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# "Pioneers for the Future"

OCTOBER 2014

## A note from Mrs. Buckles.....

Dear Pioneer Families,

October 8th marked our 10th annual year participating in the International Walk and Roll to School promoting pedestrian safety. We had many students, parents, teachers, and community leaders in attendance. As a part of Garrison-Jones safety plan, we teach our students "Safety First! Though the walk is a short distance from our school, our mission is to teach our students that safety matters to us all. Safety begins in the morning upon arrival to school. We teach our students to walk on the sidewalk along Garrison Road all the way to the center sidewalk that leads up to the flagpole and avoid walking through our parking lot. The International Walk and Roll To School event is just one way that our students learn that the home and school connection is so very important.

Tuesday, October 14th, our School Advisory Council (SAC) and our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) hosted a workshop on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA), facilitated by our very own Assistant Principal, Renee Nellenbach. Parents were able to participate in activities our students engage in at school. They also had hands on experience with some computerized FSA sample assessment questions. We had several teachers on hand to assist parents in the event and answer any questions. Thank you to the volunteers who supervised our students while their parents participated in information about our new way of teaching and learning.

Whether you were able to attend either event, for your child to be most successful at school, we need to work together. Teachers and staff at Garrison-Jones Elementary know that parents are the primary role models for our students. It is our goal to remain committed to our families.

October has already proven to be a busy month for our teachers and students. We appreciate all of the support and assistance that you give your child and our school each day. To make sure our students achieve their hopes and dreams, I want to ask for your commitment to have your child at school on time - every day possible this year. Research has proven that children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school, and these habits begin in kindergarten. Students need to be in school and engaged in learning to reach their full potential.

Thank you for all you do to support your child's success, as well as our school. Thank you to all that have reached out to support us in so many ways as we begin another school year. I look forward to working with you and having your child learn and grow during the 2014-15 school year. Together we can continue to look forward to a safe and successful school year. Please feel free to contact me at [bucklesk@pcsb.org](mailto:bucklesk@pcsb.org) or (727) 469-5716.

Sincerely,

*Karen Buckles*

Principal, Garrison-Jones Elementary

## *Homework Helpline*

**547-7223**

*Homework help is available from 5pm to 8 pm, Monday through Thursday, on all school days, except when there is no school the following day.*

Pinellas County Homework Helpline offers free homework help for students in Grades 1 through 12. The Helpline is staffed by Pinellas County schools teachers who are certified in math, science, language arts and/or social studies. The helpline has a dedicated staff with access to the same textbooks that are used in your child's classroom. For example, if a student needs help with #4 on page 156, Homework Helpline teachers can open the book to the same problem and provide assistance!

# PTA News & Events

**November 8th - Pioneer Day**

**Ticket sales for Pioneer Day October 29th-31st before and after school.**

**And again on November 5th-7th before and after school Tickets are 5 for a \$1**

**Jets Family Pizza Night November 20th**

**Holiday shop December 8th-12th.**

***We need volunteers!***





### **Important Dismissal Information!**

Do you have a different pick up routine than usual?

Please send a note to your child's teacher the morning of the change in pick-up. If your child is an aftercare van rider, you must notify the office in writing or call. Please make sure that you have also called the after care provider van

### **Friendly Reminder**

The gate at Vanech Park closes exactly at the first bell (8:30) as the teachers have to get to their classes, and the gate opens in the afternoon at the second bell (2:35).



## **From Family and Community Relations**

*The **Great American Teach-In** is a part of Pinellas County Schools annual American Education Week Celebration.*

*It will be happening on November 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*This educational event is a special opportunity for you to participate in speaking to our students for an hour, a few hours, or the entire day! Participants are able to provide a personal perspective on their career choice, hobbies, or life experiences. Whatever the length of your visit you can make a difference! I*

*If you are interested in participating in this rewarding event please contact Barb Karcher at 469-5716 ext 2117 or [karcherb@pcsb.org](mailto:karcherb@pcsb.org)*

# Counselor's Corner

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## WHY MODEL GOOD CITIZENSHIP?

Children learn by what they see, not by what they hear. Parents who exhibit responsible behavior teach their children on a daily basis about the behavior that is expected of them.

Citizenship is something that needs to be nurtured to become a habit. Children who see parents demonstrate concern for others in society learn that this is a positive activity which is of value to their family. Repeated exposure to positive, caring behavior teaches a child compassion and concern for society, near and far.

Citizenship is something that crosses cultural and economic boundaries. Helping our neighbors, participating in charitable acts, caring for the environment, and voting are concrete habits which families can practice without spending much more than time and effort.

## HOW CAN PARENTS MODEL CITIZENSHIP?

Be a good neighbor. Take walks in your neighborhood, sit on your front steps, and learn the names of the people who live in your area. Show your children that you enjoy being neighborly by extending friendship and help when possible.

Volunteer in your community. Join and become active in your school's parent/teacher group. Help out at the community center. Work in the community. Participate in activities that help less fortunate people. Involve your children in these activities so they learn ways in which community is important.

### Character Trait of the Month Citizenship



*Being law abiding and involved in service to school, community and country.*

## District Application Programs

### (Magnet and Fundamental)

#### Application Period:

**January 7 – 16, 2015**

Interested in learning how to apply for magnet or fundamental programs for the 2015-2016 school year? **Workshops** about the application process for parents of incoming Kindergarteners through 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be held at the following:

**11/4 – Boca Ciega High School @ 6:30 pm**

**11/6 – Countryside High School @ 6:30 pm**

**11/10 – Pinellas Park High School @ 6:30 pm**

#### District-Wide Information Fair:

**11/13 at Gibbs High School (6:00 pm)**

**11/15 at Pinellas Park High School (9:00 am)**

Many programs will be holding Discovery Nights to share information regarding their specific program. Contact the

## Art News

In art we have completed our Community Circle Painting project. Look for the circle paintings in the cafeteria and around the campus. All students contributed to the circle paintings. We had about 200 parents and students create additional Circle Paintings on Garrison-Jones Back to School Nights!

Great Explorations Art Mobile was visited by all classes during the past 2 weeks. Students received buy one get one free coupons to visit the Great Explorations Children's Museum in St. Petersburg.

This year our new Itinerant Art Teacher is **Ms. Lang**. We are fortunate to have her teaching 7 classes here at GJE.

I am hoping to have art work from every student displayed on **Artsonia** by November. **Artsonia** is an on line gallery used to display student artwork from all over the country. The site is very secure and doesn't show any personal information. Permission slips will be going home in the next couple of weeks. Please sign and return them or you can go on line to register. Parents that signed permission slips last year will not need to sign another one. You can access the site at any time.



*“Creativity is intelligence having fun.” ~Albert Einstein*

Thank you for your continued support of the arts!

## FROM THE MEDIA CENTER

Did you know that the media center also collects recycled printer cartridges? Garrison-Jones is still participating in an on-going recycling program "Hands On Recycling." The program provides an opportunity for our school to turn in used cell phones, empty laser and ink jet cartridges to CASH!

**It's so easy to do!** Save those old cell phones, laser and ink jet cartridges from printers, copiers and fax machines. Please drop them off in the media center. Your place of employment can help too. We can have them picked up from your work location all year. There is a form available in the media center if you are interested. Bring the form to school, or call toll free 1-888-486-7654 to set up your business sponsorship. Remember that every cartridge or cell phone we receive is money for our school. Together we can make a difference for our students and the world we live in. Thank you!

*Mrs. Suzanne Williams*

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**Dates To Remember:**

**November 8th**

Pioneer Day

**November 19th**

Great American Teach-In

For a more detailed calendar, please check out our calendar on our website at

<http://www.pcsb.org/garrison-es>

**Fun Fact!**

**\*\* Daylight Saving Time ends 11/2. The first Sunday in November.**

**\*\* National Sandwich Day 11/3 Birthday of John Montague- the Earl of Sandwich**



**\*\* Election Day is the 1st Tuesday of the month after the 1st Monday.**

**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 **May Choose: 1 Milk** **Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Vegetable** (may choose as many different fruits & veggies as student would like) **Available Daily:** Meatless Entrée, Entrée Salads, Cold Sandwiches,

**November**

Mon	Tue	W
<p><b>3</b> Chocolate Chip French Toast Minis</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Popcorn Chicken w/ Biscuit Farmer's Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Curly Fries Tossed or Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>4</b> Chicken Biscuit</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Seasoned Pork Tacos Max Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Chicken Caesar Salad Italian Sub</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Refried Fiesta Beans, Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>10</b> Pizza Pocket</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Teriyaki Chicken &amp; Rice Bowl w/Roll <b>**Featured Entrée**</b> Gilardi Cheese Filled Breadsticks w/ Marinara Sauce Chef Salad, Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Stir Fry Vegetables Tossed or Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>11</b> Sausage Biscuit</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Rib-B-Que Sandwich <b>**Featured Entrée**</b> Vegetable Lasagna Roll up w/Alfredo Sauce &amp; Garlic Toast Farmer's Salad, Italian Sub</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Baked Beans , Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>17</b> Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast</p> <p><b>Choose One:</b> Stuffed Shells w/ Garlic Toast Chicken Sandwich Chef Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Sliced Carrots Tossed or Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>18</b> Breakfast Sausage Bagel</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving Menu</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>



**November Thanksgiving**

**Roast Turkey with Dressing, Mashed Potatoes &**



# Elementary School Lunch Menu



Wed	Thu	Fri
Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza	6 Sausage & Gravy Breakfast Toast	7 Dunk'n Stick
<p><b>Choose One:</b> BQ Roasted Chicken w/ Corn Muffin Macaroni &amp; Cheese Hummus Salad Plate Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Corn Nibbles Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b> <b>**Featured Entrée**</b> <b>Texas Turkey Burger Sandwich w/ Cheese &amp; Bacon</b> Cheesy Quesadilla w/Salsa Chicken Dipper Salad Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Broccoli, Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets Veggie Double Dipper Salad Bologna &amp; Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Sliced Carrots Mixed or Romaine Salad</p>
Maple Pancake Minis	13 Egg, Ham & Cheese Croissant	14 Rich's Cinnamon Roll
<p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Nuggets w/ Dip Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs Yogurt Parfait Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b> Breakfast for Lunch Mini Calzones w/Marinara Chicken Caesar Salad Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Deli Roasted Potatoes Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Cheeseburger Sliders Tuna Chef Salad Bologna &amp; Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Spinach or Collard Greens Mixed or Romaine Salad</p>
Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit	20 Banana Bread	21 Breakfast Burrito
<p><b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Drumstick w/Hush Puppy Loaded Potato Skins w/Baked Pretzel Fruit N Yogurt Plate Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Baked Beans Romaine Salad</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/Rice &amp; Roll Chicken &amp; Chili Crispitos w/Salsa Farmer's Salad Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Broccoli Veggie Dippers</p>	<p><b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Cheesy Fish Filet Sandwich Chicken Caesar Salad Bologna &amp; Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><b>Choose:</b> Green Beans Mixed or Romaine Salad</p>
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## Thanksgiving Break



The Thanksgiving Menu will be served during the week prior to the holiday break. The day will be determined by the individual school schedule.

**Thanksgiving Menu**  
Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit or Juice, Roll & Milk

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# Noteworthy News

All 4th and 5th graders will need a soprano recorder (a flute-like instrument) by the end of October. They can be purchased at local music stores or on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). A letter went home last week from Ms. Greene and Ms. Wright with more details. If you do not purchase your own, a clean one from school will be assigned to you.

Congratulations to all the third grade students who auditioned for the Veteran's Day solo in "This Land is Your Land." Ms. Greene and Ms. Wright will be discussing the scores and results and announcing the soloist this week! All 2nd and 3rd graders will be singing patriotic songs to celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11th at 9:00am. Please join us for their performance opportunity this year.

## Dates to Remember:

**November 8th**, Pioneer Day 5th Grade Chorus, 11:00am

**November 11th**, Veteran's Day Assembly, 9:00am

**December 2nd**, Kdg and 1st Grade Concert, 7:00pm

**December 7th**, 4th and 5th Grade Chorus Concert, 7:00pm

**December 13th**, 5th Grade Chorus Parade and Christmas Carling, 4:00pm

## 2014 Can Food Drive



We are still collecting cans for the food drive and we need your help. Each year, our Garrison-Jones' families have come together to donate canned and other nonperishable food items to help those in our community less fortunate than us. This community service project is a great way to teach your children the importance of giving back and helping others. *We are offering incentives to our students so that we can bring in the most food items possible. For every 5 cans donated, you will receive a coupon*

*good for 5 free Pioneer Day tickets. The top 10 classes with the most donations will be treated to a snow cone party.* We are in a friendly competition with the other Dune-din area schools to see who can bring in the most cans. Garrison-Jones has won for the past 5 years but we can only do that with your support. **Thank you in advance for making this Can Food drive the best one yet!**

