A Message from Mr. Pleshe

Hello Sexton Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the 3-day weekend. As you know we are headed into the final stretch of the school year. It is so crazy to think that we are here already. With the ending of the school year comes state testing. Students in grades K - 5 will have a host of tests that will measure academic progress this year. It is important that your child be here for the testing. Please avoid scheduling appointments for your son or daughter during the school day. This will help us greatly. The best preparation for your child is to be as school on time daily, ready to learn. At home you can help by making sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.

Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher for exact testing dates and times. This year, all 3-5th graders will know their score the very next day. Students who pass or make a learning gain for the year will be invited to participate in various fun activities to celebrate their success. More information is coming soon. We are still finalizing plans.

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Hello Fellow Stingrays,

I am amazed at how fast the school year is flying by. I see so much growth in your students emotionally, physically and they are learning so much!!

This month our character word is Honesty. Honesty is using truthful speech and behavior. When the students and I talked about honesty during our classroom lesson we discussed that honesty is not only telling the truth but also not stealing or cheating. I explained to the children if they want to have people trust them and they want to have friends they must be honest.

Please discuss this scenario with your children to help in the discussion of honesty. The game is tied in the extra innings. Sam's team could win if he can make it to home plate. Sam is tagged before he touches home plate. The umpire calls him safe.

**Dilemma:** On one hand Sam knows if he does not say anything his team wins the title. On the other hand, Sam knows he should be honest and tell the truth about being tagged.

**Discussion:** What advice do you have for Sam?

Our classroom lessons for April will focus on “bucket filling”. We will be talking and learning about how powerful our words are and that we always have an opportunity to communicate with others so that they feel a little bit better rather than a little bit worse.

Have a wonderful April, enjoy the spring!

Sincerely,

Ms. Valentine
Sexton Elementary's

CLOTHING DRIVE

APRIL 15TH-APRIL 19TH

Sexton Elementary is excited to announce this school year's clothing drive, where we come together as a school to make a positive impact in the community. All clothing will be donated to Clothes To Kids, an organization that provides uniforms, everyday clothing, and accessories to students in grades K-12 in Pinellas and Hillsborough County.

The grade level that donates the most amount of new and gently used clothing will win a DRESS DOWN day!

ITEMS NEEDED

New or gently used uniform tops & bottoms.

New or gently used non-uniform:
- Sweaters
- Blouses
- Skirts
- Pants
- Dresses
- Pajamas

New:
- Undergarments
- Socks
- Hair accessories

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Sexton Families

PLEASE join us on Tuesday, April 16th for laughs, fun and delicious sandwiches, salads, and other yummies at Jersey Mike’s.

7066 US Hwy 19 North, Pinellas Park.
The event will go from 5 – 8 P.M.
A portion of the sales will be donated back to our school.

Sexton Elementary School would like to THANK the following businesses for their kindness and generosity throughout the month of March. We’re extremely grateful to have you as a community partner.

😊 EVOS – Feel Great Food
😊 Dunkin Donuts – 6325 Dr MLK Jr St N
😊 Popeye’s Chicken
😊 Planet Smoothie – 3750 Park Blvd
😊 Smuggler’s Cove Mini Golf – 15395 Gulf Blvd. Maderia Beach
😊 Hungry Howie’s Pizza