



## Educate the Child, Engage the Family, Empower the Community

Dear Danielle,

Fall is in the air and October is overflowing with great things at Peter Paul. The PPDC after school program is up and running at both locations and the students are hard at work. The annual Rise & Shine Breakfast was a great success and we are looking forward to our upcoming community dinner on October 30.

## Our Fairfield Program Has Begun!

Peter Paul Development Center at Fairfield Court Elementary School (PPDC@FCES) began its third year on Tuesday, October 14. Fifty-two students are now attending the program and receiving the same individualized academic enrichment as students at the main center.



Every PPDC@FCES family participated in the orientation process and each one had a different reason for enrolling their kids. Many parents expressed wanting their child to have additional assistance in academics, several returning parents mentioned seeing a positive change in their children, and all were eager for the start of the program.

As a way to further engage parents, this year each family will volunteer a minimum of two hours throughout the year. Several parents have already helped in the classroom or during homework time as part of our newly instituted family volunteer requirement.

In addition, our partnership with the School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community (SPARC) began last week, and we can't wait to see the final performance at the end of the year. We are thankful for a successful start to the PPDC@FCES program and the opportunity to touch more lives. Please join us in wishing these students a fantastic school year!

## A Brand New Mural

During the 2014 Summer Promise program, students read *A Single Shard* by Lisa Sue Park. The education department reached out to the Visual Arts Center of Richmond to provide an experience for our students that would apply some of the clay pottery skills expressed in the book. Every Summer Promise participant visited VisArts to work on clay tiles and provide input on the mural. Thanks to Visual Arts Center staff, Dean Whitbeck, Jordan Roeder, and Julie Elkins, we now have a beautiful tile mural in the Children's Garden.

Over the last several weeks, Julie has worked with some of the students to install the mural. It is a wonderful addition to our garden; please come see it in person to fully appreciate its beauty!



## 2014 Rise & Shine Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who came out to the PPDC Rise & Shine Breakfast on Monday, October 20!

Our annual breakfast was held at the Jefferson Hotel Ballroom and moderated by the very talented Tyné Kidd (5th Grade) and Alexandria Taylor (4th Grade). This was a great opportunity to showcase students' gifts and talents while updating the public about the amazing progress being made at PPDC. A copy of our Annual Report was provided to guests and can be found [here](#).

PPDC students performed a wonderful praise dance and shared a favorite song. PPDC Board Chair Dwight Jones spoke about his history with the Center; Executive Director Damon Jiggetts spoke about the great potential within every child and PPDC's role in supporting these students.



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## Holiday Giving at Peter Paul

During the holiday season, Peter Paul assists its families in two important areas - food and Christmas gifts.

As the Center has grown, so has the number of families and seniors we serve, and we hope to provide for all of them this year. At Thanksgiving, we provide a box with a turkey and trimmings for each of our families



and seniors. During Christmas, we "adopt" our children, their siblings, and our seniors by gifting them with items from their wish lists. And we host Christmas parties the Saturday before Christmas for all our kids and their families!

If you would like to help us make the holidays brighter, please contact [Rosemary Jones](#) or call her at 804-780-1195. A complete list of ways you can help may be viewed [here](#).



## Heart, Hand, and Head Mentoring



It has been a busy time for the Heart, Hand, and Head mentoring program, which matches adult mentors with students at PPDC. On October 8, several mentors gathered together under the facilitation of the Virginia Mentoring Partnership to discuss what it means to be a mentor and to share creative ideas about supporting PPDC students.

Recently, mentor KJ Cook and his mentee Nathan put together a wooden model helicopter. They had fun while challenging themselves in critical thinking, patience, and teamwork.

If you are interested in mentoring a PPDC student this school year, please contact Mentor Program Coordinator, [CasSandra Calin](#) or call her at 804-780-1195.

## Powerful Parents Info Feast

PPDC and its Promise Neighborhood program hold events for East End families throughout the year. These "Info Feasts" provide a forum for information sharing and relationship building among students, families, local organizations and schools.

The Powerful Parents Info Feast, co-sponsored by CIS of Richmond, will be held on Thursday, October 30 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Join us at Peter Paul to celebrate East End parents, build upon our strength as parents, and learn some new things about child development. Download a flyer [here](#).

All are welcome to attend this free event. If you have never experienced an Info Feast before, [here](#) is a wonderful video, which captures our last event.

We can't wait to see you there!





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