

**Pocomoke Middle School
Presents
Pocomoke PRIDE Academies
Session III – Grades 4 and 5
January 19 – March 3, 2011
After School Alert
(Closed February 3, 17, and 28, 2011)**

Extended School Administrator's Message

Welcome to Session III of the Pocomoke Middle School's PRIDE Academies. Our after school program is a great chance to boost students' academic skills and also provide them with extra-curricular opportunities free of charge. During Session II, our 4th and 5th grade students participated in Builder's Club, MESA, Diamonds and Gentlemen's Clubs, and Girl Scout activities, Reader's Theatre and Accelerated Reader classes, handwriting and creative writing enhancement, SFAB activities, technology based projects, math and reading tutoring and enrichment, and homework assistance. Nearly 65% of our students in grades 4 – 8 participated in Session II!

Most of the offerings presented during this session will focus on reviewing skills and concepts in preparation for the upcoming Maryland State Assessment (MSA). Many of the sessions are by invitation. The attached pages note academy offerings for Session III. Please fill out the attached registration form completely, including your signature, and return it to the school office no later than January 7, 2011. A few activities have limited space, so sign up quickly. Students are selected on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions regarding our after school academies or would like placement suggestions for your child, please feel free to call.

Again, welcome to a new session of the Pocomoke PRIDE After School Academies.

**Jane P. Chisholm
Extended School Administrator**

Where learning doesn't stop at the final bell...

Session III Sign-Up (Registration is from January 3 – 7, 2011)

***Students are selected on a first-come, first-served basis.**

When: January 19 – March 3, 2011 (Closed February 3, 17, and 28, 2011)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 3:10 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

(Academy follows the Worcester County school calendar)

Where: Pocumoke Middle School

Snack: Your child will receive a snack daily.

Transportation: A late bus transportation system has been arranged to transport your child home or to the nearest bus stop. The bus will depart at 5:25 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. If you are to pick up your child, you must sign him/her out by 5:20 p.m. in the school office. Students not picked up will depart by bus.

*****Other: If your child will not be attending the After School Academies on an afternoon they are scheduled to participate, please contact the school office.**

Menu of Activities

(Please make your selections.)

*****Monday*****

Homework Help: (Ms. Handy) Get assistance with getting your homework completed! Space is limited! Two sessions are offered - 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. and 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Recorder Club: (Mr. Mengel) THIS ACADEMY IS OPEN TO 4TH GRADERS ONLY! Are you interested in learning more about playing the recorder? Do you want to impress your family with your talent? Come join the Recorder Club! SPACE IS VERY LIMITED! Session meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

5th Grade Saxophones and Clarinets: (Mr. Sample) 5th Grade band students are invited to practice their musical skills. Come practice with Mr. Sample from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Reader's Assistant: (Mrs. Frazier and Ms. Myers) This session is by invitation only. Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

The following MSA Prep Academies are "by invitation only":

3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Ms. Dorn and Mrs. Hart

*****Tuesday*****

Study Island: (Ms. Handy) Strengthen the math skills you're studying in math class! You'll have so much fun; you'll forget you're learning! Sail away to Study Island from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Fantasy Handwriting: (Ms. Marshall) Writing is a skill that needs time to develop – students will practice cursive handwriting during this academy. You won't believe how much fun practicing your handwriting can be! Space is limited! Session meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

5th Grade Flutes: (Mr. Sample) 5th Grade flutists are invited to practice their musical skills from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Reader's Theatre: (Ms. Myers) Calling all actors and actresses! Students will practice and perform various short plays. Bring your acting and reading skills with you for this session. Have fun from 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Learning Lab: (4th and 5th grade teachers) Students will work with teachers on math problem solving activities and homework assistance. Academy meets from 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Reader's Assistant: (Mrs. Frazier) This session is by invitation only. Session meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Builder's Club: (Ms. Blake) Invitation only - students who participated during Session II are invited to participate in Session III. Session meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Gentlemen's Club: (Mr. Richo) Invitation only - students who participated during Session II are invited to participate in Session III. Session meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Diamonds: (Mrs. Cottman) Invitation only - students who participated during Session II are invited to participate in Session III. Session meets from 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

The following MSA Prep Academies are "by invitation only":

3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Boyce

3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Ms. Potter and Mrs. Williams

3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Stephens

3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.— Mrs. Jones and Ms. Smith

*****Wednesday*****

Study Island: (Ms. Handy) Strengthen the math skills you're studying in math class! You'll have so much fun; you'll forget you're learning! Sail away to Study Island from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

SFAB Members: (Mrs. Hall) Members of Pocomoke Middle School's SFAB are invited to work on group and committee projects. Session meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Our Multicultural World: (Ms. Marshall) This session will introduce you to various cultures, people, landmarks, and geography of places around the world. Photographs, maps, diagrams, charts, technology, folktales, language, and activities will be used to bring our world alive! Session meets from 3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

5th Grade Brass: (Mr. Sample) 5th Grade band students are invited to practice their musical skills with Mr. Sample from 3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

Reader's Theater: (Ms. Myers) Calling all actors and actresses! Students will practice and perform various short plays. Bring your acting and reading skills with you for this session. Have fun from 4:25 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.

Learning Lab: (4th and 5th grade teachers) Students will work with teachers on math problem solving activities and homework assistance. Session meets from 4:25 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.

MESA: (Ms. Blake) This is by invitation only. Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

Reader's Assistant: (Mrs. Frazier) This session is by invitation only. Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

The following MSA Prep Academies are "by invitation only":

3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m. - Mrs. Custis and Mrs. Urbanski

3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m. - Ms. Potter

*****Thursday*****

Study Island: (Ms. Handy) Strengthen the math skills you're studying in math class! You'll have so much fun; you'll forget you're learning! Sail away to Study Island from 3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

5th Grade Percussion: (Mr. Sample) 5th Grade Percussion students are invited to practice their musical skills with Mr. Sample from 3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

Girl Scouts: (Girl Scouts Organization) Make new friends, explore different places, get involved in your community, and grow into the best person you can be! Leaders from the Girl Scouts Organization will host this program each week. Session meets from 3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

Learning Lab: (4th and 5th grade teachers) Students will work with teachers on math problem solving activities and homework assistance. Session meets from 4:25 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.

Gentlemen's Club: (Mr. Richo) This session is by invitation only. Session meets from 3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.

The following MSA Prep Academies are "by invitation only":

3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m. - Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Rathel

3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m. - Mrs. Hinton

3:25 p.m. - 5:25 p.m. - Mrs. Jones and Ms. Smith

**PLEASE FILL THIS FORM OUT COMPLETELY AND RETURN IT TO SCHOOL ON
OR BEFORE JANUARY 7, 2011.**

**Pocomoke PRIDE Academies
PERMISSION TO ATTEND FORM --- Session III---Grades 4 and 5**

I am interested in my child, _____, in grade _____, attending the Pocomoke PRIDE Academies from January 19 – March 3, 2011 (Closed February 3, 17, and 28 2011). I understand that my child will remain after school, will receive a light snack, and be transported by bus from school to home (or the nearest bus stop), be picked up at school, or walk home at 5:25 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Since participation in the after school academies is a privilege, I understand my child must follow regular school and bus rules during the after school academies.

Signature of Parent: _____ **Date:** _____
Printed Name of Parent: _____

Student Data Information:

Name: _____ Boy _____ Girl _____
Address: _____
If regular bus rider: Address where student will be dropped off if different from home address: _____
Does your child qualify for the school lunch program? Yes _____ No _____ Free _____ Reduced _____
Phone Number: _____ Emergency Phone Number: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____ Medications: _____
Health Concerns: _____

Adults authorized to pick up child and/or be contacted in case of emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____
Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____
Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

During the after-school program, we expect many opportunities to photograph and/or videotape our students. These pictures and videotapes may be used in the local newspapers, school newsletters, on television, and to display at our school. Your child's photo may or may not appear. However, before allowing your child to be photographed and/or videotaped, we would like to have your permission. We are sure your child would be happy to see his/her picture in print or on videotape.

_____ I give my permission to have my child, _____, photographed and/or videotaped.
_____ I do not give my permission to have my child photographed or videotaped.

Signature of Parent: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Please list the activities you wish to participate in during Session III (Refer to Newsletter). Please remember, classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Program registration is limited, and many activities fill the first day of registration. We will make every attempt to provide you with your selections; however, we must have the flexibility to make substitutions when necessary.

**** It is permissible to sign up for only one session. However, the student must be picked up at 4:25 p.m.***

Monday	3:25 – 4:25 p.m.	_____
	3:25 – 5:25 p.m.	_____
Tuesday	3:25 – 4:25 p.m.	_____
	4:25 – 5:25 p.m.	_____
	3:25 – 5:25 p.m.	_____
Wednesday	3:25 – 4:25 p.m.	_____
	4:25 – 5:25 p.m.	_____
	3:25 – 5:25 p.m.	_____
Thursday	3:25 – 4:25 p.m.	_____
	4:25 – 5:25 p.m.	_____
	3:25 – 5:25 p.m.	_____

*****A confirmation of your program enrollment and schedule will be sent home. *****

