

BLAZER BULLETIN

A MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 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.

THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Blazers,

Spring is in the air! This is the time of the year when we see the Earth coming back to life with the vibrant colors of nature all around us. Blazers are currently studying life science and learning all about plants and their role in our natural world. Our third grade Blazers resolved to take their learning into nature's classroom! They took on the initiative of exploring herbs and flowering plants in our garden beds and studying about the hibiscus flower and its plant to learn that plants use energy from the sun, air, and water to make their own food and to conduct a study of structures in plants and their roles in food production, support, water and nutrient transport, and reproduction. Fifth grade Blazers continue to care for their plants as they learn about the structure of plants and their roles in food production including the impact of environmental factors on their survival. Finally, first grade students examined major parts of the plants as they discussed how the herbs they planted appear in their favorite herbs. During these lessons, I heard students discussing their research findings with enthusiasm and excitement. They were teaching each other and sharing what they have learned with their teachers. Both online and face to face students participated in these learning experiences, and took pride in sharing their love for nature, science, and for our school premises.

I am proud of our students and teachers for extending the learning and explorations beyond the classrooms and into the Media Center, outdoor spaces, and science laboratory and employing innovative ways to make learning real. Whether it is Ms. Youngs' class exploring force and motion, or Ms. Williger's class researching the motives of the various Spanish explorers, or Ms. Caughell's class and Ms. Hyde's class exploring magnetic forces, or Ms. Springer's class and Mr. Fleming's class taking advantage of the amphitheater for some outdoor reading time, I am continuously impressed with our Blazers leading their own learning.

As we step into the last and final quarter of this academic year, I want to encourage us all to carry on with the energy that spring will bring. Let us continue to be stronger together for our Blazers as we help them to achieve their best this school year. I am grateful for the beauty that is all around us, especially, in our wonderful students.

Go Blazers!

Hema Adhia

BLAZER TRAIT OF THE MONTH



INTELLECTUAL

We utilize a variety of research tools and methodologies to gain significant knowledge and intelligence through the study of foundational concepts of a field of study. We develop as scholars and strengthen our academic aptitudes through purposeful questioning, critiquing, and logical organization and presentation of information.

SCIENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear families and young scientists,

I am inviting students in kindergarten through fifth grade and their families to a one-hour virtual field trip. Together, we will learn about different animals thanks to Estuary EDventures with Tampa Bay Watch. In this three-part series, students will explore the Tampa Bay estuary habitats and biodiversity, the basic anatomy of different fish species and basic turtle biology. Students will even meet Palm, the resident ornate diamondback terrapin.

The sessions are April 13, April 27 and May 11 and begin at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Tampa Bay Watch tours are limited to the first 100 families registered, so be sure to reserve your spot for one, two or all three sessions. To learn more about this dynamic series and to register, visit www.pcsb.org/levelup.

Thank you,
Wendy Noun, M.Ed.
K-5 Science Specialist
Pinellas County Schools

THE HUB NEWS

Computer Return

If you have returned back to the face-to-face classroom please return any checked out computers to the front office or classroom teacher.

Online Reading Resources:

- MyOn
- Sora (connect your library card for access to all ebooks through the library)
- Epic Books
- Books read by Authors : <https://www.storylineonline.net>



Ms. Martin

EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAM

ELP offers our students the opportunity to extend their learning and academic success through remediation and enrichment programs in Language Arts and Math. We are offering a variety of options before and/or after school to continue to support your child's academic success. Please contact your child's teacher for more information.



PE NEWS

Fitness Education continues to work on Fitness. Per district guidelines, we are still very limited on equipment usage. The students are working very hard and we are very proud of them. We are preparing for our post Fitness Gram test which includes pacer run, push up and sit up test. We will also test jumping for the Wall of Fame and jump rope. Some activities we have worked on include locomotor skills, tennis, lacrosse, tag and chase games, basketball, jump rope, obstacle course, scooters, throwing and kicking. We continue to emphasize good sportsmanship and teamwork. We have focused on terms like velocity, speed, acceleration, direction and rotation in our units.

Hopefully next quarter we can gradually incorporate more equipment into our lessons. We will do badminton, pickle ball, volleyball and some type of floor hockey. The students have done a tremendous job social distancing. Be Great!

Ms. Rosenberg & Mr. Hemburger

DRESS CODE REMINDER

The dress code policy adopted by the learning community at our school is designed to enhance student learning in a caring and nurturing environment.

Our dress code policy promotes solidarity and school pride among our students attending the Center for Gifted Studies and the Center for Literacy Innovation. Students have choices for both tops and bottoms. In addition to the Pinellas County Schools' dress code policy at <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/15060>,

Elisa Nelson students must adhere to the following:

Shirts

Students may wear a solid white, light blue or burgundy shirt. Shirts may be button down or polo in style or crew neck or V-neck t-shirts. Shirts should be one solid color free from any brand logos. Shirts with school logo may be worn on any school day. Logo shirts will be available for purchase through the PTA.

Bottoms

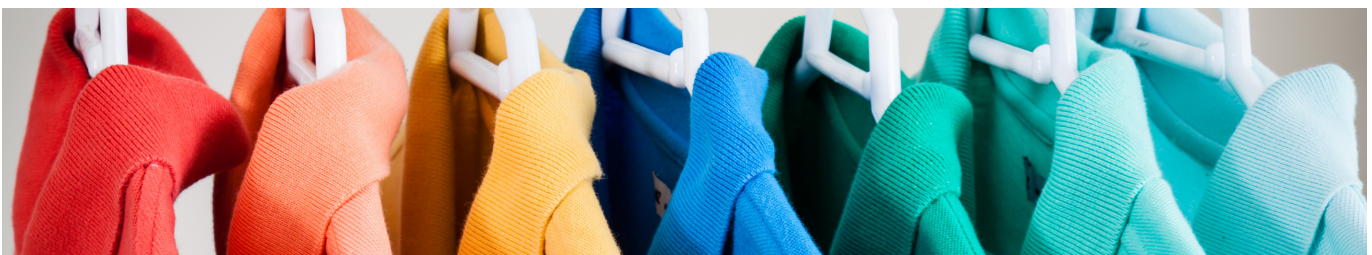
Students may wear solid navy blue or solid khaki bottoms in the form of a skirt, shorts, pants, a skort or jumper. Shorts and pants must be worn around the waist and fit properly. Jeans or athletic pants are not part of our dress code.

Fridays

Approved school spirit shirts may be worn on Friday with jeans, khaki, or navy bottoms in the form of a skirt, shorts, pants, a skort or jumper. In addition, fifth grade students may wear their 5th grade shirt.

Shoes

Closed toe athletic shoes or dress shoes must be worn daily as part of the uniform. Sneakers are required for PE and are strongly preferred every day. "Heelies" or any shoes with wheels are not allowed. Socks are a required part of the uniform as well. Socks do not have to be any particular color; however, they should be school appropriate





TIPS FOR HOME

Parent Workshop



You're Invited!

Please join us for an overview of the literacy program taking place at your child's school. We will show you effective strategies and tools for study skills and homework.



When: April 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Elisa Nelson Elementary School: Online Event

The link to the TEAMS session will be provided by your child's teacher.



Parents' Night In

Join us for one of our 2021 VIRTUAL Parent Nights

Ready Classroom Mathematics is a robust mathematics program that will help your child become a strong, independent mathematical thinker.

The program uses a different approach to math instruction than many of us experienced as students.

- Learn how *Ready Classroom Mathematics* works to help your child build essential mathematical skills
- Get ideas and resources to use at home to support your child's learning of mathematics
- Get answers to frequently asked questions about *Ready Classroom Mathematics*

Dates: Wed, March 31st, 2021 *or* Thurs, April 1st, 2021

Time: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Join Link: <https://cainc.zoom.us/j/91994483404>

