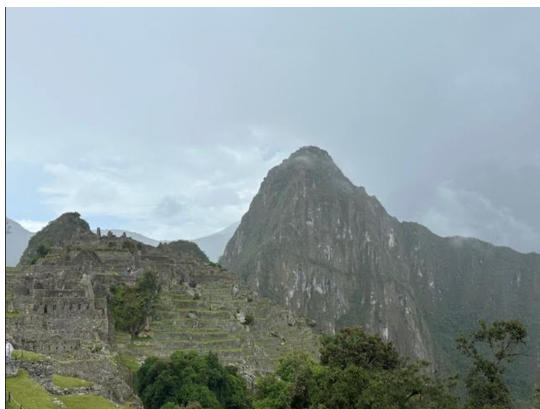


PACE MARCH NEWSLETTER



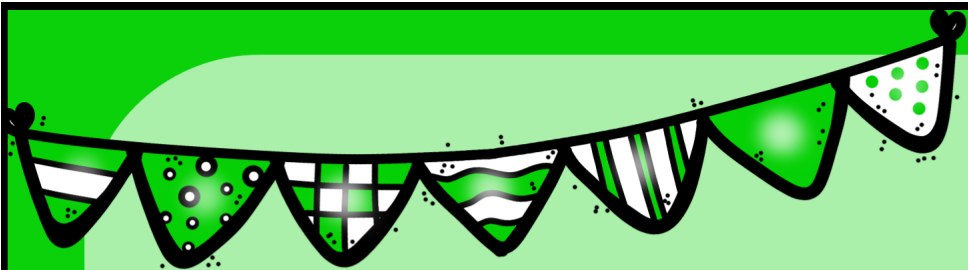
Last month I had the opportunity of a lifetime to hike up to Machu Picchu in Peru. From the top, the view is awe-inspiring. A narrow, twisty road that snakes down the mountain to the town below. In the distance, the peaks and valleys seem to go on forever. The ruins were overwhelming in just in the sheer size and expert masonry required to build them. Getting to the location took time, planning, and a lot of stamina. The air is thin, which makes even a small flight of steps more difficult than it is at sea level. The journey, and the hike, reminded me of the struggles we face in life that test our resilience and determination. I realized that the journey was just as important as the destination. For a moment, there was clarity where everything clicked. I could see how each part of Machu Picchu fit together as a whole and then melded into the mountain and the surrounding area. It's like how, in life, we have those "aha" moments where we can look back and understand why certain things happened and choices fit into the bigger picture of my life's story.

Yet, gazing out from Machu Picchu, I could also see more peaks in the distance—some still covered in mist. Like our lives, the journey did not stop at the summit. There are always new heights to reach, new adventures to embark on, and challenges to face. Life isn't about finding the perfect spot, but about embracing the climb, savoring the view along the way, and knowing that the next summit is always just beyond the horizon. My goal is to keep that perspective as we continue through the school year and celebrate the upcoming graduation and forward movement of our seniors.

Life is grand. Savor the moments and recognize the summits when you reach them. They are worth the work.

Heather Mendonsa
PACE Principal

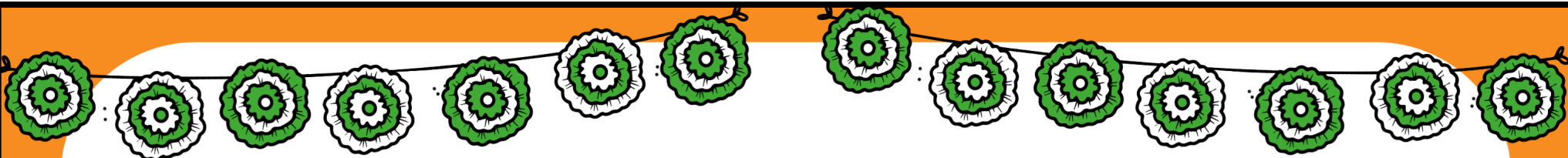




Important Dates for March:

- March 7: 6-8 pm Prince of Wales swim party at the Craig rec center
- March 12: 11:45-1:15 Math Line Art activity at Anchorage office
- March 24-29 AK Star and State Testing
- March 26: Regular School Board Meeting (email hmendonsa@craigschools.com for the Zoom link)





WHEN ART IS MATH



An activity for 4th-12th grade students

Do you love art? Did you know you can create AMAZING images that look curvy and 3D with ONLY straight lines?

YES, that's how you can use MATH to make ART!

Join us for a mind-blowing journey using lines, color, and geometry!

Date & Time: March 12th 11:45 - 1:15

Location : Anchorage Office

4241 B St. Suite 203

Pre-registration REQUIRED

R.S.V.P. to enorris@craigschools.com

All supplies are provided
Snacks will be provided



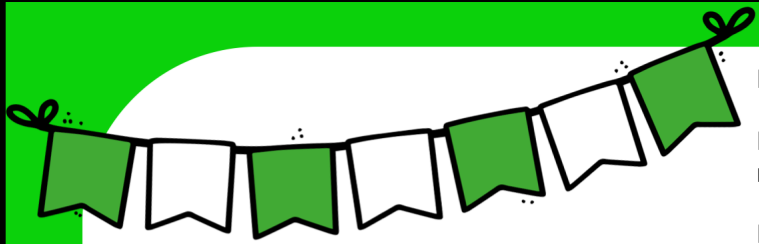
PACE is having a swim night!

Prince of Wales families, come join your friends and have some fun!

March 7 - Open public swim at Craig Pool is 6-7:30.
PACE will have exclusive access from 7:30 to 8:00.

The immediate family of students will get in for free.
If additional friends would like to join they will pay the
General Admission -
5.00 adults, 4.00 child/senior, kids 2 & under are free.





March Teacher Tip (Brought to you by Cassie Kinsland, MATSU Contact Teacher)

Did you know enrollment for next school year is now open through your MyPACE account? For this month's Teacher Tip, let's turn our attention to planning next year's curriculum.

First, I would suggest you take a look at what you are currently using. Is it working for you and your student(s)? Do you feel successful and does it meet your needs? It could very well be that you continue using it for next year. The nice thing about that choice is that you and your student(s) are already familiar with the layout and progression, so you can just keep going.

Perhaps, now that you are familiar with your curriculum, you would like to enhance it with supplemental materials. Homeschool community groups and social media connections can be a great resource for learning what other parents in your situation recommend. Teachers Pay Teachers is an excellent resource for finding supplemental curriculum, as is Outschool.

However, if your current curriculum is not something you would like to continue with next year, for whatever reason, let's take a look at some options.

For those of you currently using online curriculum, paper-based curriculum provides some ease because you have all the material right in your hands. There are no passwords to remember. No tests to unlock. You do need to provide the instruction and grade your student(s) work yourself, though most curriculum provides you with answer keys.

For those of you currently using paper-based curriculum, online courses relieve you of the responsibility of direct instruction and grading assignments, but you do need to make sure your student remains on task and is making progress through the course. Online courses can provide a broader range of topics, so you can select courses that suit your student(s) interests and can, depending on the course, be counted for college credit.

As always, your Contact Teacher is here to help you with any questions you may have and to offer curriculum suggestions based on what might be a good fit for your individual students' needs. We want you and your student(s) to be successful!



Congratulations to our upcoming High School Graduates! For those of you who are looking at college, please use this link for some helpful information regarding the FAFSA and student loans. Thank you, Ada, for sending in this resource.

[FAFSA Made Simple](#)

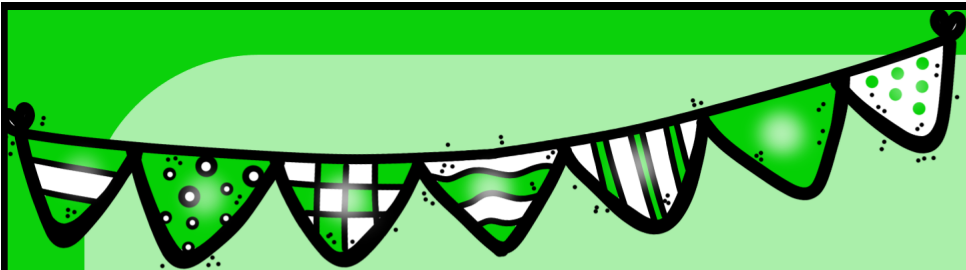
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Out and About with PACE Homeschool

Top left: Girdie visiting students at the Anchorage PACE office. Top middle: Ryan helping his dad build a skiff. Top right: Archie enjoying the animals at the pet store.

WANT TO BE FEATURED? SHARE YOUR ACTIVITIES WITH YOUR CONTACT TEACHER.



COME JOIN THE PACE TEAM – WE ARE HIRING!

PACE is hiring! If you or someone you know is interested in working for PACE, we have the following job openings:

Teacher - Full time contact teacher

Administrative Assistant – Full-time and part-time positions for multiple locations

Contact Heather Mendonsa
hmendonsa@craigschools.com for more information,
or to receive an application.

