

Panther Pride News



Students Travel to Washington D.C.

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By Mia Milchman and Brooke El-Koury

This year, Plantation Key School middle school students went on a field trip to Washington D.C. The students who attended took a flight all the way to D.C. They either had to be at school at 3:00 am or 6:00 am in order for the bus to pick them up and head to the Fort Lauderdale International Airport.

Mrs. Jensen is the teacher who planned this field trip. There are three other teachers going on the trip. They are Mr. Owens, Ms. Doane and Mrs. Milchman. The lucky students who attended were eager to get to the next stop, which was Washington DC. Ms. Jensen states that “The trip was awesome.” Most of the kids who went were very excited with who they are

rooming with for the trip.

“I was very excited who I chose to room with,” states Ellie Snodgrass. “Also, we went to many museums that were very cool and historical.”

The students went to the White House, the Jefferson Memorial, the Holocaust Museum, the Capitol, and many other stops. Overall, the trip was a huge success.



Halloween Dance is a Spooky Success



By Lilly Trumbull

The Halloween dance took place on October 20th, 2016 at PKS. The middle school students always look forward to this event because it is the first dance of the year. Students who attended the dance wore their Halloween costumes, and paid \$10 to get in. This cost paid for pizza and soda. Student council sponsors the dance as a fund raiser. The money usually pays for the middle school end of the year trip.

Now that the multipurpose room is gone, the dance was held in the cafeteria. The teachers judged a Halloween costume contest. The winners were Natalie Turner, Coral De Pauw, and Alaina Murphy,, who dressed up as Three Blind Mice. It seemed like a good time was had by all!

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PKS Volleyball Team Gives it Their All

By **Autum Conroy and Abby Sebben**

Although the PKS volleyball team had a tough season, they constantly worked toward improvement. Some of the girls on the team agreed they had room to improve. Many were adjusting to a new sport, new coaches, Ms. Kelli Brower and assistant coach Debbie Johnson, and new playing methods.

8th grade team member Kaylee Jensen suggested changes for the future. "We could go to different stations so their aren't so many people in one area and so nobody is just standing around." Currently, PKS is under construction, so the team struggled with not having a gym to practice in. They practiced outside on the basketball court.

7th grader Eliza Schafstall agreed by saying, "We could practice more." She also said that she decided to sign up for volleyball because she wanted to try something new. Many of the players were new to the team and the sport. Other players said that the lack of a gym hurt the team. 7th grader Mackenzie Hupka said "A different court would help."

Even though it was a tough season, the girls learned a lot and gave their best effort. They became good teammates and worked on learning the sport.



Pictured: The PKS Girls' Volleyball Team with Athletic Director, Mr. Owens, Coach, Kelli Brower, and Assistant Coach, Mrs. Johnson

According to Coach Kelli Brower, "The girls did a great job this season! The girls worked hard, learned to play as a team, and they acquired so many new skills. It was really great to see the girls become a team. They were so willing to help each other, in and out of practice. I wish the three eighth grade players (Alexis Martin,

Kaylee Jensen, and Maia Weaver) great success at Coral Shores High School! She continued, "Coach Debbie (Kate Johnson's mother) and I always told the girls that the score was not an accurate reflection of how well they were playing! I can't wait until next year and I am looking forward to another great season of volleyball."

Famous Curses in Major League Baseball History

By **Cody Kennedy**

Currently, the Cubs hold the first place spot National League after they beat the LA Dodgers to clinch a spot in the World Series. They are favored to win the World Series over the Cleveland Indians. So far the Cubs are overcoming the famous "Curse of the Billy Goat". The Billy Goat curse was set on Wrigley Field and the Cubs when they asked Billy Sianis, owner of the Billy Goat Tavern to leave the stadium because the smell of his pet goat was bothering other fans. He then he set a curse, saying the team would not win the pennant again. They haven't won a World Series since 1908 and haven't even been to one since 1945.

The team the Boston Red Sox also had a



The front page on the day Babe Ruth was traded to the NY Yankees.

curse set on them very similar to the Cubs. The Boston Red Sox were cursed with the "Curse of the Bambino" that was set on them in 1919 after they traded Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees. The Red Sox would go from 1918-2004 without winning a single World Series. Before they traded Babe Ruth, they were one of the most successful Major League Baseball franchises.

There are still more baseball games to be played and more wins and losses ahead in the World Series. So you never know who could win. Maybe the "Curse of the Billy Goat" will get the Cubs for yet another year or maybe it will finally be broken in this year's World Series against the Cleveland Indians.

Who do you want to win the



"Trump because he will make American great again."

-Edward Hoff



"Hillary Clinton"



"I want Trump to win."

-Douglas Valladares



"I think Clinton should win. "



Presidential Candidate Policies

| | Republican Trump | Libertarian Johnson | Democrat Clinton |
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| Gay Marriage | State Decides | For | For |
| Increase Gun Control | No | No | Yes |
| Increase Border | Yes, Build a Wall | No, easier work visa | No |
| Allow Syrian Refugees | No | Yes after background checks | Yes |
| Common Core | No, State Level | No, State Level | Yes |
| Require Vaccinations | No | No | Yes |
| Support Obama Care | No Federal Healthcare | No Federal Healthcare | Yes |
| Drug Test Welfare | Yes | No –Too Expensive | No |
| Give Felons Right to Vote | No | Yes | Yes Every Citizen |
| Global Warming Regulation | No | No | Yes, Incentives |
| Require label for Genetically Modified Foods | N/A | Yes | No |
| Space Travel Budget | No, private | Yes | Yes |
| Military Budget | Increase | Decrease | Current |
| Congress Term Limit | N/A | Yes | N/A |
| Require Welfare Work | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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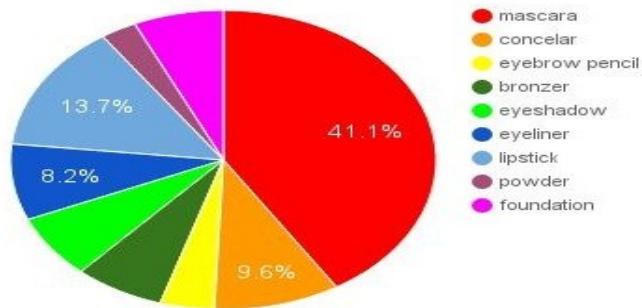
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PKS Fashion Police: Makeup or Natural Beauty?

By the PKS Fashion Police

The PKS fashion police surveyed middle school girls at the school to see if they wear makeup to school or preferred their natural beauty. 76% of middle schoolers wear makeup to school on a daily basis, but what about the other 24%? The girls that do not wear makeup to school say it makes girls look insecure and look like “clowns if they wear too much,” said 8th grade boy, Zach Armstrong. Mrs. House stated that wearing makeup to school is a “parent decision.”

On the other hand, many girls love makeup. Some say it makes them feel more confident about their looks. Other girls say that they love it, and they do not care what others



think about how they look.

“Best thing that has ever been created”, said Laraine Torres. See the chart for data from 6th-8th graders and a couple teachers on their favorite products. Most people agree that makeup can allow girls features to shine and any flawed areas could be covered. Others agree that just enough makeup can make you feel confident in yourself, which makes you beautiful.

How the Fashion World Works

After a lot of research, we found out what is currently in fashion. In this article, we will tell you what brands, colors, and clothes are currently trending. Some people might wonder why some of these fashion statements are out of style. According to our research, fashion goes way beyond clothes, it extends to shoes, purses, jewelry, and so much more.

Some things that are currently in style are pastels, the color maroon, the color gray, off-the-shoulder tops, high heels, denim, tulle, suede, leather, fur, ripped jeans, Converse, Nike shoes, boots and sandals.

These are some of the new 2016 high fashion trends! As new fashion comes in, it's expected for some things to go out. Fashion goes out of style when someone releases something new. There is no set time that one piece has to stay in. It just depends on how the customers react to the new clothing. This is why many designers are constantly creating new and different clothing.

In the design world, clothing stores have a variety of different clothing to please different audiences and age groups. This is just a taste of how the fashion world runs, and works. Fashion can't change you or what you're like, but it can represent who you are, and what you're like as a person.



Maroon boots are an important fashion trend. You can buy them at American Eagle Outfitters.

Teachers and Students Celebrate Halloween!



By Eris Nallbani

You're probably wondering "Where is the best place to go trick or treating?" The most often answered place was Plantation Key Colony. There were other places mentioned like Port Largo or Indian Mound, but the Colony seemed to be the most popular.

Tip for you trick or treaters, though, Mr. Owens will not give out candy. He will probably hand out math problems in calculus. For those of you looking for more candy, Indian Mound might be the answer, although there is nothing wrong with a good time in Key Largo Park!

Now maybe you want to fit into the crowd or perhaps stand out, so we asked around and it seems the Joker and Harley Quinn were common responses for what good

costume idea was. Others had some had thoughts of being partners with someone. They could dress up like the political candidates, or like Batman and Robin. Other partner costume ideas included Tom and Jerry, or Thing One and Thing Two.

Have the craving for different types of candy? We asked around and got a few suggestions about what favorite treat made its way into the favorites of a few teachers around the school. The answers were very diverse, we even got answers like chocolate licorice and Whatchamacallits. Although, we also got the modern favorites like Snickers and Smarties. Whatever you decide to do to celebrate this fun holiday, we hope your Halloween is spooky and memorable! BOO!!!

Halloween Costumes

By Maria Gonzales and Kristy Mollineda

During the year 2015, the most popular costumes for Halloween were minions, princesses, Batman, witches, and zombies. The amount of people that wore a Minion costumes were 2.2%, people who wore a Princess costume were 7.7%. People who wore the Batman costume was 4.9%. The amount of people who wore a witch costume was 2.3%, and the amount of people who wore a zombie costume was 3.1%.

The princess costume was used the most in all years. This year the most popular costumes are likely to be the Harley Quinn, and the Joker. Over the past few years, the princess costume has been the most popular with girls, but now Harley Quinn and the Joker might take its place in the popular zone due to the popularity of the movie.

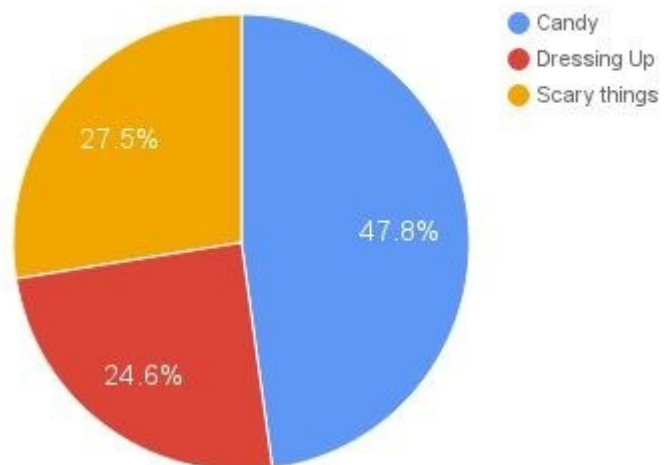


HALLOWEEN FAVORITES

By: Haley De La Torre & Autum Conroy

We walked around our school asking people what their favorite thing about Halloween was. We asked the students and staff of PKS and we gave them three options: candy, dress up, and scary stuff. In total people liked Halloween candy the most. Second was scary things, and then third was dressing up in costumes. Students and the PKS staff were very excited about being asked this question because they love Halloween!

Favorite Thing About Halloween



Autumn Word Search



Find and circle the fall words from the word list.

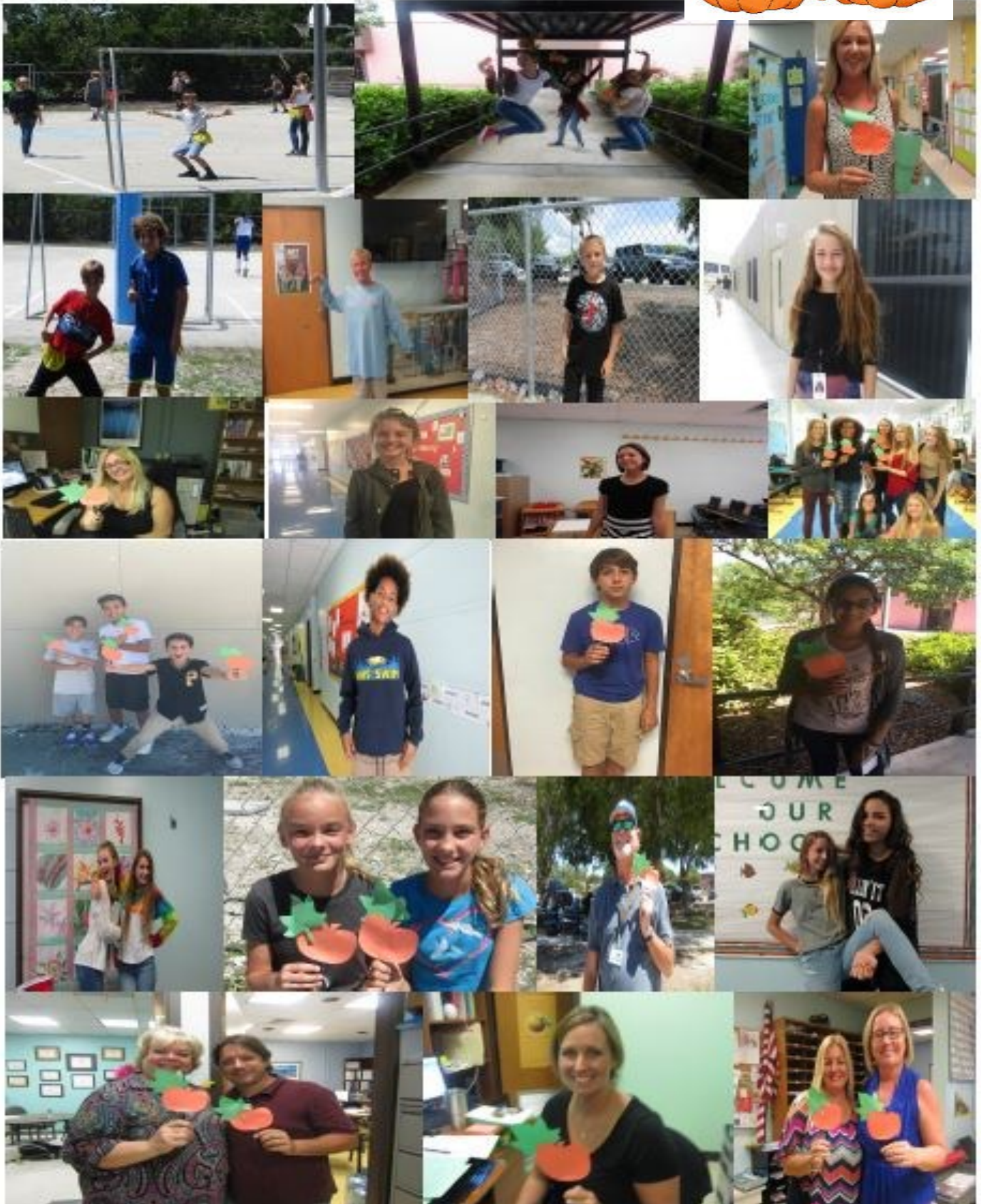


PKS PTA Rocks!

By Brooke El-Koury and Mia Milchman

The PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association and it allows parents and teachers to communicate better. The organization hosts fun events for everyone. This year, we are very lucky because they are going to be hosting many Plantation Key School family fun events for kids and adults. The Fish Fry will be on Friday, November 4th at the Lorelei Restaurant. They are also planning a bingo night and a color run! Thank you PTA for all you do for PKS!

Happy Fall, Y'all!



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