the upcoming Junior Beta Club Convention. The teams were successful in getting prepared for convention. In addition to the workday, the Beta Club just wrapped up a donation drive of items for the Foster Care Clothing Closet housed at Broad Street Baptist church. Beta Club members also met at the clothing closet on Wednesday to begin the process of organizing the items for families.

PCMS Student Council sponsored the Turkey A Teacher fundraiser this Week. Mrs. Marie Collins was the lucky winner! She strutted around the school all day Friday as our PCMS Turkey Teacher.

Mrs. Burnham's reading connections classes participated in Reading Relays this week by competing in different obstacle courses while working on reading skills.

The PCMS Students of the Month for November are 6th graders--Fernando Valdez, Tanner Smith, Felipe Taylor, and Iliana Diaz.; 7th graders--Levi Bailey, Josh Nelson, Dacey Griffin, and Dazunique Shennett; 8th graders--Daniel Bloodworth, Emily Barnett, La'Tiara Whithead, and Elizabeth Schlatter.

PCMS winners from the Southwest District 4-H Project Achievement competition held last weekend are the following three 6th grade Cloverleaf 4-H'ers:

Hunter Goss--Environmental Science 1st Place

Georgia Lynn Porter--Time & Money Management 1st Place

Hector Joya-Martinez--International 1st Place

Participation for November's Parent Cafes continued to be exceptional!

Our week wrapped up by having our annual Students Vs. Faculty Games. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Coach Coley and Coach Jelks for the amazing lunch they cooked for the staff prior to the games. There were 9 games total with one game for each grade level of volleyball, basketball, and dodge ball. A good time was had by all! While the students did win a game here and there, they were unable to take the 10-year winning streak away from the faculty. The teachers and staff won yet again!

Coach Williamson reports:

This week at HHS the guidance office has had a busy week. All seniors in the class of 2022 have been working on completing their college applications. November is Georgia Apply to College (GAC) and most colleges throughout the state are waiving their application fees. The goal of GAC is to provide all Georgia high school seniors with the opportunity to apply to college with a focus on providing assistance to first generation and underrepresented students as they navigate the college application process.

Registration activities for the 2022-2023 school year were in full swing this week. Students have been selecting their elective classes for next year and making their commitments to various degree and certificate level dual enrollment options offered through Central Georgia Technical College and Middle Georgia State University.

Rhonda Mcleod and Megan Brantley from the South-Central Health District visited Hawkinsville High School on November 15th and 16th to teach a vaping prevention class to our students. The class was taught during ELT and covered the dangers of vaping, how e-cigarette companies use marketing tactics to target youth, and vaping cessation resources.

On Thursday, November 18th, the Senior Beta Club hosted an induction ceremony to celebrate new members. They inducted Amari' Hunt, Angelee Hullihen, Chase Martin, Hailey Perez, Mckenzie Whipple, Sia Patel, Harlem Phillips, Abby Laidler, Emmi England, Avione Hayward, Gage Williamson, Makiyah Grace, Ruby Dennis, and Luci Parden. These students have all demonstrated exemplary performance in academics, character, service, and leadership. We are proud to welcome them to Beta Club, and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish in our community!

The cross-country teams of Hawkinsville hosted their 3rd annual running camp last week. They had 27 kids attend the camp where they learned how to stretch, pace and run properly. The week ended with a one-mile race where Makenzie Ross, a 4th grader, was the champion. The weather was perfect and all had a good time.

Thanksgiving Holidays November 22-26.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 20 – Home Basketball vs Twiggs County @ 3:30pm

Dec. 2 – Softball Banquet at Steakhouse 6:00pm

Dec. 3 – Away Basketball vs Wheeler County @ 6:00pm

Dec. 4 – Away Basketball vs Wilcox County @ 6:00pm

Dec. 6 – Winter Band Concert 7:00pm

Dec. 9 – Football/Cheer Banquet at BOE Auditorium 7:00pm