



Important Dates:

July 30, 2015

School Starts for 6-12th (8:05 am - 12:20 pm)

July 31, 2015

Full School Day for K-12
(Pre-K from 8 am – 11 am)

August 3, 2015

Pre-K through 12 full day

August 15, 2015

Open House & Family Picnic

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HONORING DR. WALFREDO THOMÉ // AN EXAMPLE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

BY ROBIN RUGG, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

PACA is celebrating its 55th anniversary this calendar year. We had the opportunity to begin the celebration this semester and will continue to recognize this milestone during the first semester of next school year. For a school to be in existence for this many years, a number of key individuals had to sacrifice time and resources to assist in making this happen. One of those people for the PACA community is Dr. Walfredo Thomé. I have had the privilege of getting to know Dr. Walfredo during my 20 years at PACA and have witnessed his continued commitment to God and PACA.

Starting with this graduating class, the PACA Board of Directors elected to recognize one graduating senior's attitude of servant leadership by creating the Dr. Walfredo Thomé Servant Leadership Award. Below is the statement from the Board of Directors describing why they chose to create this award, along with the characteristics associated with the award.

2 Timothy 2:15

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."

One of the components of PACA's mission statement points to our desire to have students who "impact their world through Christ". In rec-



ognition of the importance of modeling this behavior to our students, the PACA Board of Directors created an award recognizing one graduating senior for his/her servant leadership by naming the award for a key member of the PACA community. Dr. Walfredo Thomé is a recipient of the PACA Distinguished Service Award for his continued commitment to help further PACA's mission and vision.

Dr. Walfredo was instrumental in assisting with the purchase of the current PACA location and the design and construction of the majority of buildings found on its campus. He has tirelessly sought to benefit the school through his knowledge of architecture and engineering, firmly rooted in a commitment to serve Christ with his gifts and talents. Psalms 78:72, "So he shepherded

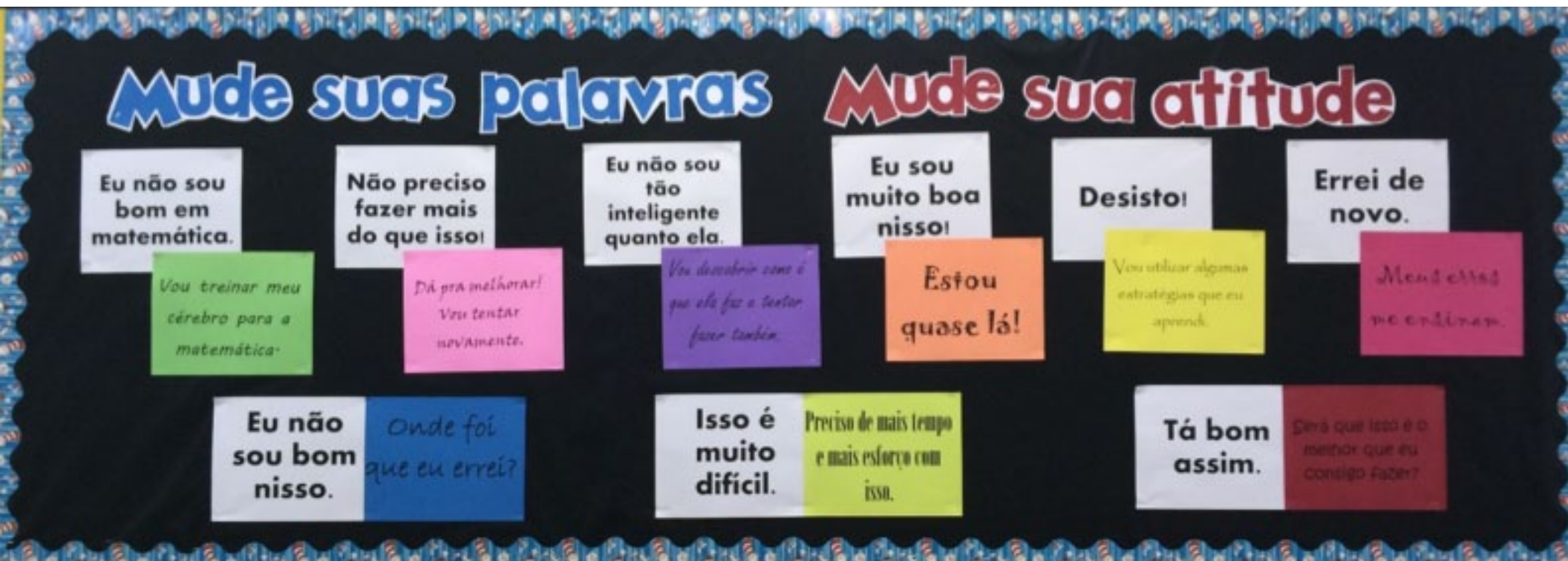
them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them with his skillful hands", accurately describes how Dr. Walfredo has blessed PACA through his service to the school community.

The PACA Board of Directors has charged the school administration and select teaching staff with choosing one senior who embodies Dr. Walfredo's spirit of servant leadership, always seeking to serve God and others in wisdom. It is a privilege to recognize Dr. Walfredo for the man of God he is and a distinct honor for the student who receives this award.

Servant Leadership Qualities

1. Honors God in word and deed
2. Respectful of other's opinions/ideas
3. Trustworthy
4. Makes those around him/her better
5. Helps people in a variety of ways
6. Encourages others
7. Thinks of others before himself/herself
8. Acts with humility
9. Promotes unity within the PACA community

Thank you, Dr. Walfredo, for all that you have done and continue to do for PACA as you serve our Lord Jesus Christ. I would also like to congratulate Caleb Huang, who is the first recipient of this award. I know Caleb well, and he is a fine example of what a servant leader is and does.



O mural da sala de português do 4º ano expressou uma ideia que estamos tentando ensinar aos nossos alunos. Faz parte da teoria desenvolvida por Carol S. Dweck, professora de Psicologia na Universidade de Stanford. Segundo a autora, a atitude mental (*mindset*) é um fator decisivo para que qualquer pessoa consiga cumprir todo o seu potencial.

A teoria afirma que existem dois tipos fundamentais de atitudes mentais: a fixa (*fixed mindset*) e a progressiva (*growth mindset*). Em nosso mural, as falas que representam uma atitude mental fixa estão representadas nos papéis com fundo branco e as falas que representam

uma atitude mental progressiva, nos papéis de fundo colorido.

Os que têm a primeira atitude acreditam que o talento e as capacidades são definidos ao nascer e não se alteram ao longo da vida. Este é o caminho para a estagnação e a desmotivação. Por outro lado, os que têm uma atitude mental progressiva acreditam que o talento pode ser desenvolvido, com tempo e persistência.

A ideia de Carol Dweck parece inovadora e realmente é, nos círculos da Psicologia. Mas o povo de Deus já recebeu esta instrução de que é necessário esforço e dedicação para a aquisição

da prudência e de habilidades: “Ouça o sábio e cresça em prudência; e o instruído adquira habilidade”. Proverbios 1.5

Nosso objetivo é que os alunos adquiram uma postura de dedicação, perseverança e de crescimento constante, sabendo que tudo o que fazemos é para a honra e glória do nosso Senhor, Jesus Cristo.



E... aconteceu a tão esperada excursão do 5º ano à NESTLÉ!!!

“Munidos” de muita ansiedade e de muitas informações após lerem o livro *A Fantástica Fábrica de Chocolate* e desenvolverem a proposta do “Círculo de Leitura”, os alunos do 5º ano partiram em excursão para encerrar o projeto de leitura do 3º bimestre com um diagrama comparativo entre fábricas. Para isso, viajaram até a cidade de Caçapava-SP, e visitaram a filial de uma das maiores fábricas de chocolate do mundo, a NESTLÉ. Retornaram a São Paulo com a bagagem repleta de agradáveis e doces momentos, além de todos os dados de que necessitavam para finalizar o projeto!!



No mês de março o 4º ano fez um passeio especial com a ajuda de duas auxiliares: a Sra. Alessandra Marques e a Sra. Lin Hoshino. A professora de português, Dona Renata, e o professor de Inglês, Mr. Buchanan também foram. O passeio foi até a Cidade do Livro, em Santana, na Zona Norte de São Paulo. Nós saímos da escola às 8h20, de ônibus e chegamos lá por volta das 9h40. Nós cantamos muitas músicas no ônibus. Foi bem divertido nosso primeiro momento no passeio.

Na Cidade do Livro nós ficamos com muito muito MUITO medo. Lá nós almoçamos, tivemos muitas aventuras e quase ficamos surdos de tanto escutar os gritos que nós mesmos dávamos quando tomávamos um susto. Mas depois nossa classe desvendou o mistério que havia lá e aprendemos algumas lições importantes com os monitores: Espeto, Batata, Farofa e com o detetive Xerox Holmes.

Eu achei esse passeio muito interessante e assustador. Eu recomendo para todo MUNDO!!! Esse passeio foi inacreditável. Nós também cantamos um hino ao sair de lá: “AHÁ!! UHÚ!! A EDITORA É NOSSA!! AHÁ!! UHÚ!! A EDITORA É NOSSA!!”

Então se você está procurando algum lugar para passear vá para a Cidade do Livro, um lugar extraordinário cheio de mistério e suspense, mas com muita diversão também!



“Eu achei o passeio muito, mas muito legal! As partes de que eu mais gostei foram as partes assustadoras. Eu recomendo para todo mundo, mas não para as criancinhas porque elas ficariam com medo.” Ana Gabriella Rodriguez

“O passeio à Cidade do Livro, no bairro de Santana, na zona Norte foi incrível!” Daniel Pauleti

“Eu gostei muito! Eu iria de novo para a Cidade do Livro. Por quê? Foi o melhor passeio e melhor dia da minha vida!” Eloana Leitão



Nos dias 4 a 6 de março, os alunos do 2º ano do Ensino Médio (11th grade) foram em excursão ao Parque Estadual Turístico do Alto da Ribeira (Projeto PETAR). Tiveram a oportunidade de explorar algumas cavernas e visitar a parte preservada da Mata Atlântica onde há rios de águas cristalinas, piscinas naturais e cachoeiras. Também visitaram o Quilombo de Ivaporunduva e entraram em contato com a comunidade local, onde assistiram a uma apresentação sobre os aspectos históricos e culturais, incluindo um passeio na área do quilombo.

“O passeio de Química/História foi muito bom não só para o nosso desenvolvimento acadêmico, mas também para a união da classe. Pudemos vivenciar os conteúdos estudados em classe e apreciar a majestosa criação do nosso Deus. Além disso, tivemos a oportunidade de crescermos como família. Somos privilegiados por ser a primeira classe a ser abençoada com essa viagem incrível.” Pedro Chun e Caleb Huang

“Essa viagem foi memorável e educativa. Foi muito bom passar tempo com a classe, passear pelas cavernas e visitar o quilombo. Foi uma viagem que também uniu a nossa classe, porque pudemos conhecer melhor os alunos e professores. Gostei demais e faria novamente se pudesse.” Celine Lee

Neste último bimestre, a turma do 8º ano, EF-II, trabalhou com a obra *A Moreninha*, de Joaquim Manuel de Macedo.

Após a leitura e atividades de pesquisas sobre a sociedade do séc. 19, dividiram-se em Grupos de trabalho (GT's), e se empenharam na organização e encenação de trechos da obra num sarau nos moldes da época da obra: figurino, músicas, maquiagem, “comes e bebes”, de-clamação de texto criado por alunos e, é claro, a valsa!! Ótimo encerramento de projeto!!



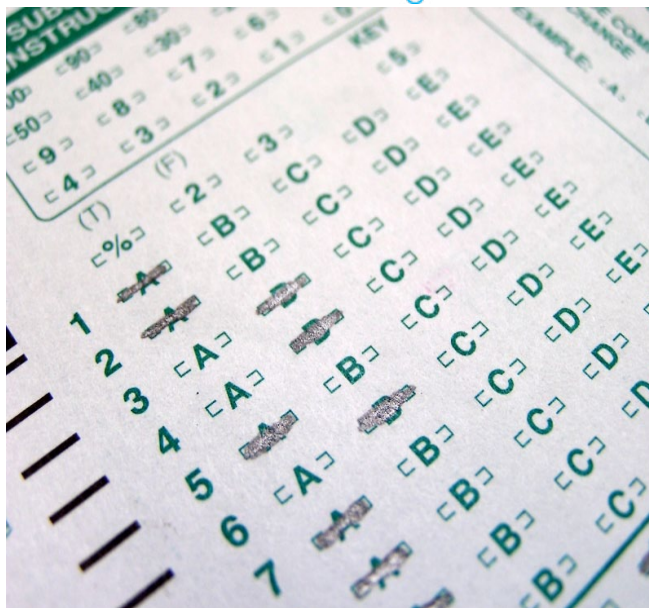
UNIVERSITIES VISITING PACA

This semester there were many visits from various universities, including well-known institutions such as Johns Hopkins, Swarthmore, Bard, Oberlin, and New York University. We also were able to host three college fairs for the entire high school.



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CHANGES TO THE SAT TEST

The SAT test, the major examination that allows students to study in the United States, will change next year. I have advised our future seniors that they should take their SATs by December so they do not have to take the new one. There is more information on www.collegeboard.com about the specific changes. Most of those changes are geared to test their logical thinking skills and more content matter. The written essay will be eliminated entirely.

7TH GRADE JOB SHADOWING

This semester the 7th graders were also able to do their Job shadowing. They accompanied their parents or other professionals to work for a whole day. Moreover, they took a career interest inventory to help them narrow down their choices. They were also invited to go to one of our college fairs to help them plan for their future.





A few years back, PACA began the tradition of having a Junior/Senior retreat at the end of the school year. This event was created in order to provide students with a time of fellowship and bonding before the seniors move on to their next phase in life.

This year we made a few changes. First off, the location was moved to Word of Life in Atibaia. We were well received in a beautiful environment. The center had many facilities to engage the students in different activities of their choice. Students had use of the gym, a game room and a large gathering room with a big fire. The students and the teachers especially enjoyed the heated pool, saunas and the Jacuzzi where Dona Marta stayed until she looked like a raisin.

After arriving and having lunch on Thursday afternoon, Pedro, Amy and Jae broke the students into seven teams for a series of games. The first event a.k.a the ice breaker was a game each

member of the team received a cup with a brown liquid in it. Six of the cups held Coke and one held soy sauce. Each member of the team had to drink their cup while the other teams tried to guess who had the soy sauce.

On Thursday evening, the juniors hosted a gala dinner for the seniors. All of the students dressed up for a delightful evening.

Another change in this event was to have the senior blessing at the retreat rather than in a chapel. This is a time when juniors take a few minutes to honor each senior. By moving the event to the retreat we were able to take more time as juniors shared fond memories, funny stories and many tears.



All in all, it was a wonderful retreat. Thanks to the juniors for sponsoring the dinner and to all of the teachers and administrators who helped in the organization.



LEARNING ABOUT MACHINES, ENERGY, AND MOTION

CLARYSSA TOMAZ, 2ND GRADE TEACHER

The 2nd grade class studied the engineering process and how simple machines work. We went to Cidade das Crianças to observe energy through force and motion from the rides. The students and teachers had a lot of fun on the toys and interacting with each other outside the school environment. We stopped halfway through our day to have a delicious picnic lunch.

While having fun on the rides the students were able to observe the motion of the different rides and where the force for each one was coming from. They can relate what they learned in class to a real-life experience.

"The field trip was really fun. We played on the roller-coaster and the Viking ship. The roller coaster was really fast and it made us feel scared. The Viking ship was really high and it gave us a tickly in our belly. We went in the scary house. It was really scary in a little car. We loved our field trip." Victoria, Raphaela, Sofia, Larissa

"Eu gostei da Cidade das Crianças! Foi muito divertido, o meu brinquedo favorito foi a Montanha Russa Aquática, porque ficamos todos muito molhados." Ayaan Roychoudhury

"Foi muito legal, nós fomos em muitos brinquedos, o mais legal foi o Barco Viking, nós fomos para cima e para baixo. Quando estávamos no alto dava um friozinho na barriga e nós não conseguíamos ficar com as mãos para cima de tanto friozinho na barriga." Sofia Castro

"Eu gostei de ir para Cidade das Crianças porque pude brincar bastante no carrinho de bate-bate, porque nos outros parques de diversão sempre tem muitas filas, mas lá pudemos brincar várias vezes nesse brinquedo. Tinha outros brinquedos muito legais com: a Casa Mal Assombrada. O mais legal foi poder brincar muitas vezes em todos os brinquedos." Sayuky Kaneco





Eduardo Sylvestre has been with us for 11 year. Besides teaching regular PE classes, he has put together reading contest activities and field day activities for elementary students. Thanks for you have done to encourage students to be active!



Wesley Penteado has worked with kids in preschool through high school for seven years. We have enjoyed the many sounds coming out of the music room throughout his years here: recorders, Christmas songs in August, talent show, etc. Thanks for making music fun for all!



Christine DeBoer has worked with third graders for seven years. She has developed relationships with her students and made learning fun. She has read Little Pilgrim's Progress to many of her classes. Her homework activities make homework fun and help teach them responsibility for their own work. Her creativity in activities and lessons will be missed!



Claryssa Tomaz has worked with second graders for seven years. Her love for learning has been passed to her students. She often uses technology to enhance her lessons. She works with students as they become more independent as they transition from lower elementary and get ready for upper elementary. It is neat to see her young readers take off in their reading comprehension!



Marybeth Sattler has worked with first graders for two years. She formed relationships with students and families. She has given students many strategies to become better readers as they grow and develop in their reading skills. She took Portuguese lessons and built her own vocabulary and fluency in her non-native language!

We are thankful for teachers who followed God's call on their life and came to PACA to invest in our students and their families for two or more years. Blessings as you move onto the next phase in your life. May God continue to provide for you as you seek Him. Beijos and abraços!



Our Science Fair/Art Show/Library Sale took place on May 15, 2015 this year. It is always great to see so many parents and students on campus. The gym and cafeterias were "a buzz" with lots Science talk. It was neat to see the progression of Science knowledge and vocabulary starting from the Kindergartners to the eighth graders.

The Art Show displayed student work ranging from Kindergarten through eighth grade in the Art Room and highlighted the high school art students in the new Art kiosk extension. All students in elementary had at least one piece of art work displayed. In middle school, Mr. Lima chose projects to display based on hard work and ability.

The Library was able to sell many older and donated books and raise money to be able to purchase new books to add to our library collection. Thanks for buying books to take home and read or share with others.

Thanks for coming out on Friday and supporting our PACA students and their God-given gifts and abilities.



Elementary students have worked hard all school year long and yes, it is nice to enjoy a vacation! The teachers are happy too! Lots of fun memories, learning many things, and seeing evidence of spiritual growth are things that have characterized this school year.

We encourage you to keep your child reading during break. This helps diminish the “summer slide”. See the following link for some ways to keep your child engaged during break time.

http://blog.maketaketeach.com/preventing-the-summer-slide-2/#_

This helps their transition into the next grade.



We learned some special songs this semester in music class. We learned “Jesus Loves the Little Children” to sing for the International Festival and “You are My Sunshine” to sing for our mothers at the Mother’s Tea.

This semester our preschool students had the opportunity to learn more about farm animals by visiting Estação Natureza.

Below are our students’ favorite parts of the field trip.

*I like to ride the horse.
The best part was the lunch that I eat.
I love to see the pig.
Horse.
Lamb.
Bunnies.
Porco da India.
Gostei dos patos.
The horses.
To see the cow.
Doing bread.
I love more than pigs.*



CHÁ COM AS MÃES: UMA TARDE NA ROÇA

MARTA FRANCO, DIRETORA DO PROGRAMA BRASILEIRO

Foi uma tarde festiva: com quadrilha, casamento caipira e guloseimas da roça. Contamos com a participação especial da Cassiane (com uma música encorajadora) e da Sra. Mary Fawcett (nos trouxe uma meditação) que abençoou todas as mães presentes.

