

Sand Pine Elementary PTA Newsletter

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a great start with many activities and events coming in the next few months!

On behalf of the PTA, Mr. Atkins and the Sand Pine faculty we hope you are each having a fantastic school year!



WINTER BREAK

From our family to yours...

SPES PTA NEEDS YOU!!

Your PTA needs your help! We are in need of some friendly new faces to support Sand Pine. We would like to invite you to attend our upcoming meeting on January 10th in the school cafeteria to learn more about what we do.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the PTA on Facebook at Sand Pine PTA. We look forward to hearing from you!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing New Year!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- PTA Members Needed
- Principals Corner
- Golden Ticket Students
- Star Students
- Movie Night
- PDQ Spirit Night
- Save The Date: Two Month Look Ahead



Lets Make It A Great Year

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS

Teacher

Kristen Alleger
Heather Forsman
Melissa Martin
Tammy Simmons

Susan Badalamenti
Chrissy Jones
Luisa Ojeda
Michelle Romero
Ann Ryan

Jen Gurley
Shay Peck
Corey Staney
Holly Turner

Kristen Fox
Malika Fuller
Wanda LoMenzo
Jeannette Mandell
Colleen Sanders
Lisa Steers

Robert Mueller
Danielle Rogers
Gail Ruddy
Melody Welt

Emily Coe
Nadine Lambert
Katy Mueller
Tami Perugini
Ellen Willis

Student

Sophia Soares
Olivia Breeze
Abigail Parisoe
Layan Saed

Dilan Deloach
Nathan White
Kaitlyn Brawner
Maureen Gregory
Bentley Williams

Derek Freiman
Shamaya Hanna
Oscar Combs
Leo Dowden

Robbie Benson
Afeni Esalomi
Charlie Heron
Joshua Buckler
Kaitlyn Yuen
Zofia Martinez

Travis Hamilton
Sophia Tran
Abigail Fisher
Alexzay Rodriguez

Kaylee Blair
Kyle Reece
Alexa Kollasch
Robyn Coffee
Daniel Sullivan

STAR STUDENTS—DECEMBER 2016

Student Name:	Grade:	Teacher:
Joshua Greene	Peeps (K)	Simmons
Savanna Douglas	Owls (1st)	Ryan
Kaylee Johnson	Peacocks (2nd)	Staney
Joshua Buckler	Toucans (3rd)	Mandell
Mason Caruso	Phoenix (4th)	R. Mueller
Madison Huff	Eagles (5th)	Lambert



SAVE THE DATE: 2 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

This years PTA has been working hard on Sand Pines fundraisers, family activities, supplies for the school and making preparations for this year.

- January 2nd-6th —No School
- January 10th —PTA Meeting @ 7:30pm
- January 12th—Spirit Night—Jersey Mikes
- January 13th — Movie Night—BFG
- January 16th—No School
- February 9th—Spirit Night—PDQ
- February 14th—PTA Meeting @ 7:30pm

FROM THE EDITOR

My name is Shari Kopp and I am the Editor of your Sand Pine Elementary PTA newsletter.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the Sand Pine families updated on all the school happenings!

If there is information that you would like to see in upcoming issues of the newsletter, please reach out to the PTA on Facebook and let me know. I would love to hear from you!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER: MR. ATKINS

Dear Sand Pine Families,

On behalf of our teachers and staff, we would like to wish all of our students and families a happy holiday and new year. I can't believe that half of the school year is already over. The college football season has ended and my beloved USF Bulls finished their regular season with a 10-2 record. The next stop is the Birmingham Bowl against South Carolina on December 29th.

Our students enjoyed a special holiday performance by Mr. Tommy that was sponsored by our PTA. Mr. Tommy played various holiday songs from around the world as well as some of his originals. Our PTA is also offering a Holiday Shop for our students from Friday, December 16th to Thursday, December 22nd. Students will be able to purchase reasonably priced holiday gifts for their family members.

Our new cafeteria tables have been delayed and the new delivery date will be the week of January 9th when the students and staff return from Winter Break. Winter Break will begin on Friday, December 23rd for the students and end on Friday, January 6th. In addition, the proposed cell phone tower is in its final stages of approval. Once approved, the cell phone tower will generate revenue each year for our school and district. The new tower will be installed on the far end of our PE field.

Our teachers and staff have been hard at work offering supports for our students four days a week for thirty minutes during our school wide Intervention Time. I am currently working with a small group on foundational reading skills. We are providing additional support in reading and math for close to 160 students each week. I am proud of the work that our teachers and staff are putting in to help students close the learning gap.

In addition, our kindergarten, first, and second grade teachers have been using our new OS-MO Gaming Systems to provide support and enrichment for our students. We recently purchased the new OSMO Coding attachment that allows our students to learn basic computer coding skills. Currently, Mr. Mueller has been offering this program during clubs on Fridays.

Two new staff members recently joined our Sand Pine family. First, please welcome David Pagano. He is taking over for Mrs. Mueller's fifth grade mini-contract until she returns from maternity leave. Mr. Pagano recently graduated from Southeastern University with a degree in Elementary Education. He is ESOL endorsed and certified to teach kindergarten through sixth grade. We also hired a new Assistant Plant Manager named Derek Klein. Mr. Klein is joining us from Trinity Oaks Elementary School where he served as a custodian for the past three years.

Once again, I hope everyone has a restful and safe holiday season. I look forward to continuing to serve our students and families as we begin a brand new year in 2017.

Sincerely,

Scott Atkins

Principal

MOVIE NIGHT: JANUARY 13TH



More details will be sent home with students after the new year.

SPIRIT NIGHT: JERSEY MIKE'S

Sand Pine Elementary will receive a portion of the proceeds raised at this event.



SPIRIT NIGHT: PDQ FEBRUARY 9TH

Sand Pine Elementary will receive 20% of the proceeds raised at this event.



Happy Holidays!

FROM OUR SPONSORS

Did you know that the Sand Pine Elementary PTA offers local businesses the opportunity to partner with us?

We invite all local businesses to become a “Sand Pine Business Sponsor”. Your business partnership will help our school reach our goals this year. In return for your support, the PTA will encourage all of our over 500 student families to frequent our “Business Sponsors”. This is an easy and effective way to get the word out about your business and market it directly to local residents. This is also a great way to give back to the community!

If you'd like to become a Business Sponsor and see your business listed on our website, a banner on the Sand Pine Elementary fence and featured at our school events, please contact sandpinesponsors@gmail.com.

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