

When we brought our son in for the fifth grade entrance exam at Pinellas Preparatory we were both nervous and excited as this was not a requirement at his then enrolled Pinellas County Elementary school. We were thrilled to receive the call that yes our son was accepted into PPA. This was the beginning of four wonderful academic years.

We love the idea that PPA uses a project based learning approach and does not teach to the bottom percentile of the student body. Instead all students must carry their weight or risk being asked to leave and return to their zoned school. This policy allows the students to excel more quickly and to actually process items being taught without disruption. This is strongly evident with our son who graduated from PPA in 2015 and is currently in the IB program at Largo High.

While attending PPA our son also participated in various extracurricular activities such as sports, chess, and other clubs for a well-rounded educational experience.

Field trips enhance the “real world” concepts learned in a classroom setting and aide the level of learning to a deeper and more tangible understanding. I am very grateful that PPA has the resources and interest to actively engage in field trips both large and small for all grades K-8th.

Our family is happy to be with PPA and will continue to be as our daughter will be the next in our family to graduate from PPA in a few years!

~ Rick and Heidi Beaman