January 8, 2020

Dear Parents and Friends of Pine View School:

   It is truly a pleasure to welcome everyone to this year's Pinnacle celebration, "Come Sail Away". This very special evening is being co-chaired by Megan Heller and Melissa Perin, and promises to be exciting, elegant, and entertaining as we enjoy the beautiful setting of the Sarasota Yacht Club! This special evening has been designed with the singular purpose of supporting the school, the faculty, and our students in their unyielding commitment to go the extra degree in achieving ever-higher levels of success!

   As is Pine View's tradition of excellence, this year's Pinnacle is the culmination of many, many months of planning, collaborating, organizing, and tireless dedication to supporting our students and their exceptional educational experiences. Our PVA Pinnacle co-chairs, and PVA President, Isa Chauhan, continue to amaze me with the countless hours of devotion to enriching the lives of our students. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Pinnacle possible, and for supporting these efforts!

   One of the tenets upon which our credo of continuing our tradition of excellence is built is best captured in the famous quote from Socrates, "Education is the kindling of a flame; not the filling of a vessel." We strive to create an environment where students can create, extend themselves freely, take intellectual risks, and explore how they can learn social responsibility and be the change they wish to see in the world.

   During Pinnacle, there will be many fun activities, including several special guests, music to dance to, incredible food, and beautiful decorations. There will be a silent auction, as well as the "Raise the Paddle live auction to support instructional initiatives. Pine View is consistently rated the #1 school in the State of Florida by multiple sources, including the Florida Department of Education, and in the top 10 schools in the entire United States by independent publications, such as US News and World Report, and websites such as Niche.com. This is accomplished by specially trained and creative teachers working with gifted students in an environment where their passions can be set free, and their curiosity nurtured!

   The resources generated by your attendance and participation at this year's Pinnacle will go toward purchasing program materials for grades 2 through 12, sending our amazing students to Speech & Debate competitions where they continue to achieve national recognition, and Model UN Conferences where they consistently win accolades at the highest levels, acquiring STEM and STEAM equipment, investing in much-needed equipment for our STEMSmart Classrooms of Tomorrow, and much, much more!

   We thank you for generously sharing and supporting in all that Pine View brings to our community and to serving the unique educational needs of our students. Come Sail Away with us on February 8th at Pinnacle!

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Covert, Ph.D.
Principal

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