

**Pocomoke Middle School
Presents
Pocomoke PRIDE Academies
Session III – Grades 6/7/8
January 19 – March 3, 2011
(Closed February 3, 17, and 28, 2011)
After School Alert**

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 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students prepared science fair projects, developed and built engineering, geocaching, and robotics projects, explored future careers, participated in Character Education and Service Learning opportunities, sang with the PMS Glee Club, created scrap books, learned about other cultures and languages, received homework assistance along with math and reading enrichment and tutoring sessions, and gave back to the community during club activities! Nearly 65% of our students in grades 4 – 8 participated in Session II!

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 – January 7, 2011)

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

When: January 19 – March 3, 2011 (Closed on 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: Pocomoke 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: (Mr. Arnold) Get assistance with your homework! Two academies are offered from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. and 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m..

8th Grade Band Help: (Mr. Sample) ATTENTION 8th GRADE BAND STUDENTS! Here's the place to get extra help with your musical skills. Academy meets from 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Yearbook: (Mrs. Tobiassen) Invitation only – students who participated during Session II are invited to participate in Session III. Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

S.A.S.S. (Students Against Starting Smoking): (Mrs. Wright) Invitation only – students who participated during Session II are invited to participate in Session III. S.A.S.S. meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

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

M.E.S.A.: (Mr. Gooding) This is by invitation only. Club meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Engineering Club: (Mr. Gooding) Invitation only – students who participated during Session II are invited to participate in Session III. Academy meets from 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Soccer Academy: (Mr. Byrd) Invitation only – students who participated during Session II are invited to participate in Session III. Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

The following MSA Prep Academies are “by invitation only”:

3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. – Mrs. Mitchell

3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Snead

3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Holland

3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Russo

3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Butler

4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. – Ms. Blake

3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. – Mrs. Smithhisler

*****Tuesday*****

Homework Help and Study Island Lab: (Ms. Powell) Get assistance with your homework and sharpen your math and reading skills while working in the computer lab. Academies are offered from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. and 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Let’s Take a Road Trip!: (Mrs. K. Roberts) Learn about reading maps and planning trips to dream destinations. Use your reading and math skills and have lots of fun at the same time! Space is limited! Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Christian Club: (Mrs. Snyder) Come be a part of one of our newest clubs! Make new friends and talk about topics that interest middle school students just like you! Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

6th Grade Band --Woodwinds: (Mr. Sample) 6th Grade band students are invited to participate in this academy. Practice with Mr. Sample from 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

MATHCOUNTS: (Mrs. Land) 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: (Ms. Blake and Mr. Richo) Invitation only - students who participated in Session II are invited to attend during Session III. Session meets from 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Pocomoke Middle School's Glee Club: (Mr. Kurtz) Invitation only – students who participated in Session II are invited to attend during Session III. Singing happens from 3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Soccer Academy: (Mr. Byrd) Invitation only – students who participated during Session II are invited to participate in Session III. 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. King
- 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Hines
- 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mr. Cartwright
- 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. McDaniel
- 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mr. Roache
- 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Russo

*****Wednesday*****

Homework Help and Study Island Lab: (Ms. Powell) Get assistance with your homework and sharpen your math and reading skills while working in the computer lab. Academies are held from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. and 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Geocaching: (Mrs. Gillespie) Do you like to find treasures? Well, then this academy is for you! You'll be introduced to a new, fun, and wildly popular treasure hunting game. During this academy you learn what Geocaching is, how to use a GPS, and how to locate and hide your own geocaches. Join the fun from 3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.! **SPACE IS LIMITED!**

“Funglish” Club: (Mr. Kurtz) Like to have fun with friends? Like to take on word, language, and logic challenges? Come be a part of the excitement from 3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. **SPACE IS LIMITED! New participants wanted!**

SFAB Members: (Mrs. Hall) Members of Pocomoke Middle School's SFAB are invited to work on group and committee projects. Session meets from 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Advanced Hand Drumming: (Mr. Mengel) This is by invitation only. Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Soccer Academy: (Mr. Byrd) Invitation only – students who participated during Session II are invited to participate in Session III. 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. – Mr. Roache
- 3:25 p.m. - 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Holland
- 3: 25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Land
- 3: 25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. – Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Kowalski
- 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. – Ms. Blake

*****Thursday*****

Homework Help: (Ms. Powell and Mr. Arnold) Get assistance with your homework. Academies are offered from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. and 4:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Model Madness: (Mr. Stone) Like working with your hands? Have fun creating small replicas. All materials will be provided. Space is limited! Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Sculpture: (Mrs. Forrester) Design and create three-dimensional projects using a variety of materials and methods. Space is limited! Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

It Makes Sense: Games and Challenges: (Mr. Cartwright) Challenge your brain and have fun at the same time! Word and language games along with logic stumpers will be part of the excitement! Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.

Growing Gracefully: (Mrs. Wright) ATTENTION 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS!! Do you always make good choices? Do you know how to be the best girl you can be? Learn about manners, making good choices, and showing Pocomoke PRIDE at school, at home, and in the community. Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Robotics 101: (Mrs. Snead) In this academy, you will work in small groups to create LEGO Mindstorm robots. You will build and program them to travel through an obstacle course. Space is very limited! Open to new participants only! Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

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

Pocomoke Middle School's Glee Club Band: (Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Mengel) This is by invitation only. Academy meets from 3:25 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

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3:25 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. – Mrs. Land

**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 6, 7, and 8

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.	_____
	4:25 – 5:25 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. *****

