



BLAZER BULLETIN

A MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 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

October 5

Dyslexia Awareness Month - Wear Red

October 7

Blazer Gallop

October 7

End of First Quarter

October 19

Report Cards Distributed

October 28

Quarter 1 Academic Awards

November 11

Veterans Day Program

November 22-26

Thanksgiving Holiday Week

November 29

Students Return to School

December 6-8

Holiday Shop

THE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Fall!

The weather is changing, and we are experiencing our Florida version of fall weather! October is the month to celebrate each other and our community. It's the month to celebrate Dyslexia awareness spread kindness. I want to take a moment to recognize the remarkable work of our Center for Literacy Innovation teachers. Ms. Kalligas, Ms. Morelli, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Williger, Ms. Quinn, Ms. Youngs, Ms. Shah, and Ms. Robertson, we thank you for all you do! The City of Dunedin will be passing a proclamation in support of Dyslexia Awareness. We are proud of our Center for Literacy Innovation that has paved the way for new programs in our district.

This month we have so much to celebrate! Congratulations to our outstanding staff who inspire us to become better versions of ourselves each day!

Ms. Springer – Teacher of the Year
Ms. Kalligas – Emerging Teacher of the Year
Ms. Reiser – Outstanding Support Staff
Ms. Ashbrook – Outstanding Support Staff

Blazer Gallop was a grand success!! Congratulations to our PTA, staff, and families for the tremendous success of the Blazer Gallop fundraiser. We are grateful to each of you for your generous support!

Speaking of celebrations, we are excited about all the new clubs at ENE. Thank you to all our teachers who are investing additional time to make this initiative a grand success. We know that in addition to outstanding instructional programs, extra curriculars and interest development is key to a well-balanced learning environment. Blazers are exploring their interests through Chess, Robotics, Spanish Language learning, STEM, Tivitz, Lacrosse, Soccer, Girls on the Run, visual and performing arts, and more! We are planning even more clubs in the very near future. Stay tuned!!

At the heart of the vision and mission of our school is our commitment to empower students by building student agency and encouraging student voice. Blazers are expressing their thoughts and ideas and influencing change through the National Elementary Honors Society (NEHS), Student Council, and Principal's Multicultural Advisory Council (PMAC). NEHS has partnered with our PTA to organize the Food Drive that will help those in need in our community. Student council is advocating for energy conservation, and PMAC members are creating opportunities for Blazers to be leaders in our school community.

1st quarter is a wrap! As I have reviewed report cards, I am incredibly proud of the accomplishments of our Blazers. We are looking forward to the upcoming Awards Ceremony to celebrate the hard work of our scholars. Perhaps the strongest pillar of support our students have is the partnership between their parents and teachers. Thank you for your commitment to partner with teachers to ensure that Blazers reach their highest potential. We appreciate our ENE staff and families!

Go Blazers!!

Hema Adhia
PRINCIPAL



STUDENT SERVICES

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a bullying prevention strategies.

Wednesday, October 20th is Unity Day – a day to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying

TIPS FOR IMPROVING SCHOOL TO HOME CONNECTION:

Are you having a hard time getting your child to share with you more about their day? Here are some great questions to ask beyond, "How was your day?" or "What did you do today?" that may lead to some deeper conversations.

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What is something kind you did for someone today?
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Who did you play with today? What did you play?
- Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
- What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Do you think they're fair?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?
- What is something you did today that made you feel proud?

IN NEED OF RESOURCES?

Research shows when an individual's basic needs are not being met, one's ability to learn and process information can be significantly impaired. Is your family in need of any resources such as food, clothing, housing, etc.? Please do not hesitate to reach out to the student services team at Elisa Nelson to assist with any immediate concerns or needs that may be impacting your family at this time. Information for accessing resources in the community is available to the parents at any time. This information can be obtained through 211 Tampa Bay Cares by dialing 2-1-1 on the telephone or by visiting their website at www.tampabay.org.



MAKERSPACE

Makerspace lessons are in full swing. Makerspace centers are teacher led in the Hub and align with content and STEM standards. This series includes: Lego wall challenge cards using area and perimeter, ocean engineering building challenge, reading informational text and creating unique habitats, Keva building block challenges, and independent reading/book checkout.

LIBRARY LESSONS

Library lesson occur on a monthly basis. Topics/activities include:

- 1st Grade - Read a loud "Creepy Pair of underwear" by Aaron Reynolds with a focus on retelling and elements of a story.
- 2nd Grade - Read a loud "Creepy Carrots" by Aaron Reynolds with a focus on problem solving and perspective.
- 3rd Grade - Introduction to the critical thinking skill "The Six Thinking Hats" focusing on informational text about oceans and perspective.
- 4th Grade - Focus on informational text features using Breakout Edu digital.
- 5th Grade - Understanding and utilizing credible reference research resources/materials

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

We would like to say how grateful we are giving us the opportunity to teach your child in Fitness Education. Grades 3-5 finished Fitness testing for quarter one and we are very proud of them. We did have some Wall of Fame records for the Pacer. Lucas B., with a school high record of 76 for Grade 5. Myles B. has the new 4th Grade record with 65 laps. We have two new 3rd grade records with Austin B. 63 laps and Elena H. with 53 laps. We have been working on chasing and fleeing activities like Capture the Flag. Grades 1-2 have also been working on chasing and fleeing games, throwing, jumping, water safety, nutrition and locomotor skills.

We are very proud of ALL our students. Our main objective is improvement by the end of the school year. We will re-test again in the spring. Some other activities we have coming up this month include throwing, jumping rope, kicking at targets, obstacle courses, and jump the river. 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

Welcome to Mrs. Vertullo's Art Studio!

We Don't Do Ordinary!

Our Blazers have been quite busy in the Art room so far this quarter!

5th Grade is participating in a fundraiser sponsored by the Pinellas Count Tax Office to support the visual arts in our county. They just finished creating a design for their own Vanity Tag that parents can purchase! A portion of the proceeds will come directly to our school for purchasing more art supplies in the art room.!

4th Grade just finished a Shaded Still Life drawing, and are now learning about Radial Balance.

3rd Grade learned how to illustrate an awareness of Space in a drawing of overlapping crayons, and are now starting a digital drawing on the iPads.

2nd Grade learned about Warm and Cool colors and just finished painting an awesome City Skyline! They are starting on a digital drawing as well.

1st Grade started the year off with a "Selfie" (or self portrait) that will go on the front of their sketchbooks. They are now having fun working on Mixed Media Sea Turtle

Congratulations to the following students whose work has been accepted to be displayed in the "Creative Start" exhibit at the Dunedin Fine Art Center:

Charlotte B, MakAyla K, Linley A, Helen T, and Camryn RC

Job well done Blazers!

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



RENZULLI PARENT WEBINAR

The University of Connecticut's Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education, and Talent Development is pleased to offer this free fall 2021 webinar for parents and educators. Don't miss this opportunity to interact with recognized gifted education leaders and scholars online.

Thursday, October 14, from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Eastern time (Parent Focus)
Constructive Collaboration with Your Child's Teacher
with Pam Peters - University of Connecticut

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

More clubs are coming!

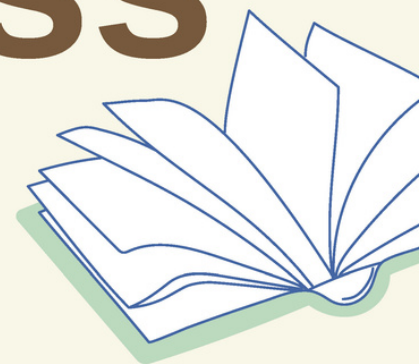
Clubs and activities will be updated regularly on the school website throughout the school year.

<https://www.pcsb.org/domain/12896>



October 2021

Dyslexia Awareness Month

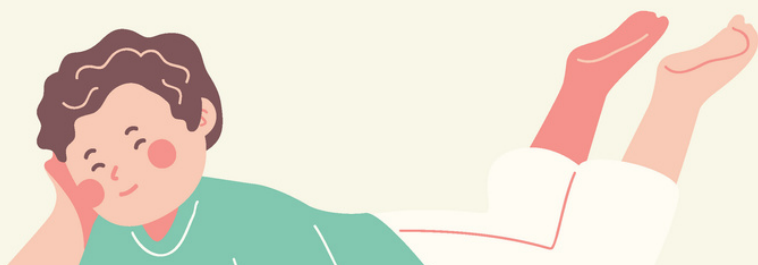


Help us celebrate all month:

Wear Red! Wear the color red on Tuesday, October 5

Let's Research! Research a well known person with Dyslexia and present using videos, Power Point, SWAY, essays or other creative ways!

Drawing contest! Create a poster using pictures to explain "What is Dyslexia?"





Veterans Day 2021

**SPECIAL EDITION FROM THE
BLAZER BROADCASTING COMPANY**

**In honor of Veterans Day, families are invited to
watch then the special edition morning show.**

**The show will be streamed live on Vimeo from 9:00am - to
9:30am on the morning of Veterans Day (11/11/21).**

This special edition will include:

- Pledge & National Anthem
- Folding of the Flag
- A special word from Veteran Officer Matt
- Showcase of student work
- Choral Celebration - Showcase of selected music in honor of Veterans Day

Vimeo link: **<https://bit.ly/3jccZeL>**

ELISA NELSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL