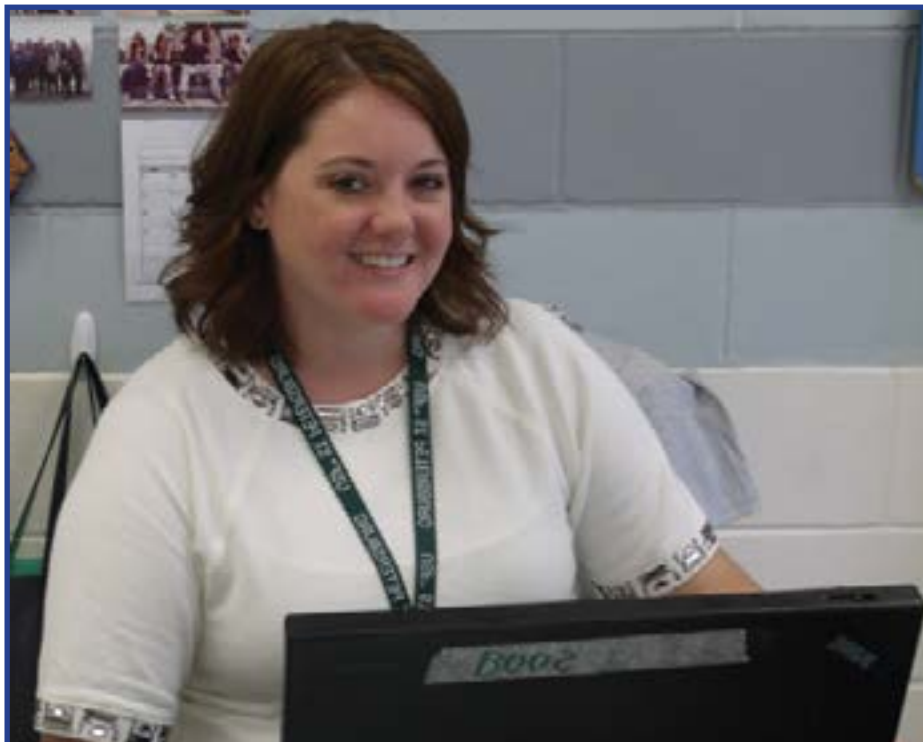


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Mrs. Boos Voted Teacher of the Year



Mrs. Boos is Peterson's teacher of the year 2014-2015.

By Trixie Mae Ramos

What makes a teacher a great teacher? There are many things which make a teacher great; they set high expectations from

their students, they have clear written-out objectives, they are prepared and organized, they engage and maintain strong relationships with their students, and they are masters of their

subject matter. A Greek philosopher and scientist

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Buddy Bear Challenge

By Mackenzie Guidy

Boost up a chemo patient and give a bear a hug. Buddy bears are an effort by the Channel 12 News for cancer patients along the First Coast. Brand new teddy bears bring hope and encouragement to chemo patients. The teddy bears bring comfort and show cancer patients that we are behind you and that you are in our hearts and prayers.

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Eagle 411

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

15 - PSAT Testing
 Senior Class Roller Skating Trip
 16 - AP Environmental Field Trip
 17 - Jags Day! Wear Jags' colors
 19 - Race shirts! Wear race shirt or jersey of sport you participate in.
 21 - College & Career Fair on the Bazaar Deck 11:49 a.m.- 1:49 p.m. (3rd period)
 23 - 6 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting
 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. Peterson Fun Night @Adventure Landing
 6 p.m. Haunted House
 24 - 1 p.m. CPR Certification
7 p.m. Homecoming Dance
 25 - PSAT Testing
 27-31 Red Ribbon Week
 28 - Jostens Final Visit (Rings/ Announcements)
 Zumba Practice 3:25 p.m. D 406/407

31 - Halloween!!!

NOVEMBER

5 - Early Release
 7- Jags Day! Wear Jags' colors
 10 - Weather Day
 11 - Veteran's Day
 14 - Academy Day! Wear your Academy T-shirt
 14 - Junior Class Movie Night
 19 - Early Release
 26 - Weather Day
 27&28 - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

1 - Weather Day
 5 - College Spirit Day
 10 - Early Release
 11 - CIS Holiday Party
 19 - Weather Day
 18 - Jags Day
 22-January 2 Winter Break

Scholarship Opportunities

Compiled by Scarlett Camara

College can be expensive and often is the biggest hurdle between students continuing their education.

There are many scholarships available that can lessen the financial burden. It's never too late to start applying to scholarships, below are a few scholarship options that may help you pay for college.

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- <https://gmsp.org/>
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- <https://roybal-allard.house.gov/students>
- <https://www.ed.gov/finaid>
- <https://www.fafsa.gov/>
- <https://csac.ca.gov/>
- <https://collegeispossible.org/>

Did you know...

- Hot water is heavier than cold.
- A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- When cranberries are ripe, they bounce like a rubber ball.

Earn Your Wings

By Trixie Mae Ramos

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Silly Joke

Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?

Because he was a little shellfish!

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Boos Named Teacher of the Year

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Mrs. Boos hams it up during homecoming week.

Mrs. Boos said.

Mrs. Boos got into teaching as she was getting out of graduate school and thought that being a teacher would be an "easy A", knowing how well she works with students. Being a teacher is not as easy as you think. Lesson learned

This is her sixth year teaching. During her first year, she was a teacher at Wolfson High School and taught all regular World History. She has her undergraduate degree in Psychology and her graduate degree in Sociology, which got her qualified to teach Social Studies. Eventually, she became a proud member of the Peterson staff.

Mrs. Boos was also well-known for being in the Roller Derby. She herself said, "My friend that I taught with at Wolfson asked me to come to a game and I was not interested in going. And then I went and thought like, 'Oh, I have to do this now'. We had skating parties at school and I live really close to the rink, so I grew up roller skating.

So, I was pretty good at it and, 'Ah, this would be easy,' just like I did with teaching. And there it is again. But it turned out to be fantastic because it's a good stress relief or release I guess you could say. It's a lot of hours outside of school and it's a great way to stay in shape and to take out frustrations from the school day."

In her spare time, she plans for classes. Also she said, "I like to watch weird, interesting movies. I go watch my husband's band play. I read. And yeah, just rest and relax. And that's about it!"

Congratulations to this year's "Teacher of the Year" Heather Boos.

once said, "Those who educate children well are more to be honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well."

Frank H. Peterson's social studies teacher, Heather Boos, was recently named "Teacher of the Year."

"I think it means that... it's sort of validating," said Mrs. Boos, "It means that all the hard work that I'm putting in is paying off and it feels nice to be recognized for that and everyone likes to hear that they're doing a good job. So that's what it means to me, a sort of a 'pat-on-the-back' that we don't get a lot of."

Once the "Teacher of the Year" has been chosen in the school, he or she is able to compete for the district, with other teachers from other schools. Being "Teacher of the Year" also gives teachers an honor to speak for the graduating class.

"Actually, I don't mind speaking in front of people, so I think I'll be okay. I'm just nervous about having a very good speech because I want it to be a really good speech for the seniors,"



New culinary teacher, Ms. Donelan works her magic in the kitchen.

New Teacher Poses Challenge

By Brittany Cannon

For those of you who don't know, "Chopped" is an American reality based television series that pits four chefs against each other competing for a chance to win ten thousand dollars!

Peterson's newest culinary teacher, Ms. Donelan, hopes to take on this challenge. Not only is she new to Peterson, but she is new to the world of education as well. She felt as if she needed to encourage her students to improve their grades in her class.

This is why she told them that if they all got a B or higher, she would try out for "CHOPPED!" She went to school at Johnson & Wales, and in her free time she likes to run. Currently, she is training to run in a marathon!

Peterson's Arabian Nights Dance

By Mackenzie Guidy

Peterson will be hosting Homecoming during the week of October 20th-October 24th. The activities, times and dates are as follows: Monday, October 20 is twin day and the senior tailgate 3rd period, and hallway decorating from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the F-bldg. Tuesday, October 21 is character day. On that same day the college & career fair will be held during 3 period. Please note that teacher sign up is required. Wednesday, October 22 is tacky day, so wear mix matched things, things that look absolutely out of the ordinary. Then Thursday, October 23 is rep your class colors. Seniors wear blue, juniors

wear purple, sophomores wear red and freshmen wear green. The PEP Rally and class/ faculty competitions will be held from 2:15 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. That night is Peterson Fun Night at Adventure Landing on Blanding Blvd. Tickets are \$15.

The homecoming dance will be held Friday, October 24th from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on the FHP bazaar deck. The theme is Arabian Nights. Dance tickets went on sale Monday, October 13th. Also, you can purchase tickets from Mrs. Mackoul in A101 before or after school. The cost is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

Talon Talk

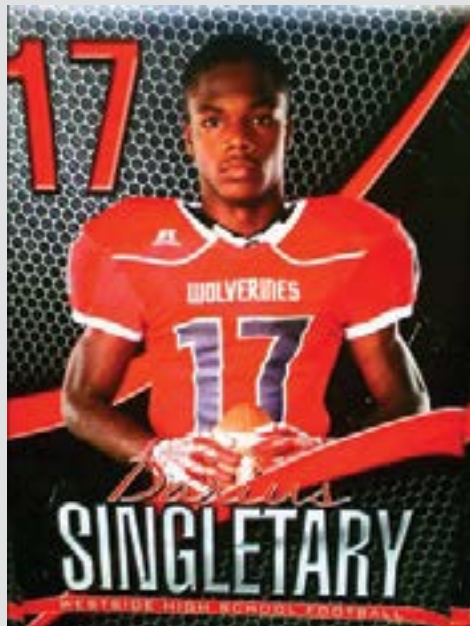
HOME SCHOOL SPORTS

D. Singletary Shines at WHS

By Karalyn Bridgman

Darius Singletary is a senior here at Peterson, and he deserves special recognition. Not only has he played football for Westside High School all four years, but he has also managed to maintain his GPA. He is in the top ten of the senior class. Most would think sports would distract him, but football has been a great motivation.

When asked about football, he gave his personal routine; "Wake up, time to grind, keep GOD first, work hard, rest later. Wake up and do it again." This routine has kept him focused in school and on the field, earning him the reputation of a scholar athlete. This reputation has earned him looks from some great schools. Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Dartmouth, the Air Force Academy, Westpoint,



Peterson Senior Darius Singletary, #17, plays for Westside High.

Michigan, Liberty, and "other small schools" have all looked into this young man. He has a variety of schools to choose from.

This year, he is wheel linebacker, as well as d-end. You can watch him play at any Westside game. Just look for number 17, and then you can see this Peterson Eagle fighting alongside the Westside Wolverines.

Predators Dive into Competition

By Karalyn Bridgman

Summer is ending, the weather is cooling, but Westside High is jumping in the water. The swim team at this home school is having a great season. The Westside Wolverines consists of six wonderful Peterson Eagles: Hailey Graham, girl's captain; Bradley Patterson; Isaiah Jones, boy's captain; Karalyn Bridgman; Kallie Lind; Tannor Smoot; Anthony Maine; and Kiersten Eddy.

This team has a great camaraderie. Team captain Hailey expressed, "It's not about competing anymore. It's about encouraging each

other to do their best." Bradley further emphasized this when he stated "We're a family. The hardest part of the season is saying goodbye." Both of these seniors, along with the other three, are reluctant to let go of this family they've created. They are embracing their final season together. Junior Kiersten Eddy even said, "It's one of the best teams I've been on." These members show true sportsmanship and team work.

The season is ending but the relationship between these athletes will always leave an impact as the first Wolverines swim team. Good luck at districts!



Left to right/top to bottom: Coach Manning, Isaiah J, Donovan K, Tannor Smoot, Bradley P, Kiersten E, Coach Bobbie, Karalyn B, Kaylei P, Hailey G, Kallie Star, Kayla, Arianna

Hunting Dates

Compiled By Mackenzie Guidy

According to the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission, the following dates have been established for hunting in zone C in North East Florida.

October 18- 31: Antlered deer only by a muzzle loader, crossbow, or bow.

November 1- January 18: Antlered deer entire season; antlerless deer may be taken.

November 22-28: Buy all legal center fire rifles and pistols, shotguns, muzzle loaders,

crossbow, and bow.

During Archery Season and first phase of Crossbow Season, daily bag limit is: 2 deer, either of which can be antlered or antlerless.

Children under the age of 18 have to provide proof of residency by having a student ID card (from a Florida school) or parent's proof of residency to purchase a hunting license.

(Child must be accompanied by the parent at the time of purchase) For some people hunting is a way of life. But for most people it's just for show. Don't kill innocent animals if you're not going to eat them.

Peterson's First Brain Brawl Team

By Ntheye Lungu

The Brain Brawl is a new competitive activity here at Frank H Peterson hosted by the new math teacher, Ms. Stover. The Brain Brawl is a competition of knowledge being put in the test with a series of questions to answer, kind of like "Jeopardy."

The academic team will be trained in many different subjects is needed so anyone who wants to sign up, come in on Tuesday, that's when meetings are held at Mr. Nye's. Ms. Stover believes this will be a fun learning experience for those who want to sign up. First competition will be around November.

Screaming Eagle

Bear Challenge & Campaign



Poster design by Keyma Hodge

The teddy bears get picked up at the end of October. The brand new teddy bears go to adult (18 years & up) cancer patients along the First Coast. Because anything else we would have wrap them because younger kids immune systems aren't as strong.

Don't be afraid to participate Peterson has a goal of 200! Currently, more than 110 have been turned in for this project. Peterson is hoping that the silver eagles will reach that goal and beyond!

There is a competition between grade levels and academies. The winners will be rewarded for the most teddy bears brought in by that specific grade level or academy.

Also, Frank H. Peterson was featured on Channel 12 News. This news segment featured Ms. Parrish, the assistant principal of curriculum, senior communication students Angel Hernandez and Jeremy Pizarro. Jeannie Blaylock interviewed the communication students



Poster design by Breonia Evans



Poster design by Anastasia Daniels

who are designing posters for this campaign.

Peterson started participating in buddy bears to encourage other schools to also inspire all of Jacksonville to participate. There is no size limit or limit on the amount of teddy bears.



Poster design by Jeremy Pizarro

Remember, October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and wear pink to show your support. While Jeanie Blaylock sent out a challenge to several schools, Ms. Parrish is the one who organized it for our school, also enthusiastically helping the communication academy make posters. These are encouraging them to help out with the project. She shows passion for this from the way she talks about it and throughout the interview she was continuously smiling. Frank H. Peterson is fighting the good fight!

Eye Spy with my Eagle Eye



NHS Blood Drive

By Karalyn Bridgman

The results are in for the September Blood Drive. Of the 60 appointments scheduled, 36 people showed up and registered. 20 people gave whole blood, and a mere seven were able to give double reds, which simply means that people gave double the amount of red blood cells. The next Blood Drive is on Friday, January 9th. Sign-ups will be during lunches around that time.



Why Give?

By Rena' Corbett

In 2012 Kelly had surgery and everything went wrong. Her celiac artery ended up getting severed off by her aorta. She lost more than half her blood. When she woke up from surgery the doctors told her what had happen. After that she promised herself that she would donate blood as soon as she was well enough to do so.

Most people wonder why they should donate blood or why it is important to donate blood? Well, I'll tell you why. Donating blood saves lives and helps people who are sick. When people have surgery, they lose a lot of blood doctors give them blood transfusions. Where do they get the blood you ask? From the people who are willing to take time out of their busy day to donate blood. Without blood donations many people would lose the ones they love.

Just think of the person you love the most. Do you have that person in your mind? Now just think if they weren't here anymore. It's sad and you don't want to think about it,

right? That's how thousands of people feel. People shouldn't be worrying about if their loved ones will be able to live. Families should be enjoying the life that they have together.

Everyone has heard of superheroes like Spiderman, Batman, and Superman. About how they fight crime and save lives. Everyone wanted to be like them when they grow up. Well you can! That's right you heard me correctly, you can be a superhero and save lives. How? By donating blood. So be a hero and donate blood. You will never know who's life you will be saving, it could be your own...

The New Wright Place Opens with New Menu

By William Jones

Wednesday, September 17th was The Wright Place's debut for the 2014-2015 school year. The restaurant opened with an exotic theme, Asian Cuisine. A new menu with new items made from scratch will be available on a day to day basis. New smoothies and salads will be selected and served each week to keep to keep customers guessing. Students will have the option of a single scoop of protein powder added to their smoothie.

Silver Eagles Earn Your Wings



Wesley Crosby was the first junior to Earn His Wings last year. Join him in achieving this goal!

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Smoothies will be \$3.

The culinary department has undergone some major changes, but only to make improvements. First, there is a new culinary instructor, Chef Donelan, who brings new ideas and insights. Next, new equipment has found its way into the 'right place.' For example, there's a new salamander, which is a culinary broiler characterized by electric or gas very high temperature overhead heating elements. It

is used primarily in professional kitchens for overhead grilling. On top of that, there's a new ice cream machine. In other words, ice cream will be available soon, so cool down at The Wright Place!

According to the new head Chef Schmidt, The Wright Place will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Also, Chef Schmidt welcomes all local neighbors to come and dine at The Wright Place.

Raving Reviews

The Vlad Taltos Series

By Steven Brust

The Vlad Taltos Series, has to be one of my favorite book series ever, having read the whole thing, fourteen books, twice. The series begins in a book called *Jhereg*, and goes up to the fifteenth book, which is releasing October 7th, which seems to be just as good as all the others. Said books span multiple journeys with the assassin, Vlad Taltos, and his jeherg, a flying reptile, Loioosh. I give it a hardy recommendation, and you can buy the books in bundles, with two to three books in each.



Kingdom Hearts



By Lisandra Agosto-Aponte

Are you a Kingdom Hearts fan? Well, here's some news for you. There are rumors about the release date of Kingdom Hearts 3, it is supposed to come out next year in May, but there is no exact date. Also, Kingdom Hearts 3 will be developed at the same time as Final Fantasy 15. The game will be available for Playstation 4 and Xbox One. Other sources say that Kingdom Hearts HD 2.5 ReMIX is exclusively for Playstation 3 and will become available on December 4, 2014. It is an adventure with Disney figures such as Mickey Mouse, Goofy, Donald Duck and other characters. New characters and old characters will be on Kingdom Hearts 3, but the new characters are still somewhat unknown. There are sources that say who the characters might

be, but like the release date of the game, it is still a mystery.

A trailer was already released in Tokyo, Japan. Fans will finally get a sneak speak on what to expect on the release of the game. The demo of Kingdom Hearts 3 will be released at the esteemed Tokyo Game show 2015.

Student Nights at the Theatre

Compiled by Chris Munroe

Theatre Jacksonville, which is located in San Marco, is hosting multiple events throughout the school year.

This includes a student night with performances such Love Goes To Press-November 6 @ 7:30 p.m. Time Stands Still-January 15 @ 7:30 p.m. and many others. This will continue for the rest of the 95th season. For student night performances will be \$2 for students and \$5 for teachers with identification.

This rate applies to parents who attend with their child. The cost is so affordable as the performance serves as dress rehearsal for the actors and crew.

New Peterson Academy

By Anne Carter

A new academy at Frank H. Peterson specializes in automation and robotic technology. The Robotics Academy has two courses: Robotics (a two year program) and Automation production (a four year program). Automation production covers Hydraulics, Pneumatics, AC/DC Theory, and numerically controlled machinery as well as many other topics. This class also teaches students the requirements and needs of an automation production line. Unlike the robotics class, which expands on the Advanced Manufacturing course, covering what makes a robot work, what a robot is made up of, low level programming, and how to control them.

The Automation Production class started in the school year of 2012-2013. As for the Robotics class, it was added in 2013-2014 to broaden the understanding of the Automation Production class. At that time there was an increasing interest in the two courses, so much that these two classes had to branch off into a new academy.

Mr. Henderlite, the only instructor, had to take a certification exam, in fact the same exam that the robotics students will have to take. Thus giving him unique insight of what we are expected to learn. He also has ideas about the future of the academy and hopes to add welding and machining back to Peterson.

Red Ribbon Week at FHP!

Frank H Peterson will be hosting red ribbon week the week of Oct 27th – 31st. The 2014 National Red Ribbon Week theme at Peterson this year is: "Love yourself! Be drug free."

Monday, 10/27: RED & Crazy Hat Day!

Tagline: "Have Crazy Love for Yourself--Be Drug Free!"

Wear as much red as possible and add a crazy hat to demonstrate your stand to be drug free. You MUST have a RED shirt on in order to wear a hat this day *A banner will be available all 4 lunches to sign your pledge to be drug free & will be hung in the atrium for the rest of the week.

Tuesday 10/28: Nerd Day!

Tagline: "Keep your head in the books. Don't do drugs so you can keep your good looks!"

*Dress like a nerd and show you're too smart to start drugs *There will be a performance by the Dance Team during all four lunches.

Wednesday 10/29: Senior CitizenDay!

Tagline: "Just because you're old doesn't mean you're less than gold! It's wise to be drug free!"

*Dress like a senior citizen today!

*There will be a 3-Point basketball contest during all 4 lunches today!

Thursday 10/30: Throwback Decade Day!

Tagline: "Let's have a celebration for the previous generations. Keepin' it drug free for all of history!"

*Dress in your favorite decade today!

*There will be a performance by the Step Team during all 4 lunches today!

Friday 10/31: Celebrity Day!

Tagline: "Be someone worth admiring—Stay Drug Free!"

*Dress as your favorite celebrity today!

*There will be a SWAT activity during all 4 lunches today!

***ALL dress MUST abide by the dress code.



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