

PANTHER TALES

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Thank You



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Please join us for a special
APPRECIATION LUNCH

PCA WANTS TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!

Wednesday, November 4th 12:00pm-1:00pm
Pantego Christian Academy

We would love to honor those in your family that serve as first responders or are a veteran with a special lunch. We are inviting local police and firefighters to this lunch as well and wanted to extend the invite to our families. To help us plan appropriately for seating and food, we kindly ask that attendance be limited to the first responders and veterans being honored, rather than additional family members or guests. We sincerely appreciate your understanding as we work to make this a meaningful event for those we are celebrating!

First Responder and Veteran Lunch RSVP
CLICK HERE



November 4th, 2026

PCA Gives Back Day is almost here!

Students across all grade levels will spend the day serving our community and living out our mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Please see the flyer below for more information-- Filled OCC boxes are due Nov. 4, too!



NEW



Read.A.Thon

Click HERE
for more
information!



Veteran's Day Chapel - November 12th

We would love to honor and highlight any family members of our PCA students that have served or are currently serving in our armed forces. Please use this link to submit information and photos to be shown during our veterans day chapel.

Submission Form CLICK HERE

Arya

A Story of Courage, Strength, Faith, and Victory

A mother's words of love, gratitude, and celebration



PCA Family,
on
Friday, October 30th

**We invite our students to wear
ORANGE
in honor of kindergarten student Arya.
Read below some sweet words from her
mom...**

Today, I want to share the story of a very special little girl who has taught our family more about courage, strength, and faith than words could ever explain. Her name is Arya, and she is my daughter.

When I think about Arya, I think about bravery. I think about a little girl who has faced battles that no child should ever have to face. Her journey through leukemia has been one of the hardest experiences our family has ever endured. It has brought moments of fear, uncertainty, tears, and countless prayers. It has challenged us in ways we never imagined, and it has changed our lives forever.

As a mother, one of the hardest things in the world is watching your child suffer and knowing there is only so much you can do to take away their pain. There were moments when I wished I could trade places with Arya, take every treatment, endure every difficult day, and carry every burden for her. If love alone could have taken away her sickness, I would have taken it away a thousand times over. But as much as I wanted to protect her from every hardship, I had to learn that sometimes being a mother means standing beside your child through battles you cannot fight for them.

Arya has faced hospital stays, treatments, difficult days, and so many unknowns. She has endured things that no child should ever have to experience. Through every step of this journey, she has shown a kind of bravery that inspires me every single day. She has reminded me that being brave does not mean you are never scared. It means continuing to face each day, even when it is difficult. It means finding the strength to keep going when you don't understand why something is happening. And sometimes, bravery simply means being a child who keeps trying, even when life has become much harder than it should be.

But Arya's story is not just a story about fighting cancer. It is also a story about faith, family, and the goodness of God in the middle of life's hardest moments.

Throughout this journey, God has been our source of strength. There have been days when our hearts were heavy, when the road ahead felt overwhelming, and when we didn't know what the next day would bring. Yet even in those moments, we continued to pray and trust that God was walking beside us. He reminded us that we did not have to face this journey alone. When our own strength felt small, we leaned on His strength. When fear tried to take over, we turned to Him for peace. And when we felt exhausted, He reminded us to take one day at a time.

God has also strengthened us as a family. We have learned the importance of holding one another close, supporting each other through difficult moments, and celebrating every victory, no matter how small it may seem to someone else. We have learned that sometimes strength looks like crying together, praying together, encouraging one another, or simply sitting beside someone who needs comfort. We have learned that faith does not mean we will never experience fear or sadness. It means we can bring those feelings to God and trust Him to carry us through them.

One Bible passage that has brought comfort and guidance to our family is Proverbs 3:5–6. In the English Standard Version, it says:

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

— Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV)

These verses have reminded us that even when we don't understand why certain things happen, we can still place our trust in God. There were moments when we didn't have the answers, when we couldn't see what was waiting around the corner, and when the uncertainty of the future felt overwhelming. But we learned that we didn't have to understand every part of our journey to trust the One who was walking through it with us.

Trusting God did not mean that we never felt afraid or that every day was easy. It meant choosing to believe that He was with us even when we were scared. It meant bringing Him our questions, our tears, and our worries, and asking Him to guide our family one day at a time. When we couldn't see the whole path ahead, we trusted Him to show us the next step.

There were times when we prayed for strength, not knowing how we would find it. Looking back, I can see how God carried our family through moments we once thought we could never endure. He gave us strength to keep going, comfort when we were hurting, and hope when the future felt uncertain. And today, as we celebrate Arya being cancer free, we are reminded of how important it was to keep our faith and trust Him, even when we couldn't see how the story would unfold.

Through Arya's journey, we have also learned not to take the little things in life for granted. A normal day, a smile, a laugh, a family moment, or simply being together can become some of the greatest blessings. We have learned to celebrate the victories that others might overlook because we understand how much those moments can mean. Today, we celebrate a victory that once seemed so far away. We celebrate the chance to look forward with hope, to treasure the present, and to appreciate the precious gift of life.

Arya, if I could tell the world one thing about my daughter, it would be that she is so much more than the illness she has faced. She is not defined by leukemia, her treatments, or the difficult days she has endured. She is a beautiful, precious girl whose courage has touched our family in ways that words cannot fully describe. She has shown us that strength does not depend on age or size. Sometimes the smallest people have the biggest impact on our lives.

As her mother, I am incredibly proud of her. I am proud of the battles she has faced, but even more than that, I am proud of the person she is. I wish she could see herself through my eyes and understand just how much she has inspired us. She has taught me that courage is not about having all the answers. It is about continuing forward with love and hope, even when the answers are not clear.

Our family's journey through leukemia has not been easy, and I would never pretend that every day has been filled with strength or that we have never struggled. There have been hard days, heartbreaking moments, and

times when we needed God to carry us because we felt we had nothing left to give. But through it all, He has continued to give us strength, remind us of His presence, and help us stand together as a family.

Today, we celebrate more than the end of a difficult chapter. We celebrate Arya. We celebrate her courage, her resilience, and the incredible journey that has brought us to this moment. We celebrate the prayers whispered through tears, the love that carried us through the hardest days, the family that stood together, and the God who gave us strength when we needed it most.

I hope that when people hear Arya's story, they understand that everyone is fighting battles that may not be visible. I hope they remember to show kindness, to be patient with others, and to never underestimate the strength someone may be carrying inside. Most of all, I hope Arya's story encourages other families who may be facing difficult circumstances to know that they are not alone, that it is okay to have hard days, and that there is still room for hope even in the middle of uncertainty.

Leukemia is a part of Arya's story, but it will never define her entire life. Her story is also about the love that surrounds her, the family that stands beside her, the prayers that have carried us, and the God who has given us strength through every battle.

As I stand here today, I am thankful for every moment, every lesson, every prayer, and every reminder of how precious my daughter is. I am thankful for the strength God has given our family and for the courage Arya has shown throughout this journey. I am thankful that we get to stand here today and celebrate a moment we have prayed so hard for.

Arya is my daughter, my blessing, and my little warrior. She has faced battles no child should have to face, but through her journey, she has shown us what true courage looks like. Today, she is cancer free, and we celebrate this victory with hearts overflowing with gratitude.

As a family, we will continue to move forward with faith, trusting God with each new day and remembering the truth of Proverbs 3:5–6: even when we cannot understand the path before us, we can trust Him to guide our steps.

And if there is one thing I hope everyone remembers from Arya's story, it is this: never underestimate the strength of a child, the power of a family's love, or the faithfulness of God through life's hardest battles.

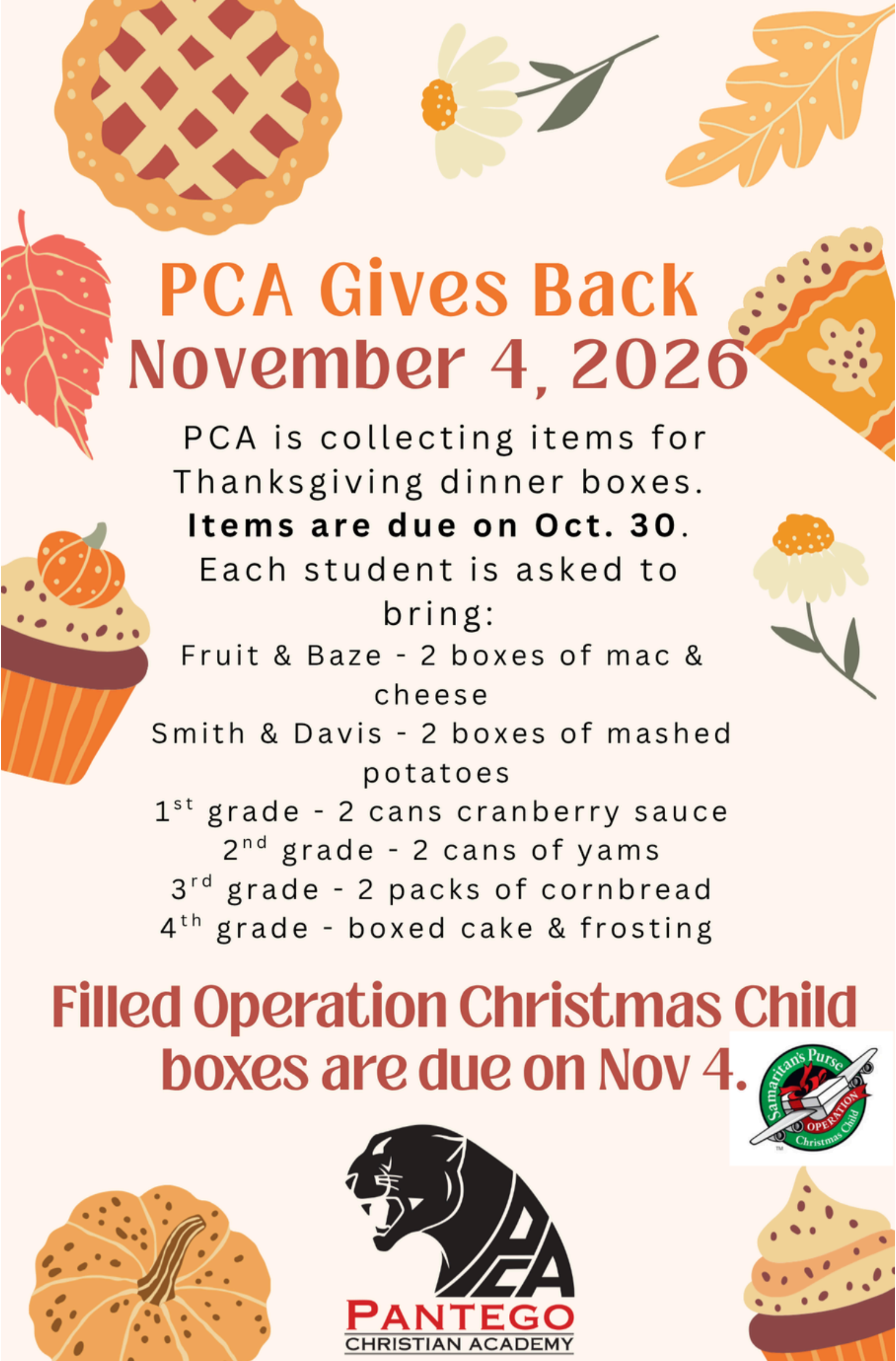
Today, we celebrate victory.

Today, we celebrate hope.

Today, we celebrate Arya being cancer free.

And I will forever be grateful that God chose me to be Arya's mom.

Thank you.



PCA Gives Back November 4, 2026

PCA is collecting items for
Thanksgiving dinner boxes.

Items are due on Oct. 30.

Each student is asked to
bring:

Fruit & Baze - 2 boxes of mac &
cheese

Smith & Davis - 2 boxes of mashed
potatoes

1st grade - 2 cans cranberry sauce

2nd grade - 2 cans of yams

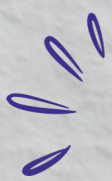
3rd grade - 2 packs of cornbread

4th grade - boxed cake & frosting

Filled Operation Christmas Child boxes are due on Nov 4.



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FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Thursday, November 12th
5:00-7:00pm

Fun for all ages!



**2216 South Fielder Road,
Arlington, TX 76013**

\$30 PER JUMPER

Altitude socks included

50% OF EVERY TICKET GOES BACK TO PCA!

Food + drink available for purchase



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