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Greetings Blazer Families,

It has been an amazing week of learning and exploration at Elisa Nelson Elementary! Thank you to all our families who have been so kind to bring bottled water for our Blazers! This week anyone that did not have a water bottle was supplied with bottled water. We appreciate you!

Please review important updates and reminders.

**Progress Monitoring Assessments:** Fall progress monitoring assessments for all grades, are scheduled during the weeks of August 21 and August 28. Specific information about your child's test was sent home in the Take Home Tuesday folders. These assessments are designed to provide information to teachers about students' current knowledge of skills and concepts based on grade level BEST standards and will provide a baseline score to monitor progress. Following the assessment, your child's teacher will be sharing your child's performance with you via a family score report.

## **Back To School Night – August 23**

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and guardians for an informative Back to School event. This event is designed for parents and guardians to receive pertinent information about classroom instruction and expectations from your child's teacher. To accommodate families with multiple students, teachers will hold two identical sessions. Please choose any one session that is convenient for you. While we will never turn away anyone who must have their children with them, please be reminded that this event is designed for parents/guardians, and it will require everyone maintain a quiet room so that everyone can fully engage in the presentation. Each session is 30 minutes in duration and exact session times are listed on the Back To School Night Flyer

Prior to the classroom sessions, families are invited to the Hub to attend the PTA general meeting. PTA team will be sharing their proposed annual budget with families.

Important Reminder: Back To School Required Forms: Parents & guardians, we need your help with ensuring that our school has all pertinent information related to your child. Pinellas County Schools has compiled Backto-School forms in one convenient place- online. Use your parent ID and password to log into Focus and complete your Back-to-School Forms packet. Please note: You must be linked to your child to use the new Focus forms. You will be prompted to fill out the forms when you log into Focus. Forms are also available at <a href="https://www.pcsb.org/backtoschoolforms">www.pcsb.org/backtoschoolforms</a>. If you have questions about the forms or your login information, please contact our school's main office at (727) 298-2788 and speak with Ms. Bruna Cortuila, DMT. If you need technical support, contact the PCS Help Desk at 727-588-6060.

## **Important Dates:**

- August 23 Back to School Night/PTA General Meeting 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
- September 4 Labor Day holiday-No school for students
- September 5-12 Fall Book Fair
- September 8 Grandparent's Day Celebration
- September 20 Fall Individual Portrait Pictures (Students in uniforms)

Sincerely,

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