

Magnet, Fundamental and Career Academy Application Period

The **Application Period** for applying to any magnet, fundamental or career academy program for the 2009-2010 school year will be **Jan. 26-Feb. 16, 2009**. The Application Period will open at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, and end Monday, Feb. 16, at 5 p.m.

Parents will use their child's student I.D. number to apply by phone during the application period. Those who don't have a student I.D. number will need to use the Student Reservation System computer at a nearby school or go to www.pcsb.org on their home computer to use the reservation system to obtain a number. The last time to get a student I.D. number to use when applying is midnight, Friday, Feb. 13.

The annual districtwide Information Fair will be split into two fairs this school year – one during the day and one in the evening, one in south county and one in north county – to be more convenient for parents.

Saturday, Jan. 24 – John Hopkins Middle, St. Petersburg, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 2 – Dunedin Middle, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

The Information Fairs allow 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.

Thanksgiving Holidays

Schools Closed, Nov. 24-28
District Offices Closed, Nov. 26-28

Winter Holidays

Schools and District Offices
Closed, Dec. 22-Jan. 2

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Nov. 15 Is the Deadline for Young Heroes Nominations

Here's your chance to nominate students who have given of themselves through community service or who inspire others through their deeds and strength of character.

Winning students will be profiled on WPDS-TV14 and on the district website, and introduced at a school board meeting. Winners also will receive a \$500 Savings Bond and attend an end-of-year breakfast with the superintendent.

Nomination forms are available on the district website, www.pcsb.org.



In learning, educators know that the one-size-fits-all method does not work. Some students learn best by hearing their teacher explain. Some learn by seeing. Others learn through hands-on activities. As a parent, you need to understand what method of learning your child likes best so he/she can improve in academic achievement. But as children grow and change, keep in mind that their learning style may change, too.

Tip of the Month – To become more involved in your child's life get beyond the one-word answers when having a conversation with him/her.