

# SEXTON STINGRAY NEWS

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May 2025

## Upcoming EVENTS

May:

- **8th**– Broadbear class trip to Boyd Hill
- **9th**– 5th Grade field trip to Busch Gardens
- **16th**– 5th Grade Breakfast
- **16th**– PBIS Water Day
- **22nd**– Pre-k & Kindergarten Move Up Day
- **23rd**– 5th Grade Move Up Day
- **26th**– **NO SCHOOL**
- **28th**– Last Day of School- full day

**No All Pro Dads/  
iMoms breakfast this  
month!**



## A Message from Mr. Pleshe

### We Need Your Helping Hands Next Year!

Dear Families,

As we look ahead to another exciting school year, I want to take a moment to express how grateful we are for the incredible support we receive from our parent community. From chaperoning field trips to organizing events through the PTA, your time and energy make a huge difference in the lives of our students.

Next year, we are hoping to expand our team of parent volunteers, and we'd love to have *you* involved! Whether you have a few hours to spare each month or are able to take on a larger role, every bit of help matters. We're especially in need of volunteers for:

- **PTA Committees** – Help plan fun family nights, support teacher appreciation events, and contribute to school spirit activities.
- **Field Trips** – Be a chaperone and experience the joy of learning outside the classroom with our students.

**School Events** – From book fairs to field day, there's always something exciting happening that could use an extra set of hands.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to connect with other parents, get to know the teachers and staff, and, most importantly, show our students that we are all invested in their success and happiness.

If you're interested in learning more or would like to sign up to help, please contact Ms. Sheila in the front office.

Thank you for being such an essential part of our school family. We truly couldn't do it without you!



To contact Mr. Pleshe, please use his email address or call the school directly. He is unable to use Class Dojo or the PBIS App as a communication tool. His email address is [pleshet@pcsb.org](mailto:pleshet@pcsb.org)



### Social Work Corner:

If your child(ren) receive free/reduced lunch at school, they qualify for 2 **FREE** wardrobes of clothing per year from *Clothes to Kids*! They provide, 5 pairs of undies and socks, 5 tops, 4 bottoms, 1 dress (choice) 1 jacket and 1 pair of shoes. The St. Petersburg location is at 2168 34<sup>th</sup> St S. St. Petersburg, FL 33711. Their number is 727-441-5050. They are only open **BY APPOINTMENT**, so please call first. I am happy to provide you with a

referral. You can email me at [mazerm@pcsb.org](mailto:mazerm@pcsb.org) or call at 727-570-3400 X 2070. I encourage you to take advantage of this amazing community resource. They happily provide uniforms!

Happy Spring,  
Marlene Mazer

*School Social Worker ext:2070*



If you would like to change your student transportation for the day or early release, please **call or pick up before 2:30pm**. This will help with communication between staff to make sure your student is in the right location for dismissal. To report a student absence we have a spot on the school website located at the top of the page " Report Student Absence" which will send an email to our DMT Cheryl Cunningham. You can also communicate this via the PBIS app.

Ms. Zaria, Front Office Staff



### **It's time to update your information!**

If you have a new student starting school next year, here are the things that need to be done.

Parent Portal – make or update information

Make a reservation for your zone school (if you would like to go to a school outside of your zone.

#### **Things that you will need for registration:**

- Birth Certificate
- Physical within the last year
- Updated Immunization records
- 2 proofs of address - electric bill, water bill, lease agreement, mortgage bill, homeowner insurance
- Any court documents that relate to the child
- Any other school records that may be helpful for your student
- FOR VPK: we must have the VPK voucher to register your child. You can go to [Elcpinellas.org](http://Elcpinellas.org) to get your voucher



If you have any questions or need help with any part of the process, feel free to contact Cheryl Cunningham at 727-570-3400 Ext. 2007, [cunninghamc@pcsb.org](mailto:cunninghamc@pcsb.org) or stop by the office between the hours of 9:00 – 2:00 and I will be more than happy to help you.

*Cheryl Cunningham, DMT*

# SPACE 4 ALL



## STEM Day

**Lealman Exchange Community Center**

5175 45th St. N, Lealman, FL 33714

Students in grades 5-8, join us for an afternoon of space-themed **STEM** fun!

**Saturday, May 3, 10 – 2**

- Meet a NASA astronaut
- Send a postcard to space
- Rocketry
- Coding
- Design a lunar lander
- And more!
- First 60 student registrations receive free STEM goody bag!



This event is **FREE** but space is limited!  
You must register to attend.

Scan the QR code or go to  
[mytbtickets.com/events/space4all-lex-5-3-2025](https://mytbtickets.com/events/space4all-lex-5-3-2025)



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Lealman  
Exchange



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Pinellas Public Library Cooperative





# **Huge Success!!!**

## **Way to Go Sexton!**

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**Thank you to everyone who helped make this Color Run a  
HUGE Success!!**

**Over \$14,000 was raised!!!**

**Let's give a huge Thank you to Cheryl for putting this all to-  
gether and helping us host another successful event!**

**Teachers and Staff- thank you for providing all of your support and  
participation!!!**



Sexton Elementary would like to extend our EMMENCE GRATITUDE to all the RE-MARKABLE businesses who donated so generously to our Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you all for your support and generosity to our school and its teachers.

### Phenomenal Restaurants

Lonni's Sandwiches, Fresco's Restaurant, Maple Street Biscuit Company, El Cap Restaurant, Oak & Stone Restaurant, Sonny's BBQ, Bella Brava Restaurant, Spring Garden Family Restaurant, Colony Grill, 4th Street Grill, Cheddar's Restaurant, Cali Restaurant, Hoot-er's Restaurant, PDQ Restaurant, Trip's Diner, Fresh Kitchen, Casual Clam, Buffalo Wild Wings, Little Italy Pizza Restaurant, Mangosteen Restaurant, First Watch Café, La Segunda Bakery & Café, Doc Ford's Restaurant, Bacchus Wine Bistro, Local Market & Deli, Grassroots Kava House, Good Fortune Restaurant, 3 Daughter's Brewing Company, Bonefish Grille, Torchy's Taco, Noble Crust, Grand Central Brewhouse, Jay Luigi's, Raining Berries, Cookie Fueled Mama, Portillos, Ford's Garage Restaurant, The Lure Restaurant, The Sesh, Hawker's Asian Restaurant, BJ's Restaurant, Kissin Cuzzins, The Bonu Restaurant & Grand Hacienda

### Incredible Businesses

Royal Palms Nail Spa, Massage Envy, Target, Paint Nail Bar, Hand & Stone Massage, The Fresh Market, WaWa, Trader Joe's, Rollin Oats, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Coco Med Spa, Midas Automotive, Woodhouse Spa, Hyppo/Mayday Ice Cream & Small Batch Creamery, Crumbl Cookies, Moon Mountain Coffee House, Boostology Spa, Wild Fork Foods, Kahwa Coffee, Whole Foods Market & Valhalla Bakery

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Sexton Elementary

Family & Community Liaison



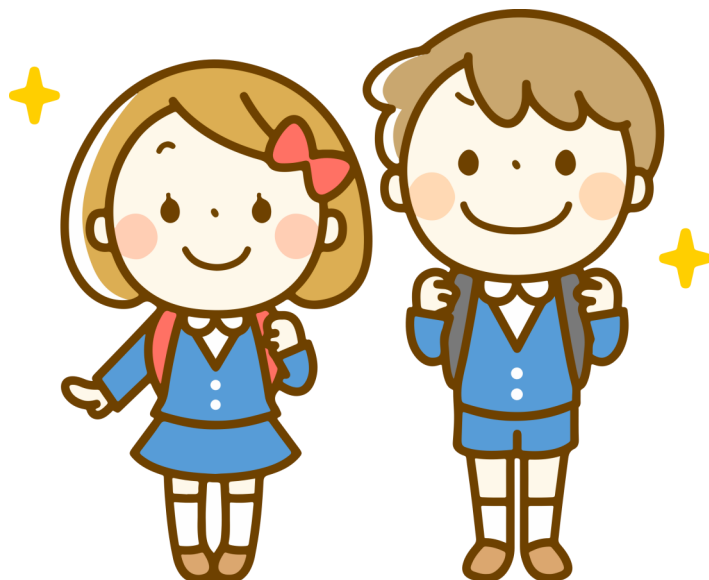


## Uniform BOTTOM Donation!!

Out with the old and in with the new. As this school year ends, please consider donating your gently used **uniform BOTTOMS** to the Front Office.

Between spills, messes, and tears we see a lot of our little ones in need of replacement uniforms. This is a great time to clean out closets, plus whoever donates will get to wear non-uniforms for the last week of school!!

If you donate, **PLEASE** donate clean, “gently” used uniforms. A **TICKET** to dress down will be given to the students who have helped replenish our uniform closet.





# SUMMER CAMPS



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How would you like to help save the environment and raise money for our school at the same time?

Sexton Elementary School recently partnered with **Clothes Bin**, a national recycling program to help keep unwanted clothes and shoes out of landfills. Many of you have already seen the green **Clothes Bin** located in the front car circle.

The best part is that the school earns money for every pound collected in our bins. So, not only are we helping the environment, but we're earning extra money for school programs.

**Clothes Bin** accepts less than perfect textiles. Worn, torn and stained materials are okay. The company can repurpose, resell and recycle 100% of all collections from the bin program. For example, shoes that are no longer able to be resold are ground up for playground material, and clothing with holes/stains are converted to wiper rags and home insulation.

**“More than 85% of textile waste ends up in landfills every year. That’s 22 billion pounds,”** says Chris Wolfe, owner of the local Clothes Bin operation. **“By simply recycling these materials, you can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which are very harmful to our environment.”**

**Clothes Bin** can accept a variety of materials, including:

Blankets	Sandals
Boots	Shoes
Coats	Skirts
Comforters	Socks
Dresses	Sweaters
Hats	Sweatshirts
Jeans	Suits
Kids clothing	Ties
Linens	Towels
Purses	Undergarments
Rags	



We encourage everyone to take advantage of this great program. So, before you throw out those old shoes or jeans, please consider bagging them up and bringing them to our **Clothes Bins** here at Sexton!