

Park Meadows Academy

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Fall and fun are here!



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Where oh where did October go! We had so many fun activities in such a short time. We had the privilege of applauding our school, taking a school wide field trip, celebrating Coach Davis' Birthday, and having guest speakers.

During our PMA appreciation lunch, we celebrated our teachers and students. The PMA staff was full of joy with the out-pouring of love and support from parents throughout the day. We had enough goodies to enjoy the whole week. Thank you!

The school field trip to Yesterland farm was a blast! Thank you to all that helped out and made the day on the farm a lasting memory.

The students had the honor of hearing Mr. Buchy teach us the Importance of History. We learned that History helps us define our identity. History tells us what has occurred, and History must be true. Last, and certainly not least, we must remember and repeat, "We are important". Let's make History!

Mr. Huber visited the school and gave us some informative facts about becoming an Entrepreneur. Some facts included having a product/service, a target market, and then reach the market. They learned 4 important uses of money. They include the following: give it away, have fun, and take care of your family, and make more money. We even saw money from another country! Of course, the students learned many other helpful details that will ensure that they rise to their highest potential.

Be Blessed, Leshia Buchy

Meet The Biles Family

Where are you/spouse from?

We both grew up in this area. I was actually born in Louisiana but have been here my whole life.

What do you/spouse do?

I am a Legal Assistant at Dawson & Sodd, I've been there for almost 15 years. Nick operates our business, CrossFit Corsicana and is the head coach.

How many children do you have?

We have 4 children, Jodie who is 17 years old and a senior at Mildred High School, and the triplets, Cate, Layne & Olivia, who are about to be 10 in December and are in the fourth grade at PMA!

What is the most rewarding thing about your job?

I think the most rewarding thing about both of our jobs is helping people. We do it in different capacities, but we are hopefully making people's lives better at both.

How long have you lived where you are?

We live out in Eureka, TX, just outside of Corsicana on 287. We have been out there for about 11 years. We love living out there and live right next to my parents, which is a blessing!

How did you hear of PMA?

We heard of PMA through some friends and we are so glad we did! It has been a huge blessing to our family and we are so thankful for the opportunity of a Christian education for our girls.

Why did you choose PMA?

There are so many reasons. To have God integrated into everything they learn is so awesome. There are so many things wrong with the public school system. We jumped on this opportunity for a more challenging, controlled learning environment. I could go on and on!

What are some personal hobbies of your family?

Watching movies, reading, camping, hiking, and hanging out with family and friends, and CrossFit!!

Where is your Favorite place to visit?

We love to go camping; we've been a lot of different places. I think our favorite so far was Daisy State Park in Arkansas.

If you could be a super hero, what would be your super power?

I think mine would be to be able to instantly fix any kind of problem.

What is your favorite recipe? Yes, we want the recipe!

I have an awesome pancake recipe; it's the best one I've ever found.

What is your favorite Holiday/Tradition?

Picking out our Christmas tree.

Do you have a funny story you would like to share?

Most of our camping trips have a rough start. We have gotten the truck & camper stuck in the middle of the pasture trying to leave the house. Nick has forgotten to get food and cooking utensils when he was responsible for getting everything ready. We've had to set up camp on more than one occasion in the dark because we never leave when we're supposed to. We didn't make it to our campground on time and almost had to sleep in the truck, until we finally got in touch with the park manager. We've had to alternate using electrical stuff in the camper because we didn't have enough service. Our toilet has broken twice while camping; and one time the girls took off on their bikes down a really big hill and couldn't stop and ended up crashing in a big ditch. That's just a few of our camping mishaps, and I'm sure there will be more. We're creating great memories!!

Please share any words of wisdom for our E-News readers!

I can't think of any! I'm pretty sure I need the words of wisdom most days!



Getting to know the Buchy Family

Where are you/spouse from?

M: Roanoke VA

L: Altus Ok Military Family

What do you/spouse do?

M: NVOWS/EXOS AEROSPACE

VP of International Expansion & Chief Compliance Officer

Armed Forces Liaison for Exos Aerospace Systems and Technologies

L: Oh wow.... this list could be very long! Moms wear many hats.

Secretary at Park Meadows Academy

How many children do you have? 3

What is the most rewarding thing about your job?

M: Working with people and making their lives better

L: Being at the school with all 3 of my children and seeing all the sweet, funny, and smiling faces of all the students just makes my day!

How long have you lived where you here?

We have lived here for 4 months.

How did you hear of PMA?

Our NeUventure friends

Why did you choose PMA?

M: Moving in Military provided their experience of trying many different schools. Each time, we placed our child into a public school, we hoped for the best but it never worked out. The schools had poor standards in every facet of a child's life.

L: Our children have not been to the same school for more than 2 consecutive years. When we heard about PMA, the heart, mission, and size of the school. This was a no brainer for us. We share the same beliefs in our faith as well as the positions to hold our children to a higher standard. PMA is a blessing for sure.

What has PMA meant to you all?

M: In only months, it has challenged our children academically and raised their abilities and confidence.

L: PMA, in just 6 weeks of school, has challenged my 9th, 4th, and 1st grader more than they have ever been challenged, both academically and cognitively.

What is one of the most important life lessons you have learned that you will share with your children/ others?

M: With your hand in HIS, never be afraid to take a risk and do not let the hard work keep you from persevering to your ultimate goal.

L: Fear can be crippling...my advice would be “don’t be your own worst enemy, and let fear keep you from doing the things you want to do. Be the person you God designed you to be”. Jesus has equipped us to do all things.

What are some personal hobbies of your family?

M: Fishing and Sports

L: Spending time with family/friends, traveling, and shopping!

Where is your Favorite place to visit?

M: Our home and Church on Sundays

L: My heaven on earth is at the beach!! Dominican Republic, Hawaii, and Charleston have made my top 3 list! We try to visit a beach every year.

If you could be a super hero, what would be your super power?

M: I am a super hero...more Wisdom!

L: I would have the ability to heal any and all hurt within people.

What is your favorite recipe? Yes, we want the recipe!

M: Mexican Beans... Cilantro (the whole bundle), Julio’s seasoning, whole tomatoes, onion, red pepper.

L: My Chunky Chicken Chili.

What is your favorite Holiday/Tradition?

M: Christmas time with the entire family.

L: Christmas time is hands down the best time of year for me. I love that my husband gets so excited about giving. He makes Christmas so special!





Thank you to all the families that helped out with our field trip to Yesterland Farm. We could not have gone without you. With so many students this year, we appreciate the extra help, and drivers. What a fun day it was! The day was full of friends, family, animals, roller coasters, duck races, train rides, and lots of laughter. We look forward to sharing the next one with you!

PMA staff





Fluffy Pancakes



Ingredients

3/4 cup milk
2 tablespoons white vinegar
1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons white sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg
2 tablespoons butter, melted
Cooking spray

Directions

Combine milk with vinegar in a medium bowl and set aside for 5 minutes to "sour".

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a large mixing bowl. Whisk egg and butter into "soured" milk. Pour the flour mixture into the wet ingredients and whisk until lumps are gone.

Heat a large skillet over medium heat, and coat with cooking spray. Pour 1/4 cupful's of batter onto the skillet, and cook until bubbles appear on the surface. Flip with a spatula, and cook until browned on the other side.

Chunky Chicken Chili

Yield: 2 quarts

Ingredients

1 stick butter, divided
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed into 1/2-inch pieces
1/4-cup all-purpose flour
1 large onion, chopped
1/4 cup red pepper, diced
1/4 cup green pepper, diced
2 cups chicken stock
1-cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons chili powder
1-teaspoon ground coriander
1-teaspoon ground cumin
1-teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 tablespoon cracked black pepper
1-tablespoon kosher salt
2 (14.5-ounce) cans cannellini beans, (I use navy) drained
2 (4-ounce) cans mild green chilies
1/2-cup sour cream
1 1/2 cups grated Cheddar, for garnish
3 tablespoons chopped parsley leaves, for garnish

Directions

In a large Dutch oven, (big pot) melt 4 tablespoons butter over medium-high heat. Brown the chicken pieces until nicely colored and cooked through. Remove chicken to a large bowl and set aside.

Using the same Dutch oven, stir in the flour. This will create a roux. Stir in the onions and peppers. Add the chicken stock to deglaze the pan and stir in the heavy cream. Lower heat and cook until the mixture thickens, about 5 minutes. Once the sauce has thickened, add the chili powder, coriander, cumin, cayenne, black pepper and the salt. Stir and cook for a few minutes. Add the cannellini beans, chilies and the chicken and simmer for another 6 to 8 minutes. At the very end, mix in the sour cream. Transfer to a serving bowl and garnish with Cheddar and parsley.

Upcoming Events

November 2 – Fall Fest 5-7 pm

November 6 – 1st Quarter Ends

November 10 - Report Cards

November 10 – PTF Meeting @ 7 pm

November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break

November 30 – Class Resumes

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