

Pinellas County School Board Selects Julie Janssen as Superintendent

The Pinellas County School Board has entered into contract negotiations with Julie M. Janssen, Ed.D. as the new Superintendent. Dr. Janssen began her education career in 1970 as a fourth-grade teacher at Perkins Elementary. She continued her teaching career in Belize, her native country, for nine years as a mathematics and English instructor at St. John's College. Dr. Janssen returned to Pinellas County Schools in 1980 and taught at Pinellas Technical Education Centers and Morgan Fitzgerald Middle.

She taught high school math at Lakewood High and served as the program director for the Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT) magnet program before becoming an assistant principal in 1991. She became principal at Countryside High in 1998 and moved to St. Petersburg High as principal in 2004.

In 2006, Dr. Janssen was appointed deputy superintendent, chief academic officer. In this role, she provided oversight for schools through the region offices, professional development and student support, research and accountability, and the Pinellas Technical Education Centers. Dr. Janssen became Interim Superintendent in June 2008 when Dr. Wilcox resigned.

She is a graduate of Boca Ciega High and received her B.A. degree in education from the University of South Florida (USF), a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from Nova Southeastern University and her doctoral degree from USF.



Nov. 15 Is 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.



Parents can help their child succeed by teaching him/her how to set goals and how to reach them. A goal is a vision of the possible outcome.

1. Envision the best possible outcome.
2. Make a plan on how to reach the goal.
3. Keep track of the progress toward the goal and remember to celebrate along the way.

Tip of the Month – As a surprise, leave a caring note in your child's lunchbox or by his/her dinner plate, telling your child how proud you are of him/her.

Magnet & Fundamental Application Period

The district is currently working on revising the magnet and fundamental school brochures and the application process. Information Fairs and application period will be held early in second semester. Please check the district website, www.pcsb.org, frequently for updates.

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Watch school board meetings live and in closed-captioning as well as educational and entertainment programming on WPDS-TV14 and on the Internet via the Ch. 14 website at www.wpds.tv. You can find Pinellas County Schools' television programming on Bright House Networks Ch. 614, Knology Ch. 14 and Verizon Ch. 46.



Best Elementary School Lunches in the Nation

For the second consecutive year, Pinellas County Schools' elementary lunches have been selected the "best in the nation" by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

Pinellas received an "A" on the 2008 School Lunch Report Card with a score of 98, just two points below perfect. The district serves a hot low-fat vegetable side dish, such as broccoli or sweet potatoes, and a side salad every day, along with a selection of assorted fresh fruit.