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Principal's Corner

MS. PAESE!

Interviewed by Ella & Maeve C.
Written by Ella

Have you ever wanted to find out more about our school principal Ms. Paese? Well, we are here to tell you a little bit about her! We were able to sit down and interview Ms. Paese to ask her some questions that we thought other students might be interested in hearing.

To start, we asked her what she enjoys doing in her free time. She told us she likes to go to dinner with friends, loves to bowl and likes to be with family and friends. Ms. Paese's favorite food is fish and she also loves italian food like sausages and eggplant. Ms. Paese also told us that her favorite subject is math.

Before Ms. Paese came to the Pearl River Middle School, she was a math teacher, a math staff developer and then an assistant principal. It seems like Ms. Paese did a lot before becoming our principal!

Lastly, we asked Ms. Paese, when you were little, what did you want to be when you were older? She told us she wanted to be a police officer but her mom did not think it was a good idea.

We hope you learned a little bit more about Ms. Paese from this article!

Meet the Pirate Post Reporters

Mary

Grade 5:

Six things I enjoy are:

- ★ Acting
- ★ Basketball
- ★ Animals
- ★ Math
- ★ Eating
- ★ Comedy



Spotlight on MS. POMPEY

Here's a quote from Ms. Pompey: "I want to help the staff help students."

That's why she wanted to be an Assistant Principal. For those of you who don't know, Ms. Pompey is our new assistant principal, and she came from the High School. The Newspaper club decided to interview her and ask a few questions!

Ms. Pompey said that although she enjoys meeting her new students and colleagues and getting to know them, she misses the students and staff at the High School.

What are some of your goals for the Middle School?

Ms. Pompey said that one of her main goals is for students to have an enjoyable and successful year. She also wants to meet new staff and students. Lastly, the final item on her bucket list is for students to have a successful academic and social year. She also loves to see students making new friends.

Ms. Pompey has noticed many differences from PRHS to PRMS. For example, one difference is recess. She has noticed that many more kids play games and are more active at recess in PRMS.

WELCOME TO PRMS!

by Ellie & Owen

We also asked Ms. Pompey to tell PRMS a little bit about herself. Ms. Pompey has one daughter who is in first grade and she likes the colors orange and blue. In her spare time she enjoys watching HGTV and the *Titanic*. In addition, some of her favorite types of food include Caribbean and Italian. She also enjoys walking, reading, traveling, and swimming.

We decided to ask a few students about their opinions on the new PEP program here at PRMS. This is one of the major changes for the 2019-2020 school year. Andrew D. in 6th grade says, "I like the way the PEP works this year. It gives you more time to do your work, and it is easier to study." On the other hand, Aidan M. in 6th says, "I wish the PEP hadn't changed because it is harder to concentrate on two classes for one quarter than it is if you have just one PEP per quarter." What do you think? Do you like the new PEP program or could we try something different?!

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Caitlin

Grade 5:

Four things I enjoy are:

- ★ Dogs
- ★ Softball
- ★ Mani Pedis
- ★ Gymnastics

FROZEN THE MUSICAL AT PRMS

by Owen

This year's musical performance at PRMS is Frozen! One of our reporters at the Newspaper Club was able to speak to the the director of the performance, Dr. Dalandan to see how the musical really works.

Dr. D told us about everything that goes into picking a musical performance. There are apparently many steps to ensure a good show. First, Dr. D. says that it takes months to even pick the play for the year. He said that there needs to be a balance of many roles to accommodate the sheer number of actors auditioning. He also said that it has to be within the capabilities of our young actors.

Two theatricals that didn't quite make the cut this year were, *Into the Woods*, by James Lapine, and *Shrek*, directed by Andrew Adamson and Vicky Jenson.

If you have never done the play before, it might be something you should think about for next year! For those of you looking to be a lead actor, you need to have a strong singing voice, good behavior, and outstanding acting skills. If you are looking to be a part of the play, and want to be in the ensemble, there is a part for you too! All you need is to be able to follow directions and have a good attitude.

All in all, it is looking like a good year for Anna and Elsa!

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Owen
Grade 6

Things I like:

- Mountain House
Pizza
- Shepherd's Pie
- Baseball
- Acting
- Basketball
- Reading & Writing
- Math

ALL ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Radio Club

by Caitlin

Have you ever wondered how the morning announcements are written? Well, they are written by the Radio Club! Did you know that this club is a key part of the Pearl River Middle School. In fact, this club provides PRMS with the morning announcements! Mrs. Jacobs, the librarian and faculty advisor of the Radio Club, has the scoop on what goes on inside this club.

When asked, "What do the kids do in this club?" Mrs. Jacobs responded, "You write the script for the announcements and work on public speaking. The morning announcements consist of the first-page reader, the pledge reader, and the second-page reader. This club benefits PRMS by giving us the morning announcements and the information that we need for the day.

Want to know more? Mrs. Jacobs has been running this club for three years and counting. She decided to run this club because she is interested in radio, and enjoys seeing the members write the announcements.

One goal for the 2019 - 2020 Radio Club is to help kids gain more confidence with public speaking. Another goal this year is to make the announcements more interesting. One idea is to have a student's perspective on different topics.

We asked how they come up with the script for the morning announcements. The members told us that each member takes a day to write and say the announcements. They type the script for the announcements and each day includes, "On this day in history," holidays, news and the Pledge of Allegiance.

We were able to meet with one of the morning announcers. We asked her, "Do you ever get scared when you are on the mic?" she said, "The first time, I was on the mic, I was scared. But, now that I do it often I am not nervous". Gianna P, another member, wanted to do this club because she remembered doing the morning announcements in fourth grade. There you have it, the Radio Club is a key part of the PRMS DAY! This club meets in the library on Wednesdays.

REMINDER:

**After School Programs meet
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and
Thursdays after school**

ALL ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Outreach Club

by Ellie

In PRMS, there are so many club options, and one of the clubs that you can join is Outreach Club. Outreach is a club that takes place on Wednesdays after school in room 222. I was able to get some information about this club from the advisor, Mrs. Passman.

I asked Mrs. Passman to give the scoop on the Outreach Club and what the members do to make a difference in our community and around the world. She told me that the members organize and run charity events that PRMS students and faculty can support. For instance, members organized Operation Gratitude; members collected excess Halloween candy and donated it to veterans and military personal. The Outreach Clubs goal is to provide as many community service opportunities as possible. Some charities the Outreach Club hopes to assist this year are the Nyack Homeless Project, Make a Wish Foundation, Meals on Wheels, and the Crayon Initiative.

I also asked Ms. Passman, why she decided to be part of the Outreach Club this year. She explained that she wants to run the club because she wants to help organize community service opportunities for PRMS. If she had to run another club she would choose the student council because their are similar opportunities. She hopes that students will participate in the community service opportunities this year.

So how do you participate? To participate, all you have to do is donate to the charity drive or come to some of the meetings. So if you are looking for a club, stop by room 222, on Wednesdays after school, and lend a hand to the Outreach Club.

ALL ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Spotlight on the School Store

by Mary

Have you ever wondered about how the school store contributes to the Pearl River Middle School community? Have you ever thought about how some of the items got there? I am here to tell you all about the school store!

I had the pleasure of visiting the School Store Club. For those of you that are interested in joining, it is held on Tuesdays by Mrs. Russo in room 226. Mrs. Russo does a great job organizing the club. During their meetings they get a lot done! When I visited the club, one group was organizing the merchandise. Another group, decorated the bulletin board. The third group, paid a visit to the World Wide Web on Oriental Trading's shopping website to order more products. There is so much going on!

Mrs. Russo wants students that are interested in joining to know that as long as you have a good head for numbers and a friendly personality, you are perfect for the school store. However, Mrs. Russo will welcome anyone who is interested in joining.

The store sells many helpful and fun items! Some of the most popular items include squishy balls which cost \$2.00, bouncy balls, \$0.50, and rainbow gel pens that cost \$1.00.

Just bring a couple of dollars at lunch, and you can shop for all of your school supply needs!

Mrs. Russo decided to run this club because she thinks that students deserve to have a say in what is sold at the store. She likes to see the kids take a leadership role. Also, Mrs. Russo has been running this club for three years.

Mrs. Russo says that the main challenges of running the School Store are getting the kids to cooperate, and getting everyone to agree on how much merchandise to sell.

I interviewed two fifth grade members of the school store, Jackie and Gabriella. Gabriella said that she chose this club because it seemed fun, and students get to deal with money, and organize everything.. Jackie said that her favorite part in the School Store is being able to open the store. Both Jackie and Gabriella are still members and enjoy the club very much. So if this club seems fun come stop by!

Did you know you can take the late bus home after school?

