



# Principals Weekly Update

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Greetings Blazer Families,



Can you believe we are in November! It is the season of giving thanks and I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the opportunity to be part of your child's education. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us. I look forward to school each day, because it is an opportunity to work with the most committed educators and caring individuals, to interact and learn with amazing children and watch them grow and excel. Thank you!

In November, we are focusing on the Blazer Trait of Collaborative. Below is our description of being collaborative.

*We listen carefully and respond thoughtfully to multiple perspectives from individuals and groups while effectively expressing our own ideas. Developing a shared vision, we strive to create unity and achieve our collective goals.*

This month your child will be learning all about what it means to be collaborative and how they can practice this trait at school, in extracurricular activities and at home. Parents & guardians, you can help by discussing age appropriate and practical ways they can practice the trait.

**Quarter 1 Academic Celebrations:** This past Friday, Blazers celebrated their learning in quarter one with a special wrist band and an outdoor dance party! Everyone enjoyed this time with their teachers and peers!

**Spooky Story Night** was such a grand success and I want to thank all our families for coming out and enjoying this evening with us. To our volunteers, THANK YOU! We could not do this without our volunteers who spent countless hours to make this event the best it could be for our Blazers. Congratulations 4th and 5th grade Blazers and the amazing Mrs. Urban for the outstanding musical performance. THANK YOU, Mrs. Martin and teachers and staff who planned this event and also served as readers of Spooky Stories!

**GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN (GATI) – November 15:** The Great American Teach-In provides an opportunity for parents and members of the community to come in and speak with students about their occupations, hobbies, or areas of interest. Although the focus of the Great American Teach-in is to give students information on a variety of careers, we also encourage volunteers to speak about hobbies, areas of interest, organize an activity, read a story or teach a class. Speakers can choose the grade levels they would like to visit and the amount of time they wish to speak for. Parents are

encouraged to invite members of the community that can share their talents with our Blazers. Please complete the form at the link below to express your interest in being a guest speaker at our GATI.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb\\_3ye\\_PH\\_9r9CFW1BHZEoPISnLTwtBBUOTYzVE9ZOTZDRVg0TUxEUU05TTZaRktUVS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb_3ye_PH_9r9CFW1BHZEoPISnLTwtBBUOTYzVE9ZOTZDRVg0TUxEUU05TTZaRktUVS4u)

**PTA Reminders:** Our next spirit wear sale will run 11/6 through 11/17. Details to follow on the [PTA Facebook page](#). As you think about your order, please note that the PTA will be providing all students with a burgundy dri-fit polo shirt. The order has been placed, and we expect them in the next couple of weeks.

The PTA is hosting its first of **family education nights** designed for caregivers. Mark your calendars for the dates, 1/25/24, 3/20/24, and 5/8/24



**Congratulations Blazers! Elisa Nelson Elementary School** has been recognized as a **2023 Florida Power Library School!!** This outstanding accomplishment is made possible by the hard work and dedication of our amazing Library Media Technology Specialist, Ms. Rachel Martin. The Florida Power Library program highlights schools with a collaborative approach to improving student achievement. Florida Power-Library Schools (FPLS) are identified through a competitive application process, and the selected school library media programs must meet the Outstanding Criteria outlined in the Office of Library Media Services' ExC3 EL evaluation rubric, demonstrating excellent collaboration with the main stakeholders in

the educational process, students, parents, teachers, and administrators. As we prepared for this designation, teachers and staff collaborated with Ms. Martin by making the Hub an extension of their classrooms and inviting Ms. Martin to work with students. Ms. Martin put together an extensive portfolio of artifacts to a team who closely inspected the role of the Media Center at our school. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU, RACHEL MARTIN! Well done! Congratulations to all on this remarkable accomplishment!!

**But wait, there's more!** This year, our school has also begun working towards being a Green School. Thanks to the hard work by our PTA President along with a group of dedicated teachers, parents, and National Elementary Honors Society (NEHS) students, we did it!! Elisa Nelson Elementary has been named a [Florida Green School](#). Our NEHS students are working to continue our environmental efforts towards earning a higher designation next year!

**Important Safety Reminders:** At ENE, safety is our top priority!

**Morning Arrival:** Students may be dropped off in the car line or escorted to the Morning Walker Gate where staff members are ready to welcome students at 8:15 AM. Students should not be on campus earlier than 8:15, unless they are in a before-school club.

**Late Arrival:** When a student arrives after the car line has concluded, families are requested to escort students into the main office to sign-in their student. For safety reasons, students may not be dropped off in front of the school.

**Club Pick Up** – Families must walk up to the designated gates/doors to pick up their student. In the interest of students' safety, club teachers will not be releasing students to walk across parking lots. Thank you for your help with safe Club dismissal.

**Report a Safety Concern or Threat:** A reminder that Pinellas County Schools has the following ways to report a safety concern anonymously. If you have any information of anyone intending to hurt themselves or others, please use one of the following to report it immediately.



### **Important Dates to Remember**

**November 3** Student-Led Conferences

**November 10** Veterans Day Program (for students during the school day)

**November 15** – Great American Teach-in

**November 16** – Class/Group Pictures – Students in school uniforms

**November 20-24** Thanksgiving Holidays. Enjoy your time with family and friends!

**November 27** – Students return to school. Welcome Back, students and staff!

**December 5** – SEM Showcase

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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