

ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

Art Club, Battle of the Books, Book-A-Rama, Christian Club, Ecology Club, Garden Club, Harbor Players (drama), MATHCOUNTS, Mighty Mu, Multicultural Club, *National Geographic* Geography Bee, National Junior Honor Society, Odyssey of the Mind (creative thinking), Panther Book Club, peer mediation, publications, Quiz Bowl, Rocket Club, Running Club, sports (volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading), TV news team and Writing Club

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- DOORWAYS scholarships
- Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Annual Veteran's Day – Wall of Remembrance Program
- YMCA – evening and summer basketball programs
- Palm Harbor Recreation – football and cheerleading programs
- Spirit of Giving – community service project
- Business partners – Publix, Nielsen Media, Chick-fil-A, Einstein Bagels
- Adopt-a-Teacher/Class opportunities
- 5,000 Role Models of Excellence mentoring program
- Harbor Christian Student Club

SCHOOL MISSION

Palm Harbor Middle School's mission is one based on excellence and tradition. We do this by serving the diverse needs of our students and providing a sensitive, caring environment that challenges each student to be successful in a global and multicultural society.



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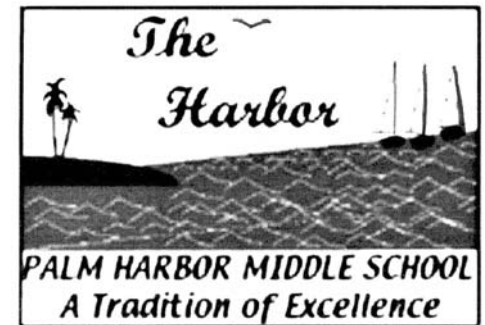
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Palm Harbor

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2009-2010



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QUICK facts

Principal: Victoria E. Hawkins

Grade Levels: 6-8

Enrollment: 1,423

School Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Attractor/focus: Traditional, well-rounded curriculum; arts, technology and vocational electives

Before/after-school care: No

Average Class Size: District average class size complies with the class-size reduction amendment with “core” academic courses for middle school at 22:1.

Teaching Staff: Approximately 42 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

Exceptional Student Education:

Full time: Independent Varying Exceptionalities (IVE), Autistic (AUT)

Part time: Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program: No

Academic Information: Visit www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools

Computers and Technology: Full-time technology coordinator, two full-time technology labs, computer stations in all classrooms and seven mobile labs

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Palm Harbor Middle School established its tradition of excellence in 1983. Over the years, our school has provided academic success for families looking for a well-balanced educational program in a very safe learning environment. We are committed to building a firm foundation for the career and vocational paths our students choose. We continue our tradition of providing the best education today by preparing our students for the challenges of tomorrow.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Consistently strong FCAT and standardized testing results
- Regarded as one of the safest learning environments in the district
- Eight National Board-certified teachers
- Outstanding Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA), School Advisory Council (SAC) and community involvement programs
- State superior-rated orchestra, band and chorus programs
- Art exhibition and contest winners recognized locally, regionally and statewide
- Student TV news production

POINTS OF PRIDE

- State of Florida Five Star Schools and Golden School Awards, 2005-2009
- Multicultural School on the Move Award 2008, second place 2009
- Battle of the Books, regional first place award, 2008
- Odyssey of the Mind state competition, second place, and world competition qualifier, 2006-2007
- Awards of Excellence Salvador Dali Museum, Scholastic Arts and Writing, Word and Image Exhibition
- Economics Quiz Bowl, second place 2007, 2009

CURRICULUM

- Core courses: language arts, math, science and social studies
- Other required courses in various grades: reading, physical education, health
- Advanced reading
- Elective courses: band, jazz band, chorus, foreign language, art, family and consumer sciences, orchestra/strings, technology, wood shop, journalism, horticulture and study skills
- High school credit classes in math, science and Spanish
- Advanced science, math and language arts at all levels
- Gifted education elective for eligible students
- Integrated Mathematics and Science with Technology (IMAST) for gifted students
- Mathematics Education for Gifted Secondary School Students (MEGSSS)

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Model School Achievement Program (MSAP) – dropout prevention
- Reading programs including *REACH* and READ 180
- Before/after-school tutoring and Extended Learning Program (ELP)
- Intensive Math Remediation Program