

It's "Snow" Secret Great Things Are Happening!



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Barnes & Noble Gift Cards

Dear Danielle,

Check out what we have been up to in January!

PPDC@FCES: 2nd Grade Bloggers

Children benefit most from technology when it is used to establish thinking skills, boost creativity, and assist in academic learning. The 2nd graders at PPDC@FCES have launched their very own blog to a woman named DJ Lucas (who is their teacher Ms. Edwards-Carter). They write DJ Lucas every Tuesday and receive responses when they log on the following week.

The blog idea blossomed when students were reading the story, "Dear Max." A student was curious to see if they wrote the author, would they receive responses like those in the story. The students are always on the edge of their seats, waiting for responses to their posts. Students seem very eager to continue this project and even the shy ones have come out of their shells! Currently the blog is private, with hopes of making it public when students have gotten comfortable with the writing process. Stay tuned!



Big for a Day

Saturday, January 25th Big Brothers Big Sisters sponsored "Big for a Day" at PPDC. Children from PPDC and the community met with adults who expressed an interest in the Big Brother Big Sister program. Although this was a one day event, both children and adults hope this will be the beginning of some new relationships in our community.

Weed Eater
CD player
Kitchen Supplies
Lawnmower
Cricut Machine

Contact Rosemary Jones for
more information or to donate
your item!

*Please contact your tax
advisor for more information



Participants included employees from the City of Richmond, the Urban League of Greater Richmond's Young Professionals, Capital One employees, and additional interested adults. Many thanks to Capital One, who sponsored the event. Not only did the kids have a blast, the "Bigs" didn't want to leave.

The Center looks forward to continuing this partnership with BBBS as we seek a mentor for each child at Peter Paul.



On January 9, Whole Foods hosted a fundraiser; 5% of all sales benefited PPDC. We raised \$5,560.05! Thank you to all who came out to support us and especially to Kate Kerns and Alissa Barlow for volunteering!

Lunch & Learn

Want to learn more about PPDC? Join us on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month for a Lunch & Learn. The tour starts promptly at noon as we take a PPDC around the neighborhood we serve. After the 30 minute bus tour we will arrive back at the Center for a tour of the garden and facility, followed by lunch and discussion.



Please call (804) 780-1195 or email [Danyelle Barnes](mailto:Danyelle.Barnes@ppdc.org) for reservations. We hope to see you soon!

A Message from Damon



Happy New Year! On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and especially our students, I would like to say thank you to all of our generous donors. Your contributions made for a phenomenal year and amazing December. Not only were you generous in giving of your financial resources, but our volunteers and partners ensured that our young people and senior citizens were taken care of over the holidays. Everyone had something to unwrap and for that we are indeed thankful.

This year, we're preparing to serve more students and work with our community in new and empowering ways. We're so excited about where we're going and blessed to have your support. We couldn't do it without all of you. As we prepare for our future, I ask that you tell others about PPDC's work. We would love to tell our story and invite others to join you as a friend of PPDC.

In Service,



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