

**OUR VISION:**

Preparing students to be 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners through purposeful teaching, communication and collaboration.

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Purposeful Teaching
- for
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners

**OUR CORE BELIEFS:**

All students can learn.  
 All students have unique talents and abilities.  
 High academic achievement is a priority.  
 All members of the community share responsibilities for success.

December 14, 2012

# C.C. Pinckney Elementary

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Ms. Annie Crandle, Principal  
 Dr. Taminika Shadd, Administrative Officer

## “Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts”



### Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

*The Extended Learning Opportunity Program (ELO) began on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. The program will be conducted on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:00-4:30PM through February 27, 2013.*

*Installation of the new fence around the chillers is underway. Please remind students not enter this area as they walk to and from school.*

*The students have been hard at work preparing for the upcoming holiday events. The band and chorus will perform on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 6:30 PM. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be doing their Ginger Bread House activity on Tuesday, also. And on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 10:30, we expect you to “Deck the Halls at CCP” to see student work and data. The Army Band will be here on Monday to play for our students before and during lunch. Students are reminded to wear pajamas (over their clothes) Monday for the showing of the Polar Express in the Media Center. You are welcome to join us for any or all of these activities.*

*Thanks to all of our parents for helping us to “Live the Vision at CCP”!*

Annie H. Crandle

### “Deck the Halls”

Parents, you are invited to take a holiday tour of the halls at C.C. Pinckney as we celebrate "Deck the Halls" with student work and data! This activity will take place on December 19, from 10:30 -11:00. Come stroll the hallways and view student work, sip on a warm beverage and sample a cookie or two! We look forward to your visit, as we highlight and celebrate student accomplishments.

### WINTER BREAK

**NO SCHOOL**  
December 21, 2012-  
January 4, 2013



### 2013 SPELLING BEE



Classroom Spelling Bees will be held during the week of January 7-16, 2013! Encourage your child to study over the Winter Break. Word lists will be posted on the CCP website.  
 CCP School Spelling Bee -22 February 2013  
 District Spelling Bee - 3 May 2013

### Calendar

#### December 14

Pierce Terrace Rehearsal for Winter Concert  
12:30-2:15PM

#### December 17

Polar Express  
CCP- Media Center  
8:15-10:30AM  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
12:30-2:15PM  
4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Pierce Terrace’s Winter Concert @ 6:30 PM

#### December 18

Ginger Bread House Activity-3rd Grade  
PD Room 9:30-10:30AM

CCP Band/Chorus Concert  
7:00PM

#### December 19

Band/Chorus Concert for Students  
9:30AM  
Deck the Halls at CCP  
10:30AM

Principals’ Meeting

**December 21- Jan 3, 2013**  
Winter Break – No School

**January 4, 2013**  
Professional Development  
No School

**January 7, 2013**  
School Resumes

## DATA CORNER

### READING COUNTS

The **sagacious** Pinckney Patriots, are stepping up to meet our Reading Counts goal of 15,000 books read and 20,000 Reading Counts points!

As of December 13, 2012, progress towards our goal is as follows:

Books Read- 3,523

Reading Counts Points- 10,512

Keep up the tenacious work towards meeting our school-wide goal!

### WEDNESDAY WALKERS: December 14, 2012

72 students participated in Wednesday Walkers, traveling 331 laps or 110 miles. We've left Shreveport, Louisiana and have arrived near Van, Texas, which by car would take 1 hour and 43 minutes. We need to stay with the program and get through the wide state of Texas the next several weeks.

This week **Celya H, Generosity K, Tabitha M, Meia M, Andrew P, Hannah R** and **Korbin W** were handed the red foot for achieving 10 miles. Congratulations!

**Emily H** earned the blue foot which signifies 20 miles! Way to go!

**Carman M** and **Noah H** are the first to achieve the yellow foot which signifies 30 miles!

Welcome to our newest members **Makayla H** and **Jada S**.

See you next time!

Nurse P



Prepared  
Alert  
Talented  
Responsible  
Inspired  
On track  
To achieve  
Success

*Superintendent's  
Forum  
11:00AM - 1:00PM  
January 9, 2013*

*Superintendent's  
Office Hours  
11AM-2PM  
December 20th  
January 9th*



### C.C. PINCKNEY

#### Principal's Forum - Coffee and Chat

Our goal is to foster effective communications and relationships with and among our stakeholders. In an effort to accomplish this goal, a monthly and quarterly forum has been established.

When: Every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month from 11:00AM-12:00PM  
Next Forum is January 23, 2013

Where: C.C. Pinckney

What: During each forum, I will be available to answer questions, concerns and gather feedback on how we can improve our services for our military families. At the conclusion of the session and within a two week time frame, I will respond in writing to any and all questions that were not answered during the forum. These responses will be communicated to all stakeholders through the weekly parent newsletter or individually as appropriate.

Questions, Concern, Comments

[CLICK HERE](#)

## Seeking Feedback on New Attendance Policy

At the beginning of the school year, DoDEA introduced a new attendance policy similar to those found in most school districts in the U.S. The intent of the policy is to strike a fair and consistent balance between the academic needs of students and the unique needs of military families. To gauge the levels of awareness, effectiveness and satisfaction with the new DoDEA attendance policy, DDESS/DoDDS-Cuba has developed a voluntary, anonymous poll for all stakeholders—students, parents, employees, military leaders, etc. The online poll runs through May 31 and takes only five minutes to complete. The data from the poll will be analyzed to determine if refinements and improvements are needed. We're listening so please tell us what you think of the new DoDEA attendance policy:  
<https://www.research.net/s/789HM97>.

## News from Your Counselor Parents make the Difference!

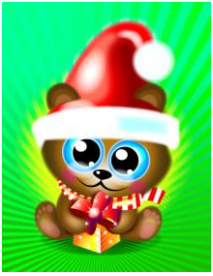
Televisions, computers, and video games are the largest stumbling blocks to reading and achievement in the country today and families can cope with its pervasive influence. Competing with technology is no small task. BUT IT CAN BE DONE. Did you know the more hours' children spend watching televisions and playing video games, corresponding on face book and/or other internet social site the lower the achievement test scores? It is estimated a child spends 15,000 hours watching TV from birth to age 17. That does not include the time spent playing video games, playing on the computer or watching movies. Consider monitoring the amount of time your child spends watching TV, playing video games, time on the computer and try eliminating these during the school week. See if you notice an improvement in your child's grades. Contact Mrs. M at [803-787-6815](tel:803-787-6815) for additional information or to set up an appointment.

## ARTISTRY

Our third graders have been working on a paper wreath sculpture. A sculpture is a three-dimensional artwork that is meant to be viewed from more than one side. I hope you enjoy hanging these in your home for the holidays.







## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES & PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

### **Continuous School Improvement Team (CSI)**

The CSI Team meets every Monday from 3:15 – 4:15PM in the professional development room B-147.

### **ELO**

The Extended Learning Opportunity began Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> through February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 3:00-4:30PM. The Session will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:00-4:30PM, For Further information contact Ms. Victoria S at 803-787-6815.

### **Success Club**

Success Club meets on Mondays, from 2:55-3:45PM For further information contact Debbie M @ 803-787-6815.

### **Wednesday Walkers**

Wednesday Walkers meets on Wednesday's from 2:55–3:30PM Ms. P is asking for parent volunteers to help monitor our students' progress. For further information, contact Ms. P at 803-787-6815.

### **Technology Club**

The Technology Club meets on Mondays from 2:55 – 3:40PM. Mr. P can be contacted at 803-787-6815.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade: January 7, 14 & 28, 2013.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade: February 4, 11, 25 & March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2013**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: April 8, 15, 22 & 29 & May 6, 13 & 20, 2013**

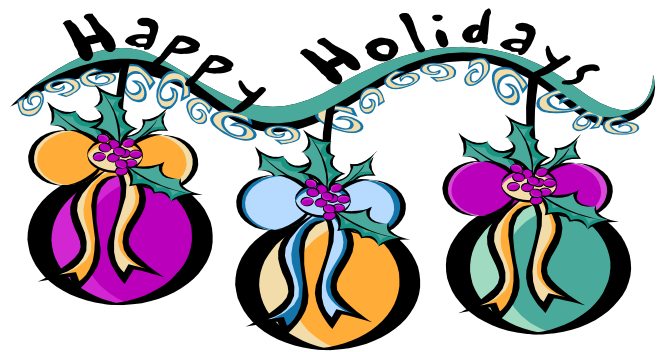
**Fitness Club meets on Tuesdays from 2:55-3:45PM. Session II will be January 8-March 19, 2013. Session III will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup>. For further information contact Ms. B at 803-787-6815.**

**Science Club meets on Friday's, 3:00-4:30PM. For further information contact Ms. Walters.**

**Art Club meets on Mondays from 3:00-4:30PM. First session dates are Oct 15, Oct 22, 29; November 5, 19, 26; December 3, 10, 17; January 14, 28 and February 4, 2013. For further information contact Ms. F at 803-787-6815. The dates for the Session II are February 11, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13 and 20.**

## **Chef Solus Holiday Cookbook For Kids**

Visit our website for free nutrition tools, games, print material and lesson plans at [www.NourishInteractive.com](http://www.NourishInteractive.com)

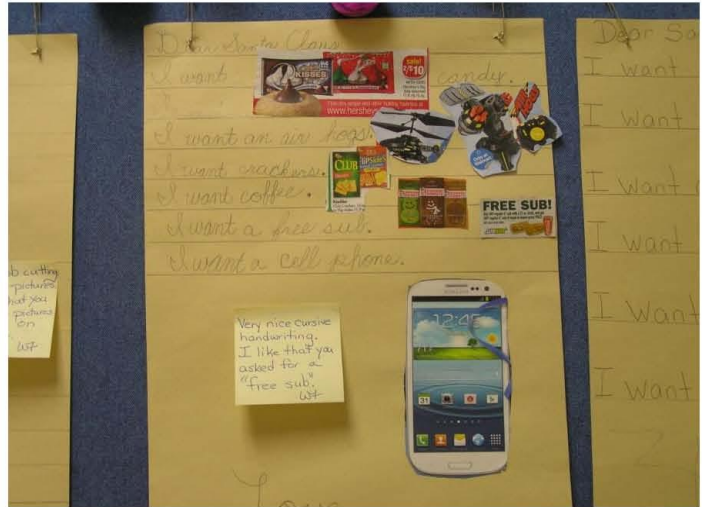


## **School Board Updates 2012-2013**

**Congratulations and welcome to our newest school board members:**

**SSG N  
Heidi G  
Amber C**

**“THANK YOU” and “BEST WISHES” to SFC R and SFC H for their hard work and dedicated service to our school board and community.**



Mrs. F's class is getting ready for the holidays with letters to Santa Claus.



Students in Mrs. F's class cook twice a month in their classroom kitchen.



Mrs. F's class is excited about the new SMART Table they received. The class was featured in the DDESS Education Newsletter using this wonderful technology.

## Survival Kits

Mrs. F's students have been busy this year sorting, assembling, and packaging Military Personnel Survival Kits for Task Force Marshall service members deploying. This has been an ongoing project for Mrs. F's class since 2010. Thanks to Dena J Speech Pathologist at Pierce Terrace Elementary School and a Blue Star Mother of America, Incorporated Midlands Chapter 1 for involving Mrs. F's students in this great project. The students prepare bags of goodies for the Blue Star Mothers to deliver to soldiers, sailors, and airmen before they deploy.



## Gifted Education Program

What do inquiring minds want to know about the gifted and talented program?

The **content** is differentiated through the use of more advance complex texts and resource materials.

The **process** is differentiated through flexible grouping, the using multiple intelligence approach, and focusing on open-ended and problem solving tasks.

The **product** is differentiated by steering gifted learners to produce real-life products.

Each grade level is involved in different interdisciplinary units.

Bridge Building (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

Ecosystem (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Architecture (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Building Robots (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Students will display their real-life products during the Science Fair.



# Where in the World are the Third Grade Travelers???



**Flat Stanley Dolls**



**Flat Stanley Traveling  
Suitcases**

We are currently introducing an exciting new unit entitled, "Where in the World are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Travelers." During our read aloud time, we read the book titled, Flat Stanley. The story is about a little boy named Stanley who had a bulletin board fall on him and smashed him flat. He was not injured, just flattened and could easily be sent in the mail to many places. His travels were exciting and educational as he learned about many different places.

We are anxious to see and learn about all the different places our "friends" will visit! Each student will mail or pass on their "friend" for a visit to someone they know who lives in a different community, city, state, or even country! As we receive the projects back at the school, the students will be discussing and plotting the different locations our "friends" have been on a map and sharing their adventure. At the end of the unit, our friends will be sent home with their travel suitcases, which will hold all their letters and souvenirs they collected along the way!

**Third Grade Team**