

## Magnet, Fundamental and Career Academy Application Period

The **Application Period** for applying to any magnet, fundamental or career academy program for the 2010-2011 school year is scheduled for **Jan. 9-29, 2010**. The Application Period will open at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, and end Friday, Jan. 29, at 5 p.m.

Parents will use their ParentCONNECTxp User ID and Password to log onto the Student Reservation System (SRS) web page located on the district website, [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org), to apply. Those parents who do not have a User ID and Password may call the Student Assignment office, (727) 588-6210 to obtain one. If families do not have a home computer, they may visit a nearby school or a community location. The list of community computer locations will be made available soon. The SRS also is available in Spanish.

The annual districtwide **Information Fair** will be at Northeast High School (5500 16<sup>th</sup> St. N, St. Petersburg) on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Information Fair allows parents to gather information and ask questions about the district's magnet, fundamental and career academy programs. Regardless of your child's present career aspirations, the district offers dozens of options that will fit his/her needs – from advanced information technology to architectural design, from building technologies to automotive technologies and a host of other specialized programs such as business applications, communication studies, criminal justice, world-class culinary arts, engineering and robotics, environmental technology, finance, gifted studies, graphic arts, international culture and commerce, international studies, mass media, marine science, medical professions, performing arts, teaching arts, sciences and technology, and veterinary science.

Additional information about the application process will be posted on the district website as it becomes available. Dates and times of Discovery Nights also will be posted online when the schedule is finalized.

## **H1N1 (Swine) Flu Update**

Pinellas County Schools has partnered with the Pinellas County Health Department to provide H1N1 (swine) flu immunizations to students in elementary, middle and high schools. The plan calls for information packets to be sent home with students.

The vaccinations for students are voluntary, and parents must sign a consent form to have their children participate.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers H1N1 (swine) flu a pandemic, and are concerned that the number of cases will continue to increase. Since the school year began, the district has been taking steps to prepare, mitigate and respond to this health emergency. Ongoing communication sent to parents includes precautions to protect the health of their children.

If the district does experience a significant amount of flu resulting in increased absences by students and staff members, it will respond based upon guidance from the CDC, the Department of Education and the Pinellas County Health Department. The safety of students and employees is of paramount importance as Pinellas County Schools' deals with this health emergency.

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Rebroadcasts are available on Bright House Networks Ch. 614, Knology Ch. 2 and Verizon Ch. 46.