

# Information Packet

## PPE Academy and Science Olympiad

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Pershing Park will be starting an academy for third, fourth and fifth grade students. Your child has expressed an interest in being in a Pershing Park Academy or Science Olympiad.

Students who would like to improve academically may now come to the PPE Academy for math, reading, writing, & science. We will be using project-based learning, STEM, maker space, higher level Literature Circles to increase comprehension, intensive writing and book creating, as well as our competitive Science Olympiad.

We will meet on Mondays from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. On meeting days, students will report to the designated room after the bell rings at 3:00. Students will be dismissed at 4:15 at the designated dismissal area out front using the valet service. Our first meeting is on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Please review the following requirements with your child:

1. Attend all practices. **Two** absences will result in dismissal. Conflicting K.I.S.D. activities will not count as an absence. Students may not attend practice if they are absent from school that day due to illness. Students who have excessive unexcused absences from school will not be able to participate.
2. Your child **must** be picked up promptly. For the safety of your child, we do not permit students to walk home after. Buses are not provided, so please arrange for your child to be picked up at PPE **no later than 4:15**. **Students who are picked up more than 15 minutes late, twice, will be dropped from the academy. If a parent/guardian is over thirty minutes late for pick up at any time, the student will be dismissed from the academy.** Please have your car tag visible and we will bring your child to you. If you are walking, parents **MUST** bring a photo I.D. when they come for pick up. Children will only be released to adults listed on the student's registration card who have a photo I.D or to the car with the tag. If you need to add an adult to the registration card, please do so in the Pershing Park front office. **We cannot provide supervision for siblings.** Please make sure siblings understand how to get home in the afternoons.
3. Negative behavior will not be tolerated. Students are accountable for their behavior at all times. Only positive attitudes will be accepted in the academy or Science Olympiad. If a student receives a serious code of conduct violation after the due date for the academy permission slip, he/she will be removed. Non-serious code of conduct violations will place a student on probation. If the student receives any additional non-serious or serious referrals, he or she will be

dismissed. All bus referrals will be addressed by the after-school committee. Please remember that students are subject to the student code of conduct during after-school activities as well.

4. Good sportsmanship is required for PPE Academy and Science Olympiad. We do not tease our team members or other schools' team members. We are expected to applaud everyone and congratulate everyone on his or her performance. We do not speak negatively to other teams.

5. If a parent/guardian withdraws a child from the after-school academy or Science Olympiad, the student will be unable to re-enter the academy for the current school year.

6. If your child no longer wants to attend meetings or be part of an academy or Science Olympiad please let us know by calling the front office or sending a note with your child.

Review this information thoroughly with your child before signing and returning the application form. We look forward to learning while having fun!

Thank you,

Jessica Taylor

**IMPORTANT DATES  
(PLEASE KEEP THIS)**

- Oct. 1st- Students pick up information packets.
- Oct. 2nd-9th - Students turn in packets.
- Oct. 21st- Academy begins

<u>Monday Meetings</u>	<u>Archery Meetings will be on Tuesdays</u>
October 21	22
October 28	29
November 4	5
November 18	19
December 2	3
December 9	10
December 16	17

The permission slip must be SUBMITTED TO YOUR TEACHER BY  
**October 10th.**

I have read the entire contents of the Academy information packet. My child has to participate. Everything possible will be done to help my child maintain the requirements for membership. I agree to provide prompt pick-up for my child, **NO LATER THAN 4:15**. I agree that my other child/children (if any) may not stay at school while siblings are at after school meetings.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Current cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Current home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person picking up student from tutoring academy (Please print):

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

### PPE Academy and Science Olympiad

**Anime-** Do you love Asian cultures and anime? If so, you'll get to explore how Anime began and then create your own books!

**Archery** - Want to increase your ability to focus and concentrate? Then you'll enjoy archery, where you can improve your upper body strength, balance, and coordination.

**Arts and Crafts** - Calling all creative people! Learn about art and crafts techniques through hands on activities.

**Books and More** - If you love to read, discuss books and compete against other people this is perfect for you.

**Comic Writing** - Do you love writing and taking pictures/drawing? You will get to research topics and be creative with your writing as well as publish your own comics. You can create a science comic, social studies comic about your favorite person, or a topic you pick!

**Folkloric Dance** - If you love to dance, join this and learn traditional dances and music from different cultures!

**PBL Around the World**-Project based learning. If you love projects, this is for you! We will be exploring other countries and cultures and the world around us through reading and research!

**Puma News/Broadcasting** - Learn the ins and outs of becoming a news anchor! You will be creating your own news program, conducting interviews, taking pictures and video!

**Science Academy** - Noncompetitive academy. Let your inner scientist shine! This club focuses on hands on experiments.

**Science Olympiad** - Calling all scientists...If you love science AND competing, you'll enjoy this. It is a competitive team that will perform a variety of science tasks at the district level.

**Spanish Academy** - Hola! In this academy you will learn basic Spanish phrases, unique cultures, and the flavors of our Latin culture.

**STEM** - Calling all student engineers! You will do a variety of science, technology, engineering, and math so come ready to build.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3<sup>rd</sup> choice:** \_\_\_\_\_