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"Pioneers for the Future"

MARCH 2015

A note from Mrs. Buckles.....

Dear Pioneer Families,

The teachers at Garrison-Jones take tremendous *Pioneer PRIDE* in knowing the students in their classrooms. They know the students who enjoy writing poetry, have a love for the arts, and an appetite for playing baseball and soccer. They know your child's best friend and the name of their pet at home. By knowing your child's strengths and passions, our teachers help to develop the character necessary to become life-long learners. Character traits like determination, dedication, and perseverance.

Our mission at Garrison-Jones is developing the whole child. We know this is only accomplished with an unwavering partnership between the home and school. We ask for your continued support as we gear up for a busy spring season of a broad based curriculum, common assessments, SAT 10, and Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Regular attendance at school is very important to your child in the development of his/her learning. If students are not in their classroom by 8:35 am, they are considered tardy.

With testing on the horizon, please help us and make sure your child is on time to school. If you have a question about the attendance/tardy policies, please contact me at (727) 469-5716.

Sincerely,

Karen Buckles

Principal

Garrison-Jones Elementary

100% Student Success

Together We Succeed – TEAMWORK!

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Character Trait
of the Month:

Honesty

Using truthful speech and
behavior.

WRONG
is **WRONG**,

even if *everyone*
is doing it.

RIGHT
is **RIGHT**,

even if *no one*
is doing it.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS!

During the week of March 9th, you will receive elective forms from your child's assigned middle school. Middle school assignments are made based on the address we have on file. Please be sure that we have your correct address to ensure you receive the correct forms. If you need to update your address, please bring proof of residence to our DMT, Donna Hardman, so she can update our records.

Teach Your Child to be Honest

Reward The Truth

Reward honesty with loads of praise and hugs. It will build self-confidence and reinforce the positive behavior.

The Art of "Spin"

The brutal truth should not always be spoken. We have all heard the saying, "If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all."

The Hard Truth

Correct morals always trump protecting the feelings of someone who is doing wrong. Wrong is always wrong.

The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From The Tree

As is always the case, you are the role model. You do not want your child to hear you telling a lie or see you perform a dishonest act.

Do Not Lead The Witness

Though it's tempting to test them, try to avoid asking questions that give your child a chance to not be honest. This leads her to believe she might have a way out and could possibly pass blame elsewhere.

Truth Or Consequences

It's important that there be consequences for lying. Appropriate discipline should be carried out and followed through.

Correct Mistakes

Catching your child being dishonest is a good time to help him correct the mistake. Talk about how he could have responded or reacted differently.

Your Word Is Gold

The most important character trait a person can possess keeping and following through on promises made. Teach your children to be people who consider their word gold. When they give it, they don't break it.

What's Yours Is Yours

The best policy is to teach a child early on that what they have belongs to them. What other people have belongs to that person.

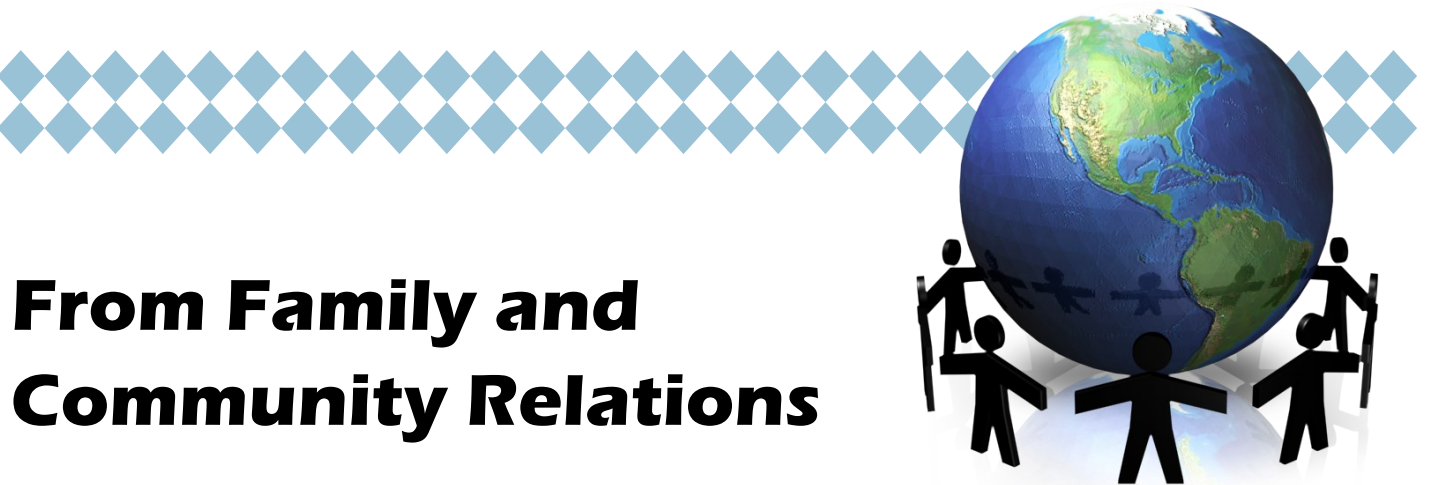
Look for honest friends

If your child's friends lie and cheat, so will they. But if your child's friends are upstanding and honest clean through, your son or daughter will be that much better off.

From www.allprodad.com

LOST AND FOUND!

We have a number of lost and found items in the multi-purpose room. We have asked the students to check and see if anything belongs to them. We will be donating all items to charity soon if not picked up. Please remind your student to have a look! Thanks.



From Family and Community Relations

Workshops for Parents : Here is a great workshop offered by Pinellas County Schools office of Strategic Partnerships. **March 18th Helping your Child with Math: “Mental Math” Techniques for Math Readiness** (grades 3-5) workshop will be held in our media center from 6-7 pm.

~To register call Wendy Sedelack at 727 588-6000 ext. 1846. Hope to see you there!

Help Wanted:

Looking ahead we are in need of volunteers to help with our Reading Roundup on April 23rd . If you are able to help out please contact Barb Karcher.

(727) 469-5716 ext 2117

karcherb@pcsb.org





Noteworthy News

Congratulations to 7 of our fifth graders who performed on Saturday, March 7th, at the All County Honor Music Festival at the First Baptist Church of St. Pete.

Veronica Cintron, from Bay News 9, was there to host and it will air on Bright House, Channel 14, this month!

We are so proud of:

- **Jeffrey Vetter** for performing in the Orff (xylophone) ensemble
- **Emily Merkel** and **Samantha Castillo** for performing in the Strings (violin) ensemble
- and **Sarah Ayotte, Jaclyn Ellison, Lily Jackson & Autumn Schmeider** for performing in the Chorus.

Way to go Pioneers!



Talent Show News!

Talent Show letters, with a lot of very important information, have gone home! Permission slips must be returned to the Music Room by **April 13** if you would like to audition on **April 15**. Sorry, there will be no exceptions.



The Library is hosting our Spring Scholastic Book Fair from April 20th – 24th

The fair will be open for classes to preview on Tuesday, **April 21** and Wednesday, **April 22nd**. Parents, please stop by and visit the Book Fair on the cafeteria stage during our Spring Curriculum Fair/Reading

Under the Stars/Spring Dinner evening on Thursday, **April 23rd**, from 5-7PM. The students may purchase books all week, up through noon on Friday, **April 24th**.

*******All profits support the library and technology needs of our school.*******

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of parent volunteers to help in a number of ways: straightening the items on the shelves, assisting the younger students with purchases, helping with the sales of books, set-up and tear-down, etc... If you would like to help with this exciting reading event, please contact Barb Karcher by e-mail at karcherb@pcsb.org or Suzanne Williams at williamssuz@pcsb.org

READING UNDER THE STARS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

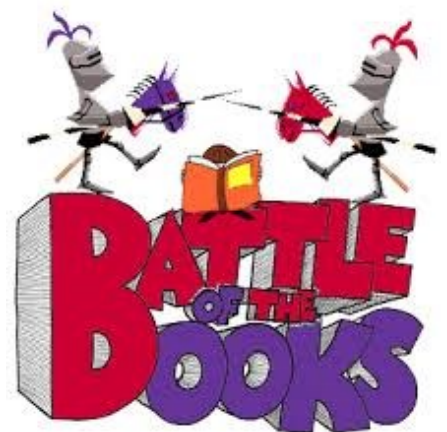
We are also in need of parent volunteers to help with this exciting event that is the same night at curriculum fair, **April 23rd**. We are in need of parents who would like to volunteer a half hour or an hour of their time to read to students at a reading station. You could choose the book, or we can do that for you! It's fun for all ages! , Please contact Barb Karcher by e-mail at karcherb@pcsb.org or Suzanne Williams at williamssuz@pcsb.org.

Garrison-Jones School Battle of the Books Competition!

Our school-wide Battle of the Books Competition date has been set for Thursday, **March 26th from 1:30-2:35** in our school cafeteria. These students have been working very hard all year studying the ten selected books, titles and authors.

We have nine very competitive students from our 3rd through 5th grade classes ready and excited for competition. All second through fifth grade classes are invited to watch this exciting competition. Our school battle team winners will then move on to compete against other Pinellas County Schools at the District Battle on May 11th.

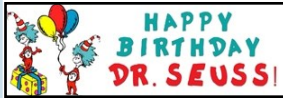
Go Garrison-Jones!!!



Fun Fact! March

3/2-3/6 National School Breakfast Week

3/3 Dr. Seuss Birthday



DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES

Choose up to 2 Grain Choices such as cereal (=1), toast (=1), pancakes (=2), cinnamon Texas toast (=2)

OR

Choose a 1 Grain and 1 Meat Choice such as a breakfast sandwich (=1G/1M)

Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Juice

May choose 1: Milk

DAILY LUNCH CHOICES

Choose 1: Entrée

Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Vegetable (may

All menus are subject to change.

We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options, however, occasionally crops, weather & supplies have other ideas!

Mon	Make a Grade with SCHOOL BREAKFAST	Tue
March 2 - 6 • National		
2	Ham, Egg & Cheese Croissant	3
<p>Choose One:</p> <p>◆► Featured Entrée ◄◆</p> <p>Loaded Potato Skins w/ Pretzel</p> <p>Crispy Chicken Sandwich Farmers Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Baby Green Peas Tossed or Romaine Side Salad</p>		<p>Choose One:</p> <p>Mini Calzones w/Marinara Bar B Q Pork on a Bun Chef Salad</p>
9	Pancake Sausage Wrap	10
<p>Choose One:</p> <p>Hamburg/Cheeseburger Bean & Cheese Burrito Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Tator Tots Tossed or Romaine Side Salad</p>		<p>Choose One:</p> <p>Cheese Max Sticks w Marinara Sauce</p> <p>Tacos: Seasoned Pork Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Twist Combo</p> <p>Choose: Refried Fiesta Beans, Veggie Dippers</p>
16	Pro-Ed Day	17
		<p>Choose One:</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Bowl Cheese Max Sticks w Marinara Sauce Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Mash Potato, Veggie Dippers</p>
23	Ham, Egg & Cheese Croissant	24
<p>Choose One:</p> <p>Macaroni & Cheese w/ Roll Crispy Chicken Sandwich Farmers Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p>Choose: Baby Green Peas Tossed or Romaine Side Salad</p>		<p>Choose One:</p> <p>Mini Calzones w/Marinara Bar B Q Pork on a Bun Chef Salad Italian Twist Combo</p> <p>Choose:</p>
<p>Visit nutrislice.com for Menu & Nutrition Information</p> 		<p>SPRING</p> 

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Stellas Elementary School Menu



Wed	Thu	Fri
School	Breakfast	Week
4 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Biscuit		6 Chicken Breakfast Bites w/Gravy
<p>Choose One: Chicken Tenders & Dip Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit and Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Prince Charles Blend Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>5 Pumpkin Bread</p> <p>Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice & Roll Max Snax Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p>	<p>Choose One: Pizza Variety Baja Fish Sticks w/Hush Puppies Chicken Dipper Salad Bologna & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Sliced Carrots Coins Mixed or Romaine Side Salad</p>
11 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza	12 Sausage Gravy Breakfast Toast	13 Apple Cinnamon Muffin Top
<p>Choose One: ♦► Featured Entrée ◀♦ Turkey Pot Pie w/ Biscuit Beef Ravioli w Roll Hummus Salad Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Corn Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>Choose One: Toasted Cheese Sandwich Rib B Que on Bun Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Tomato Soup Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>Choose One: Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Nuggets Veggie Double Dipper Salad Bologna & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Steamed Broccoli Mixed or Romaine Side Salad</p>
18 Maple Pancake Minis	19 Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast	20 Rich's Cinnamon Roll
<p>Choose One: Potato Turbate w/Roll Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Yogurt Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>Choose One: ♦► Featured Entrée ◀♦ Gilardi Stuffed Crust Pizza Breakfast for Lunch Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Deli Roasted Potatoes Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>Choose One: Pizza Variety Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Cobb Salad Bologna & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Steamed Broccoli Mixed or Romaine Side Salad</p>
25 Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Biscuit	26 Pumpkin Bread	27 Chicken Breakfast Bites w/Gravy
<p>Choose One: Chicken Tenders & Dip Spaghetti & Meatballs Fruit and Yogurt Plate Ham & Cheese Croissant</p> <p>Choose: Prince Charles Blend Romaine Side Salad</p>	<p>Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice & Roll Max Snax Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Creamed Spinach Veggie Dippers</p>	<p>Choose One: Pizza Variety Baja Fish Sticks w/Hush Puppies Chicken Dipper Salad Bologna & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>Choose: Sliced Carrots Coins Mixed or Romaine Side Salad</p>
<p>Long Break</p>		<p><u>Monthly Birthday Celebration</u> <u>Wednesday March 4th</u></p>

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