



BLAZER BULLETIN

A MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021



VISION

Every learner is inspired and supported to be a confident, innovative, and dynamic thinker who will shape a new and better world for the future.

MISSION

Our learning community is committed to providing high quality learning experiences that will empower students to pursue personal passions and ambitious goals through self-efficacy, innovation, and perseverance.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 17
Martin Luther King Jr Day - No School for students.

January 21
2nd Quarter Awards
NEHS Induction

January 24-28
Literacy Week & Spring Book Fair

January 27
Reading Under the Stars
Group Pictures

February 21
Non-Student Day

March 8
Spring Pictures

THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Blazer Families,

Hope your new year is off to a fantastic start! A start of the new year brings hope and opportunities for reflections, and fresh starts. I hope that this year brings each of you, many joyous occasions to celebrate the love of family and friends. At the start of the 2022, I am grateful for each of you and want to thank you for sharing your children with us. Our school community is a warm and wonderful place for all our Blazers and all of us at Elisa Nelson Elementary thank you for being a part of our school family.

In the second semester, our schoolwide focus is to put reading into high gear. Research shows that even a strong reader should read constantly to maintain or enhance their reading comprehension skills. This month, we are celebrating Literacy Week! Through all our school wide and in-class activities teachers are encouraging students to engage in immense amounts of independent reading to build reading stamina and improve comprehension skills.

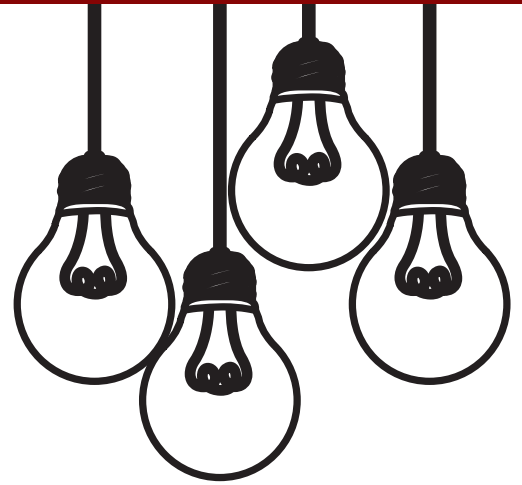
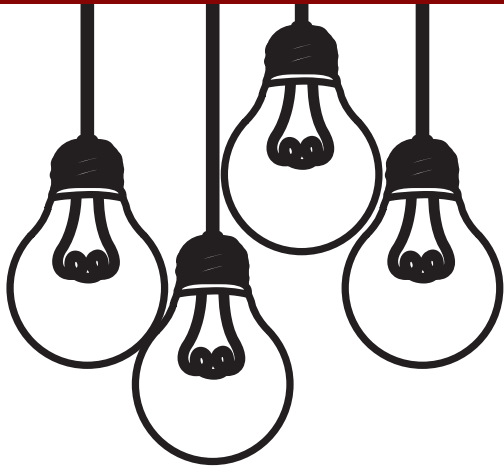
Parents and guardians can help by modeling and encouraging regular reading habits. To strengthen your child's reading skills and maintain interest, encourage metacognition and visualizing.

Metacognition — thinking about thinking. Metacognition is defined as a person's ability to be aware of its own thought process. Encourage your child to discuss how they plan to approach a learning task, how they are monitoring their comprehension of text, or reflecting on the way of thinking of different characters in the book or the author. Consider reading the same book as your child and discuss opinions and perspectives!

Visualizing - Being able to visualize the characters or the action in a novel plays a very important role in enjoying and understanding a book. At different points of the book, ask children what they picture. Visualizing can be improved, and the imagination can be trained. You guessed it right, it can be done through reading. Exposure to a variety of scenarios, descriptions of characters and storytelling will increase children's ability to visualize what they read.

Your support and encouragement will help Blazers to advance as readers. Thank you for partnering with your child's teacher and for making reading a family priority each night!

Hema Adhria
PRINCIPAL



SAVE THE DATE

Reading Under the Stars

& THE BOOK FAIR

THURSDAY JANUARY 27, 2022
5 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

an event for the whole family that includes

- SPACED THEMED LITERACY ACTIVITIES
- FOOD TRUCKS
- SENSORY ROOM
- GUEST SPEAKERS READING EXCITING BOOKS!

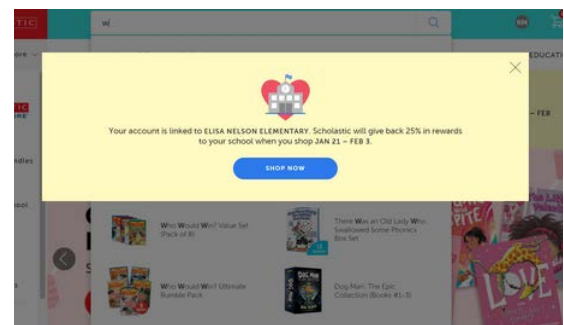
The Book Fair is open from January 21st - January 28th in the Hub!

If you do not want to come into the book fair you can still support the library by ordering books online through the online book fair catalog.

Go to:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=elisanelsonelementaryspring2022>

and then shop the online book fair until February 2nd.



I am always in need of donations for the makerspace and hub. If you would like to help please email me at martinrac@pcsb.org for my wishlist

Ms. Martin



PE NEWS

Our Field day is March 11th.

Grades 4/5 will be 9:30 am-11:30am and Grades 1-3 12:15-2:30.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Kelly Reiser in the main office.

Blazer Traits are now part of the PE court!

We are very proud of ALL the students. We will be doing post- test on fitness during March. Our main objective is improvement by the end of the school year. Some other activities we have coming up activities like cup stacking, soccer, basketball, volleyball and tennis. We continue to stress good sportsmanship and the importance of 60 minutes of exercise per day and eating healthy.



Be Great!



Coach Hemberger & Coach Ronsenberg



ART NEWS

Welcome to Mrs. Vertullo's Art Studio!



Congratulations to the following students whose work will be on display in the annual Administration Building Student Exhibit!

5th Grade: Bryson Portillo, Caroline Moore, Evan Wehner, Ellie Brownie, Asha Patel

4th Grade: Kiersten Ward, Declan Rapp, Alexandra Nguyen

3rd grade: Penelope Eaton, Brady Rich

2nd Grade: Sophie Mann

In addition, the following 5th grade students were selected to receive top awards for their vanity tag designs in the Kid's Tag Art exhibit sponsored by the Pinellas County Tax Office!

Ekaa Kiran, Olivia Miarecki, Nathan Zhan, Brooke Turner, and Asha Patel

I am proud of you all! Your talent and hard work has certainly paid off!

Job well done Blazers!

Feel free to contact me with your questions: vertullos@pcsb.org



Mrs. Vertullo

A MESSAGE FROM THE FRONT OFFICE



We are looking for Mentors to support our Blazers. If you have ever considered being a mentor now is a great time! Please sign up for the Virtual training.

Change your lunch plans. Change a child's life.

Be the difference - helping a child reach their full potential.

Be a friend - to a child who could benefit from an additional caring adult.

Be inspired - by the impact you will have.

Mentor Workshops

Tell a family member, friend, and colleague why you like mentoring and how fun it is to

spend time being a friend to a student in need.

Go to Lunchpals.org register for a virtual workshop.

January 20th, 9:00am to 10:00am

February 1st, 11am to 12:15pm

February 17th, 9am to 10:15am

Thank You!

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LITERACY SPIRIT WEEK JANUARY 24TH – 28TH



**THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL!
DRESS LIKE YOU ARE 100 YEARS OLD
& ANSWER THE PROMPT
"WHEN I AM 100 THE WORLD..."**



WEAR RED, AND BE WELL READ!



**READING ROCKS,
WEAR CRAZY SOCKS!**



**DRESS LIKE YOU ARE
LIVING IN THE FUTURE!**



**WEAR A SHIRT WITH WORDS OR
DRESS LIKE A VOCABULARY WORD**

ALL DRESS UP DAYS MUST FOLLOW PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS DRESS CODE

Pinellas County Council PTA/PTSA

*Cordially invites you to attend our annual
Reflections Awards Ceremony and Reception
featuring the theme*

“I Will Change the World By...”

Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022 - 6:00 PM

ViaZoom

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REFLECTIONS COUNTY WINNERS ADVANCING TO STATE

Ace L. - Primary visual arts

Scarlett G. - Primary visual arts

Everlee M. - Intermediate Dance choreography

Nathan Z. - Intermediate Literature

Seraphina G. - Intermediate film production

Jonathan W. - Intermediate music composition

Brooke L. - Primary literature

Michael R. - Primary photography

Ivy P. - Primary photography

Summer B. - Intermediate photography



ATTENTION PARENTS!

Do your kids need clothes?

What is Clothes To Kids?

Clothes To Kids is a nonprofit organization with three stores located in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties where kids in crises or eligible for free or reduced priced lunch can shop for a week's worth of school clothes — **free of charge**. The selections at our stores are a combination of new and quality-used clothing (underwear and socks are always *new*).

Each shopper receives a wardrobe which includes:

5 pairs of new underwear, 5 pairs of new socks, 5 tops, 4 bottoms (including uniforms), 1 dress (optional), 1 pair of shoes and a jacket (in season)

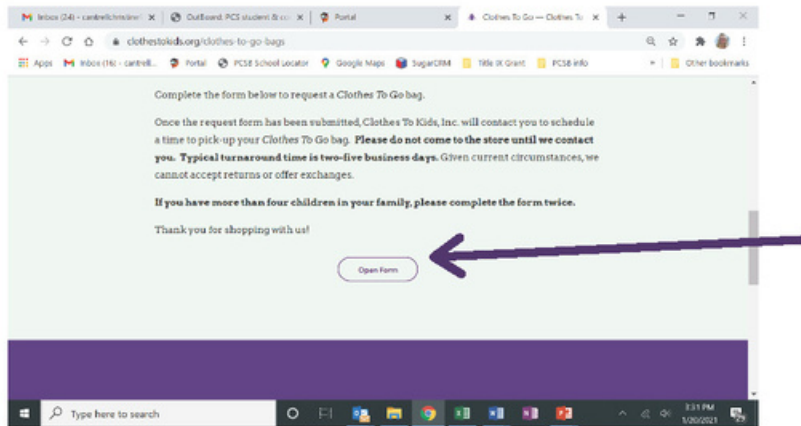
There are two ways PreK4-12th grade kids receive a wardrobe:

1. Shop with us in person! Call 727-441-5050 and schedule your appointment.
2. Clothes To Go. Visit: <https://clothestokids.org/>. Complete a Clothes To Go form and request a wardrobe curbside.

- Click on the "Shop with Us" tab on top ribbon:



- Follow the instructions on the webpage and click on Open Form.



- Complete the form as instructed for all students in the family (PreK4-12th grade)

- When form is completed, click submit. Clothes To Kids, Inc., will contact you when your Clothes To Go bag(s) are assembled and ready to be picked-up.

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Clearwater, FL 33765
727-441-5050

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2168 34th St S
St. Pete, FL 33711
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Tampa Store
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