



BLACK LIVES MATTER

(Out of The Mouths of Babes)

BY GABRIELLE JOHNSON

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George Perry Floyd Jr. Was an African American man. George Floyd was born on October 14, 1973. Floyd grew up in Houston with his family. Some of George's hobbies were playing basketball and football throughout high school and college. He was also known for being a hip-hop artist and served as a mentor in his religious community.

According to CNN, here is a timeline of key events that began with George Floyd's arrest on May 25, 2020, by four police officers in Minneapolis:

"May 25 — Minneapolis police officers respond to a call shortly after 8 p.m. about a possible counterfeit \$20 bill being used at a corner grocery and encounter a Black man, later identified as George Floyd, who struggles and ends up handcuffed and face down on the ground. Officer Derek Chauvin uses his knee to pin Floyd's neck for about nine minutes while bystanders shout at him to stop. Bystander video shows Floyd crying 'I can't breathe' multiple times before going limp. He's pronounced dead at a hospital".

“The following day, after videos made by witnesses and security cameras became public, all four officers were dismissed. Two autopsies found Floyd's death to be a homicide. Chauvin's trial commenced in Minneapolis on March 8, 2021, in Hennepin County District Court. On April 20, 2021, the jury found Chauvin guilty of all charges, including second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter. Sentencing is due to take place eight weeks after the verdict”.

This affects the Black community because there is too much hate in the world, but that doesn't mean you go and kill a Black person, or anyone at this point. Also, Black people are now vulnerable. George Floyd was not the only victim of police brutality murders. We also have Makya Bryant, Deaunte Wright, Andrew Brown, Jr and others who were killed by police officers or people period who think like Derek Chauvin.

How many more Black people must be killed before these kinds of people feel satisfied. We need more love in this world. We want these hate crimes and systemic racism crimes to be over with.

WE WANT JUSTICE!!!



Reading, Writing & 'Rithmetic

8th Graders Go on an Adventure, part 3

by Gabrielle Johnson

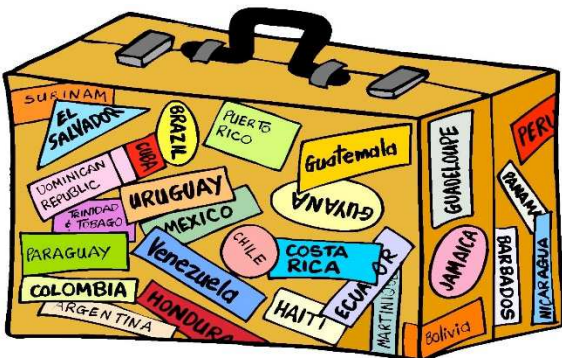


The 8th graders are now working on the Math portion of our project. Our group selected Paris, France for our virtual trip. So now, we have to calculate the prices we are going to spend to get there.

For example, we are comparing which airlines are better. We chose Delta and American Airlines. Delta costs \$5, 823.70 and American Airlines is 6,358. Both airlines have their pros and cons. So far, Delta is the better option. It's not a bad price because their price is less than American Airlines, and we paid for first class.

Next, we have the meal options. We have not calculated the total, but so far, we are adding the price of our first meal after arriving in Paris, since we have not decided where else we plan to eat. For that first meal, Destiny ordered a Philly steak pita, which costs \$9.75. I ordered a 10-piece wing meal, which costs \$12.75. Terriona ordered a bacon cheeseburger, which costs \$6.78. The total cost for food on day 1 is \$29.28.

The total amount needed for expenses if we fly Delta is \$5,852.98 so far. We still need to make sure we bring enough money for the rest of our meals and expenses during the trip.

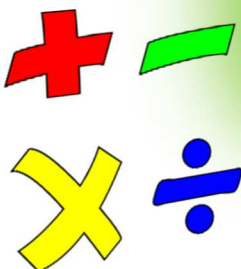
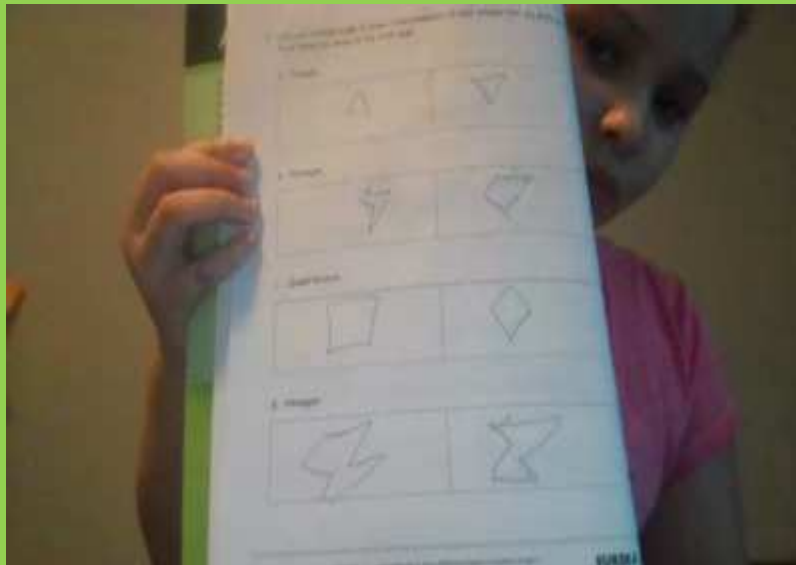


Reading, Writing & 'Rithmetic

She's back! Our famous videographer has shot another awesome video. Just click the link and enter the password for another mathematic adventure...

<https://flipgrid.com/d097ce45>

The guest password is Stimuli7





IF YOU ASK ME

Personality

by Marie Ruggero

In this article, you will be introduced on how to express yourself.

Having a personality is a trait that everybody has. It is a blessing. You should always try to express how you feel.

Expressing how you feel can help you cope and not live badly.

Imagine not being able to express how you feel. It would put so much pressure on you.



Music Literally!

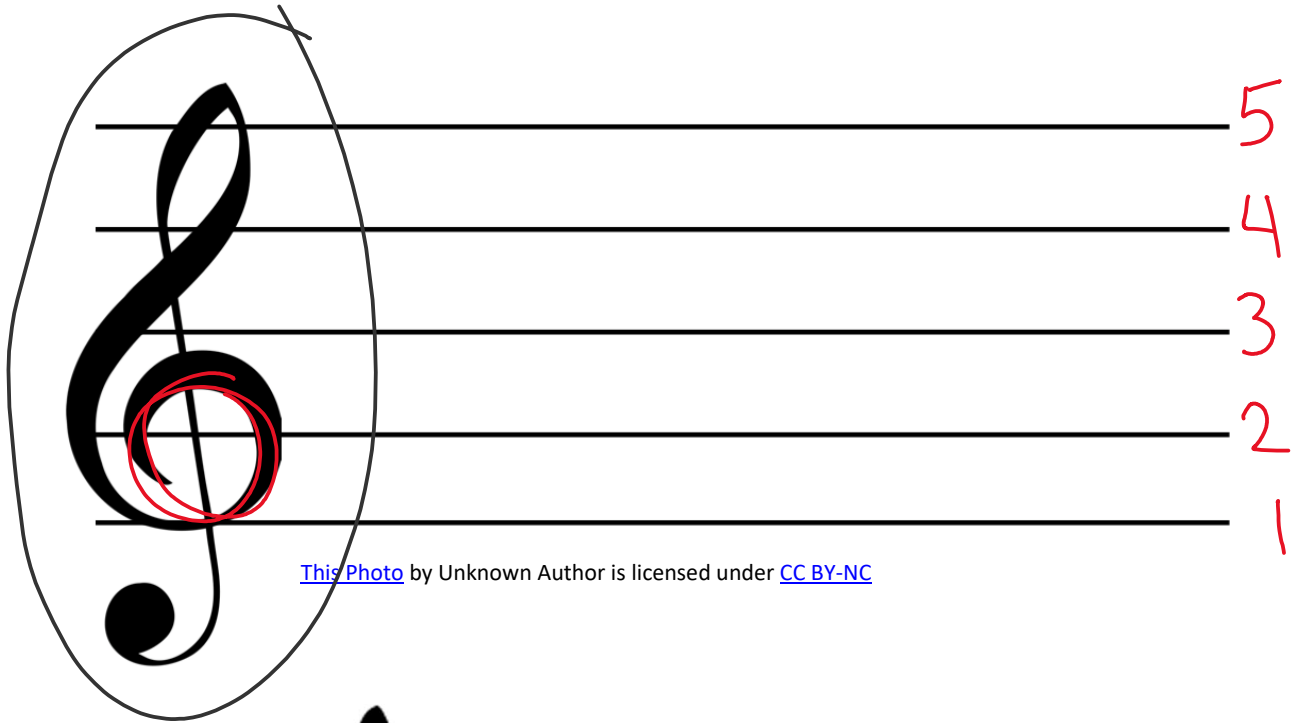
May Musical Minute

This month let's learn about musical pitches! Pitches are created when something vibrates. When you hum or sing, you are creating pitches! Try humming or singing your favorite song to experience creating pitches. We give pitches letter names by using the first portion of our alphabet: A B C D E F G.

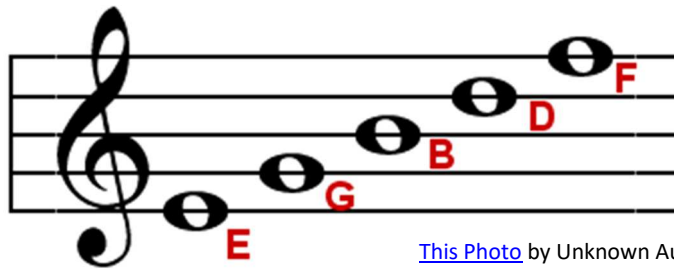
Composers (people who write music) use pitches to write melodies, harmonies, and more. To write down the pitches, musicians use a chart of sorts, called the staff, to organize the pitches. You can see the staff has 5 lines, we count from the bottom up. Each line represents one pitch.

Last month I was sneaky and used the following staff to teach musical pitches. What I didn't tell you yet is that big symbol on the left side of the staff is called a Treble Clef. It is also nicknamed a G-Clef because the loop circles line 2 which is the pitch G (see the red circle?).





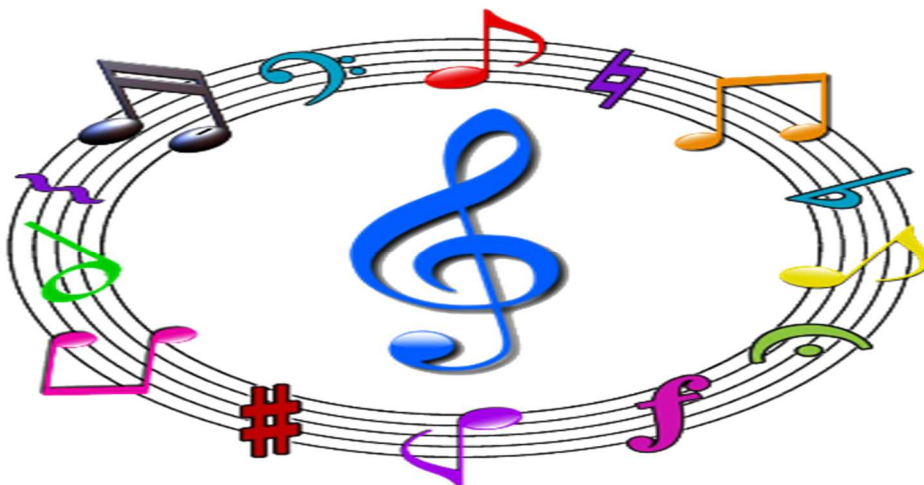
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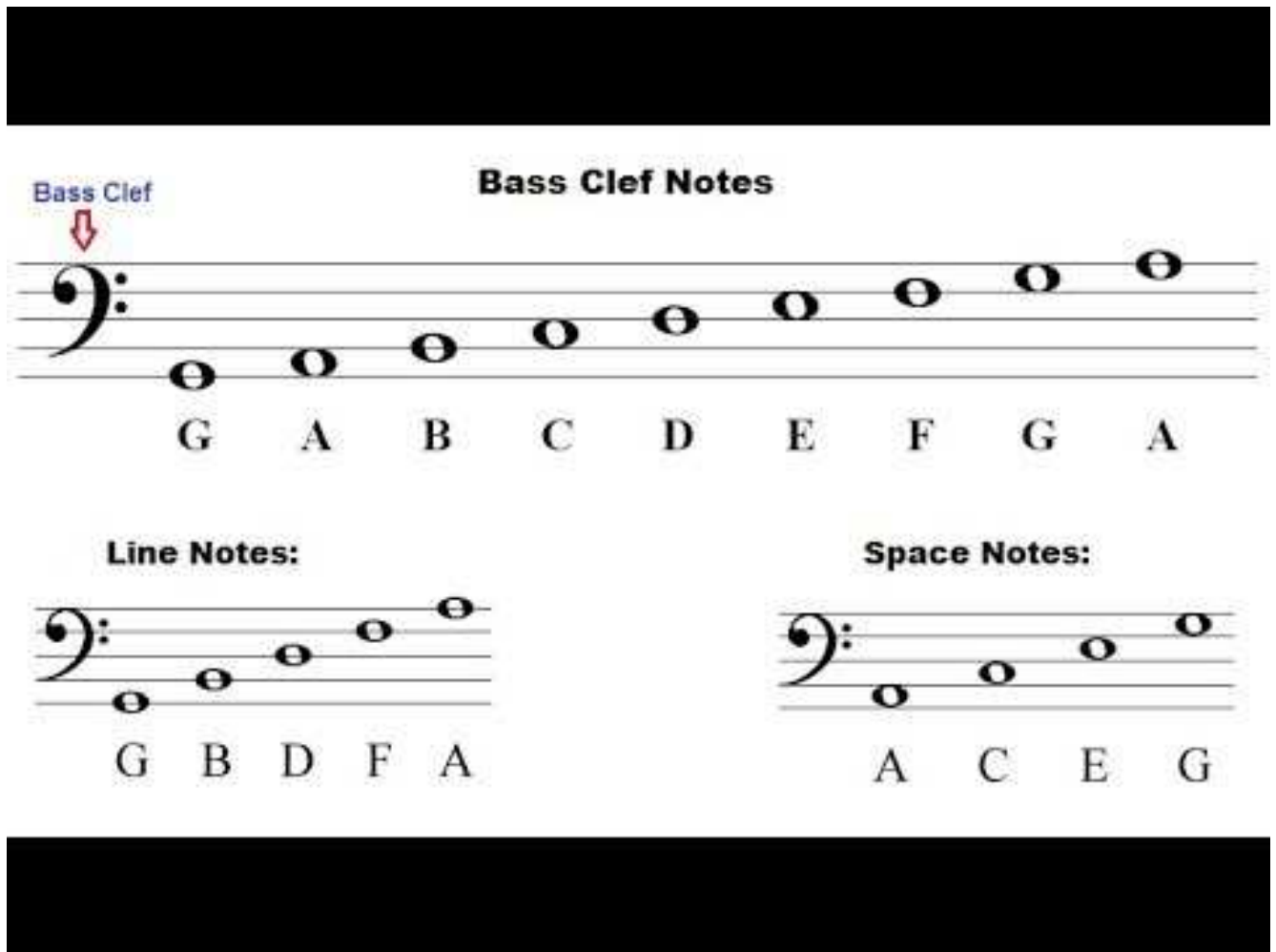


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This month, we'll learn about the Bass Clef, or F Clef.

You can see the bass clef on the left now and the "F Clef" nickname is because those two dots go around line 4, or the F line for Bass Clef. Remember we count the lines from bottom up, same with the open spaces.





The diagram illustrates the notes of a bass clef on a five-line staff. At the top left, a red arrow points to the bass clef symbol, labeled "Bass Clef". To the right, the title "Bass Clef Notes" is centered. Below the staff, the notes G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and A are written, corresponding to the lines and spaces from bottom to top. Below this, two smaller staves are shown. The left staff is titled "Line Notes:" and shows the notes G, B, D, F, and A on the lines. The right staff is titled "Space Notes:" and shows the notes A, C, E, and G in the spaces.

Bass Clef

Bass Clef Notes

G A B C D E F G A

Line Notes:

G B D F A

Space Notes:

A C E G

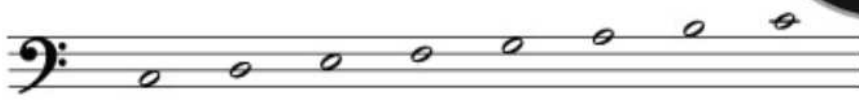
To remember the line notes from bottom to top, you can use the sentence "Good Burritos Don't Feature Apples." The space notes (notes in between the lines) can be read as "All Cows Eat Grass."

Can you decode the messages in the next activity?



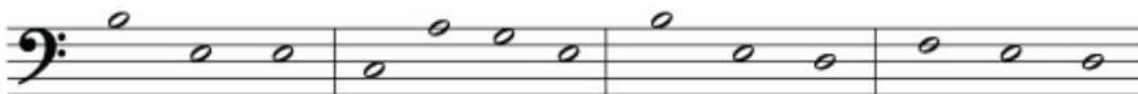


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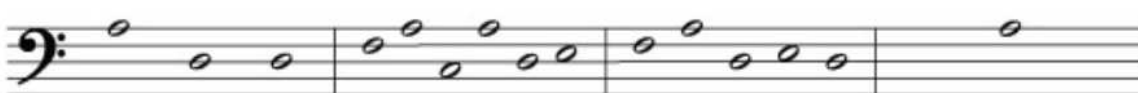


C D E F G A B C













Counselors Corner

Ms. Amy Kuzniar, Pulaski School Counselor
Happy May Pulaski Panthers!

Expect Respect May 2021:
Core Value: Student's First
Character Trait: Cooperation



Videos focused on our core value and character trait daily are presented at the Morning Meeting hosted by Principal Smith-Dean. The videos are chosen to focus on aspects of the character trait or relating concepts. The videos also highlight global, national, or local events, notable people, or important issues. This month to practice *Cooperation*, Pulaski staff and students are asked to participate in the campaign, *RUOK?* We will have a school wide check-in day on May 18th when we ask each other that very important question, R U Ok?



RUOK

Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention



The Month of May is recognized internationally as *Mental Health Awareness Month*. All grade levels at Pulaski have been engaged in classroom lessons, discussions, and have instituted student check-in procedures with a focus on mental health and how the pandemic has affected each family. As a community we strive to support each other, getting through the most unprecedented human health crisis of our time. Learning from others about how they are coping, what self-care looks like in the lives of students/staff, and sharing personal stories is truly helping us stay connected.

Bra'Lynn Crosby, Kindergarten

Pulaski Student of the Month May 2021

What is your favorite subject in school?

Math is fun!

What have you learned about yourself during the pandemic?

I like being in school more than online.

What is the first thing you want to do when the pandemic is over?

Have fun!

What do you want to do as a career when you grow up?

I want to be a doctor.



Update:

Run Walk Roll AGAINST BULLYING



Team Pulaski Panthers final total: 2,360 miles.

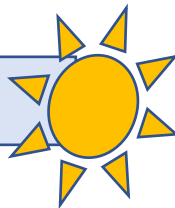
May Dates to Remember:

May 18: R U Ok? Day

May 19: Pulaski Career Day 2021

May 24: Virtual Open House

Don't forget to self-care!



cooperative
interested
caring
eager
listen
honest
attentive
engaged
polite
supportive
goldenrule
responsible
respect

Picture This



Samiyah Howard



Nassir Howard

WORD

Meet the Principal

(an interview by Gabrielle Johnson)



She is the face we see when we enter the building. She is the voice we hear opening the Pulaski Morning Meeting. She is the ear we speak to with all our cares, concerns and complaints. She is Tyra Smith-Dean, the Principal of Pulaski Elementary/Middle School who tirelessly and continuously runs our building. How does she do it all and, most importantly, why? Gabrielle Johnson asks her some candid questions from her perspective:

Gabrielle: How long have you worked at Pulaski?

Principal Smith-Dean: *I have worked at Pulaski for 9 years.*

Gabrielle: What were your positions?

Principal Smith-Dean: *My career in Education began as a student teacher in 1999 and I became a teacher in 2000, at Trixx. I taught for 8 years before being promoted to Instructional Specialist in 2008. In 2012, I transferred to Pulaski, also, as an Instructional Specialist. That role consisted of helping teachers around the curriculum—making sure they had all the materials they needed and other support for teaching and testing. I was promoted to Assistant Principal in 2018. In 2019, I became the principal.*

Gabrielle: Why do you work in the field of Education?

Principal Smith-Dean: *I chose to work in Education for many reasons. Mainly, I wanted to make a difference in children's lives. Also, when I was a student, I noticed there were not a lot of women of color in Education. It was lacking Black females.*

Gabrielle: What made you want to become a principal?

Principal Smith-Dean: *I wanted to become a principal because I am a born leader. So, I knew once becoming a teacher that I would want my career to progress. I get bored if I do the same thing for too long. And I like to make decisions. I reflect back on myself when I was in school on what I wanted and needed in a principal and that is the kind of leader I want to be.*



Gabrielle: Was it hard?

Principal Smith-Dean: *I personally wouldn't use the word hard. I would say it took a lot of work, a lot perseverance, and a lot of time. While I took courses, I was an Instructional Specialist. So it took a lot of time, but I knew that was what I wanted to do so I just had to stay focused on my goal because I knew that was what I wanted to do.*

Gabrielle: What are your expectations for the students?

Principal Smith-Dean: *Take ownership for their own learning, attending school regularly, seeking additional assistance from their teachers, and when necessary, seeking clarity from myself. A number of scholars do that now—sending me emails and sending me messages in the chat through TEAMS.*

I expect them to be successful, I expect them to be focused, I expect them to do some forward thinking, especially for my middle schoolers—thinking about college and for the elementary school students, focusing on being successful and getting good grades.



WORD



Tiffany the Butterfly

by Zh'air Uddin

A narrative inspired by research...

Once upon a time there was a female monarch butterfly.
Her name was Tiffany. She was black and white and orange.
She loved red, orange and pink flowers.

She woke up in hunger and wanted to find some food.
She found some milkweed and had a lovely breakfast.
Tiffany saw some birds coming her way that looked hungry.

They said, "She looks like a tasty treat to eat."
One of the birds called for backup. There were three birds at first. Now there are six.

They chased her down to the garden. Her brother came and helped her.
Her brother's name was David. He was strong. He beat up the birds. A male butterfly came in and saved her. His name was Henry.

Tiffany said, "You are my hero! Thank you. Do you want to share this milkweed?"
They went to eat some more milkweed and then they had a picnic and invited some friends over.
They have big and small milkweed plants, and they have tiny milkweed plants for the little butterflies.



Letter from the Editor

by W. Muhammad



Greetings Pulaski Students,

Can you believe it is almost the end of the school year?

It has been a remarkable one! Just think, you are now logging into TEAMS, Schoology, and other learning platforms; attending classes and meetings, completing classwork, turning it in, checking emails and chats and responding to these messages, and even taking tests, ONLINE! Just like a college student! I am so proud of you, and you should be proud of yourself.



We still have a few more weeks of school, and even though we still have to focus and work hard to make sure we are successful, those weeks are filled with fun activities. I am really looking forward to the Career Day, Virtual Open House, the Talent Show and congratulating the 8th Grade Graduates.

Now that you know how to communicate, learn, and work online, it is time to start thinking about what you plan to do for the summer. This time of year reminds me of bike riding, ice cream and popsicles, barbecue, vacations, and sleeping late in the morning. How about you? What does summer remind you of?

What does summer remind you of? (comment below)



PRINCIPAL PERSPECTIVE ([click the hyper-links](#))

It is the beautiful month of May. Guess what we are celebrating this month??? Well, we have TEACHERS [APPRECIATION WEEK](#) May 3-7, 2021, MOTHER'S DAY May 9, 2021, CAREER DAY May 19, 2021 and our VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE May 24, 2021. We have a busy month ahead. But, I want to use this edition of the Pulaski Post to [celebrate](#) my AMAZING and WONDERFULLY TALENTED STAFF.

Staff, since my initial arrival at Pulaski in 2012, many things have changed. At that time, I never anticipated becoming the Principal or Assistant Principal of Pulaski. However, I know my placement here was done in DIVINE ORDER. Over the years, I have developed amazing bonds with you. Many of you celebrated my career progression with me. This month, I celebrate you for your continued dedication to the craft of teaching and profession of education. Navigating the last 14 months during this pandemic have been stressful, strenuous, depressing, and exhausting. I heard your "vents", your "frustrations", your "I'm ready to give ups"...I heard it all. I felt the pain and frustration. I carried it with you; but I was determined to be strong for you. Here we are nearing the end of the year and you all are [STILL STANDING!!!](#)

I CELEBRATE ALL PULASKI STAFF

Precious Pittman-Donaldson
Rejuvenating Rushing
Harmonious Hollie
Energetic Everett
Grateful Green
Friendly Fareed
Joyous Jackson
Jubilant Jones
Trusting Taylor-Santiago
Eloquent Espina
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Sensational Sequin
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Sociable Soule
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Vital Vraniak
Blissful Bonner
Calm Coleman
Radiant Rollack
Refreshing Rambo-McCall
Nutritious Nitecki
Pleasant Poole
Knowledgeable Koziatsek
Generous Glover
Jovial Jablonski



Helpful & Handy Hunter
Compassionate Cole
Magnificent Mosley
Refreshing Richardson
Kind King
Head-strong Howard
Thrilling Taylor
Easy-going Ewing
Spectacular Stevenson
Thankful Thompkins
Respectful Reed
Cheerful Cherry
Fantastic Fortune
Welcoming Watko
Loving Lewis
Smiling Stearns
Tranquil Thacker
Blushing Bilunes
Sincere Smith
Kind-Hearted Kuzniar
Sassy Smith-Carr

**Each of those CHARACTERISTICS
remind me of YOU!!!**

Double click on the picture below to hear Principal's Smith-Dean personal thank you to her staff for Staff Appreciation Week.



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