



The Principal's Weekly



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Spirit Night: The PTA is sponsoring a Plaza Spirit Night at Moe's Southwest Grill (869 Lynnhaven Parkway) on Wednesday, December 19 from 5 - 9 PM. This fundraiser is part of "rivalry week" between the Plaza and Great Neck basketball teams. Staff and students, who go to the Moe's Spirit Night, can enter their name for a chance to shoot free throws between the girls and boys basketball games at Great Neck Middle on Thursday, December 20. The winner of the free throw contest will win free burritos for a year. Plaza PTA will earn 20% of sales. Proceeds will benefit student and staff activities at Plaza. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity. Come out to Moe's on Wednesday, December 19 from 5 -9 PM.

Spirit Week: Join us in celebrating with the SCA for Spirit Week, December 17 - 21.

- Monday: HoliDAY - Dress as your favorite holiday.
- Tuesday: Crazy Sock Day
- Wednesday: Nice for the New Year - Dress nice for the upcoming new year.
- Thursday: Tacky Holiday Sweaters
- Friday: Winter White Out

Adjusted Dismissal: Friday, December 21, 2018, is an adjusted dismissal day. Students will be released at 1:30 PM.

Holiday Building Closing: Plaza Middle School offices will be closed effective 2:00 PM on Friday, December 21, 2017, and will reopen for staff and students on Tuesday morning, January 2, 2019.

Reminder for Prior Approval for Planned Absences: When parents are aware students must miss school for travel and/or reasons other than illness, a prior approval is necessary. Parents may send in advance a note with their child stating the dates and reasons for absence, or parents may elect to directly email Plaza Attendance Associate Anna Bondi at anna.bondi@vbschools.com. Kindly give three days' notice so teachers have sufficient time to provide missed work in advance.

Save the Dates:

- Tuesday, December 18: Band Concert
- Friday, December 21: Adjusted Dismissal
- Wednesday, January 2: Return from Winter Break
- Wednesday, January 9: Rising Grade 6 Open House

Important Dates:

M	B Day	17	Academic challenge vs. Brandon (home) @ 5:15 PM Basketball vs. Kempsville (away) @ 5:15 PM
T	A Day	18	Band Concert @ 6:30 PM
W	B Day	19	External Lockdown Drill

TH	A Day	20	Spirit Parade @ 9:25 AM Academic Challenge vs. Virginia Beach (away) @ 5:15 PM Basketball vs. Great Neck (away) @ 5:15 PM
F	B Day	21	Spelling Bee Early Dismissal @ 1:30 PM

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IB MYP Academy Applications: Applications for Plaza MYP Academy are now available online at <http://mypapplication.vbcps.com/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f> . Any Plaza Middle student can apply to join the academy. Due to transfers out of the area, several openings may occur for our Grade 7 and 8 students. The deadline to apply is Feb. 1, 2019.

Yearbooks: Yearbook order forms will be sent home on Monday October 29, 2018. The cost is \$30 if purchased before March 28, 2019. Purchase your yearbook at school in the library via cash or check (made payable to Plaza Middle School) or online via credit card by going to www.ybpay.lifetouch.com and entering the yearbook ID code 12189919. Please contact Mrs. Fitzgerald in room 645 or Mrs. Schweers in the library if you have any questions.

From the PTA:

- Link your **Kroger** card to Plaza Middle School PTA. Go to Kroger.com, log into your account, and link your card to Plaza MS PTA or code SD315. If previously linked in the past, you must re-link every new school year.
- Shop at **Amazon Smile**. Instead of going to Amazon directly, go to smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1754461, and Amazon will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the PTA. It is the exact same as Amazon.com, except they will give the school money.
- Link your **Harris Teeter** card to Plaza Middle School PTA. Go to Harris Teeter.com and go to the Together in Education panel and use code 6330 or simply give the cashier your VIC card and the school's number (6330) during checkout.
- As always, send in your Box Tops.

