

SEXTON STINGRAY NEWS

A John M. Sexton Elementary School Publication



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October 2025

Upcoming EVENTS

October:

- 3rd– Kona Ice at Lunch
- 6th– Picture Retakes
- 10th– End of First Quarter
- 13th– **No School!**
- 14th– School Lunch Week
- 17th– All Pro Dads & iMoms Breakfast
- 23rd– Report Cards
- 24th– Honors' Assembly
- 24th– Trunk or Treat
- 27th– Red Ribbon Week
- 31st– PBIS Celebration-Silent Disco



A Message from Mr. Pleshe

October is here, and it's shaping up to be one of the most exciting months of the school year! Our first round of testing is now complete, and I am proud to share that our students are off to a great start this school year! Their hard work and dedication are shining through, and I am excited to see their continued growth in the months ahead. We have so many fun activities planned to celebrate learning, school spirit, and community.

We'll kick off with **National School Lunch Week** on **October 14**, a chance to recognize the importance of healthy meals and thank our amazing cafeteria team for keeping our students fueled and ready to learn.

On **October 24**, we have a double celebration: our **Honor's Assembly**, where we'll recognize our high-achieving students, and our always-popular **Trunk or Treat** event later that evening. This is such a wonderful way for our school community to come together and enjoy some fall fun.

The excitement continues during the week of **October 27**, when the **Book Fair** opens and we celebrate **Red Ribbon Week**, reminding our students about the importance of making healthy choices.

On **October 31**, we'll wrap up the month with our **Halloween Parade**, a fun and festive tradition our students look forward to each year. In addition, our PBIS team is hosting a special **Silent Disco Party** for students who consistently demonstrate positive behavior.

It's going to be a busy month filled with learning, laughter, and memories. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a wonderful place to learn and grow. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events as we celebrate both academics and community this month.

Sincerely,
Mr. Pleshe
Principal



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



Reminder

Students are **NOT** allowed to use cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices while at school. It is district policy **all** devices must be turned off and in backpacks during the school day. Please see our code of conduct for more information. Thank you!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

On July 1, 2025, Florida House Bill 1105, including new provisions regarding student use of cell phones and other wireless communication devices in schools, became law. As a result, Pinellas County Schools will implement the following new rules in the 2025-26 school year, and these rules will supersede the current policy.

Elementary & Middle Schools

- Students may not use of cell phones or other wireless communication devices during the school day (bell to bell).
- Teachers no longer have the discretion to allow usage during instructional time for educational purposes.

Join PMAC for Sexton's **Annual Food Drive**. We will be collecting nonperishable items throughout the weeks of November 3rd–13th. The classroom with the most participation will receive an Ice Cream Party.

More information will be announced on the PBIS app when the collection begins.

Thank you for your support in making a difference.



LOVE BEYOND HUNGER

SUPPORT OUR FOOD PANTRY

SUGGESTED NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS:

BOTTLED WATERS - BOXED BREAKFAST ITEMS - BOXED DESSERTS
CANNED FRUITS - CANNED GRAVIES - CANNED JUICES
CANNED MEATS - CANNED VEGETABLES - CEREALS - CONDIMENTS
DRESSINGS - INSTANT SOUPS - JELLIES - KID'S GUMMIES
MAC & CHEESE - PACKAGED MEALS - PASTAS - PEANUT BUTTER
POWDERED DRINKS - RAMEN NOODLES - RICE & BEANS

PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES!

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 Ashley Carrillo. 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 to get your voucher



If you have any questions or need help with any part of the process, feel free to contact Ashley Carrillo at 727-570-3400 Ext. 2007, carrilloa@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.

Ashley Carrillo, DMT

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SEXTON ELEMENTARY PTA PRESENTS:

TRUNK -OR- TREAT

WEAR YOUR COSTUMES, PICK
A SEAT AND DRIVE OVER FOR
SOME SWEET TREATS AND
FUN TRINKETS!

FRIDAY, OCT. 24TH, 2025

6:00PM-7:30PM

WHERE: FRONT PARKING LOT

FAMILIES UP TO 5 KIDS \$5 PER FAMILY
\$1 FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL CHILD

CASH ONLY

PAY AT THE DOOR



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Sexton Elementary

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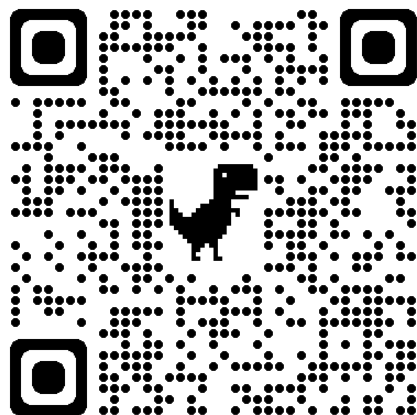
For families of a 5th Grader...it's sort of a BIG DEAL. Your children are no longer little ones, middle schools around the corner and spending time with them is far and few between. What better way to bond with your child than to volunteer for Enterprise Village? The event is scheduled for Friday, November 7, 2025

During this field trip each student will experience what it feels like to apply for a job, produce and sell products, receive a paycheck, manage a checking account and purchase goods with the money they earned.

Consider volunteering for this amazing experience. If you're already a volunteer with PCSB, please make sure your status is active. For those who'd like to volunteer, but are not registered, please see instruction below on how to apply. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Salg by email salgs@pcsb.org or call (727) 570-3400 X 2045.

Please use a desktop or laptop computer to complete the online application. You can also scan the QR code below to access the PCSB link.

www.pcsb.org/volunteer





**Help SPPD give Crime a
Going Away Party!**







FOOD & GIVEAWAYS!

POLICE DOGS

SWAT TEAM

FIRE TRUCKS

**&
MORE!!!**

When:

Tuesday, 10/7
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where:

Tyrone Square Mall
6901 22nd Ave. N.

We Appreciate Our Sponsors!



Enrichment and Tutoring Program (ELP)

ELP started this week. There are still a few spots available in **PMAC, Battle of the Books, PE Club for Tuesdays for 4th & 5th and Thursdays for 2nd & 3rd Grade Students. Tutoring in 2nd grade and 4th grade also have openings.** If you want to have your child attend, please email or call your child's teacher. **Pick up time is 4:15 pm.** Remember no snacks are given this school year. Please send your child with a snack if they would like one.

ELP dates are:

September 30th, October 1st, 2nd

October 7th, 8th, & 9th

October 14th, 15th, 16th

October 21st, 22nd, & 23rd

October 28th & 29th, 30th

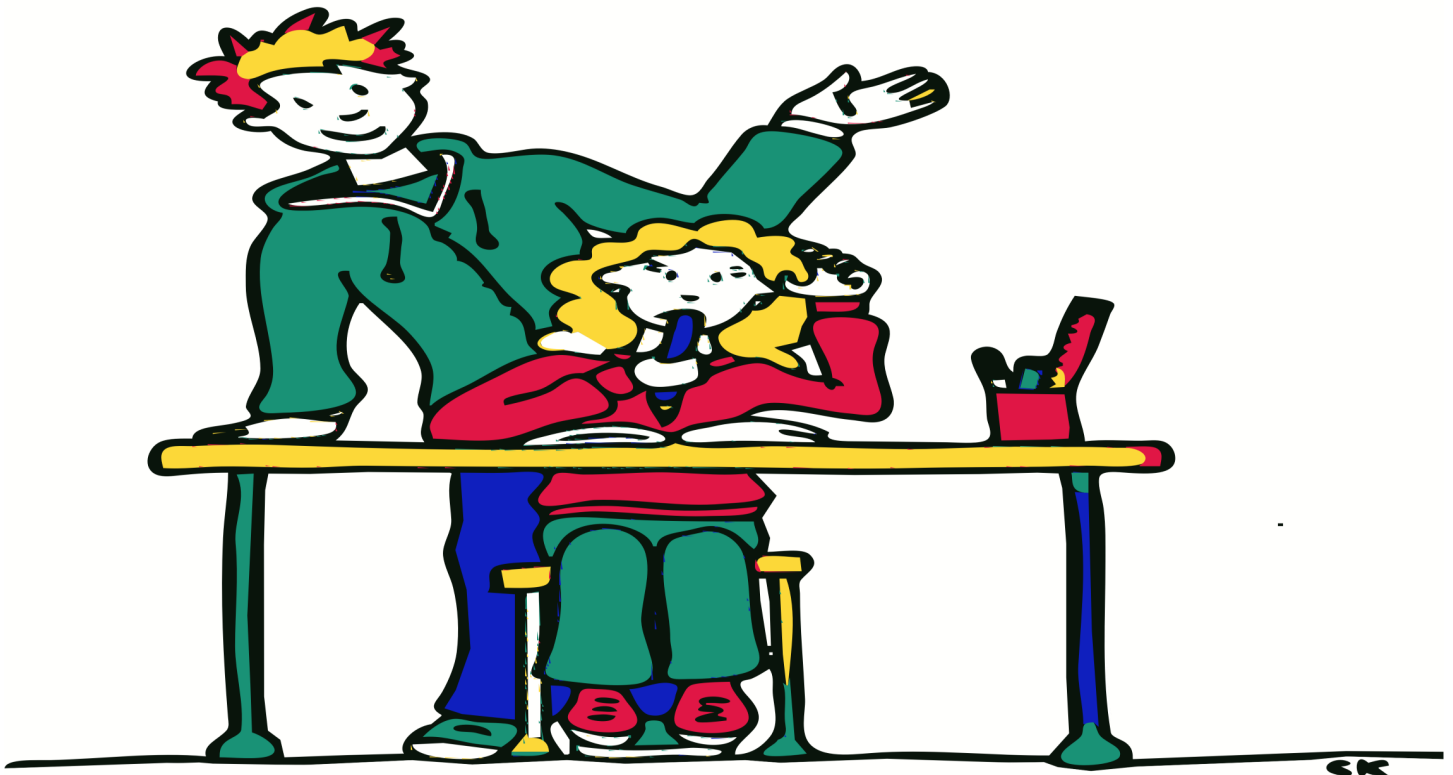
November 4th, 5th, & 6th

November 11th, 12th, & 13th

November 18th, 19th, & 20th

December 2nd & 3rd

Winter Concert...December 4th, dance clubs will perform at the winter concert



PBIS Points

(Positive Behavior Intervention System)

PBIS is our main connection with parents, if you haven't signed up yet for the APP, please get a paper from the front office. **PBIS REWARDS Family App (it is purple)**. Each child in your family has their own **QR code** that you will use to see their behavior progress in school. The students earn **5 points a day**: 2 for behavior in class, 1 for behavior in Specials (music, art, and PE), 1 for behavior in lunch, and 1 for being in uniform Monday-Friday (unless they had enough points for RAYS Day. Attached to the **PBIS Family Letter** is a Sexton brochure explaining all the activities we do throughout the school year and what the students at Sexton can receive points for. They can use these points how they choose: in the school store, classroom store, RAYS DAY, or the special parties we have planned.

Students can earn additional Points...

Families coming to

Family Nights (Title One Nights) ...25 points

Open House....25 points

Families joining PTA...50 points

Parent Volunteers...20 points

All Pro Dads/Moms...10 points

Students can earn points by:

Principal List...25 points

Returning report card envelope...10 points

Honor Roll...20 points

Perfect Attendance...15 points

Citizen of the Month...15 points

PBIS REWARDS FUNDED by these programs

Fishing for GOLD...

DAILY students can bring in a quarter to drop it into a 10-gallon fish tank (minus the fish) filled with water to take a chance dropping the quarter into the tank and hopefully making it into a glass jar at the bottom of the tank. Just to try, they get a pencil eraser. If they make it, they will get a prize to choose from.

Holiday House

Students shop for the holiday season for their families and friends. It will be the week of **December 8th-12th**. Each classroom will have a designated time to shop. An envelope will be going home in the week of **November 17-21st**. This will help you and your child plan the budget for the members of your family. We are not taking checks, **Cash only**. More information will be provided in the newsletter and going home that week in **November**.



PBIS

PBIS celebrations are coming up!
The PBIS team is looking for volunteers to assist with our PBIS celebrations throughout the year.
This year we need assistance with:

- Ice cream social on 9/26
- Halloween silent disco on 10/31
- Holiday store in December
- Packing Valentines in February
- Water day on 5/15

Your student can earn PBIS points for you volunteering your time!

To volunteer at the school, you will need to be a registered volunteer.



After you have registered as a volunteer, please sign up for the PBIS celebrations here:



Great American Teach-In (GATI)

November 12, 2025



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.

If you're a family member for one of our students or know of someone who would like to discuss their profession, please contact Sheila Salg/Family & Community Liaison.

salgs@pcsb.org

(727) 570-3400 X2045

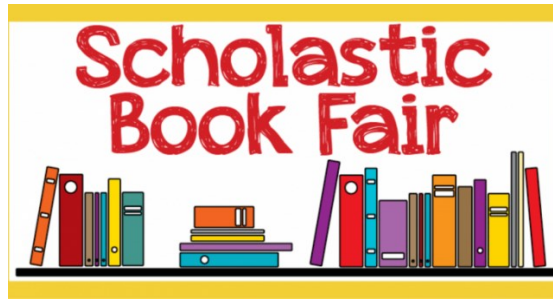
October is Physical Therapy Month – Celebrating Movement and Wellness in Our Schools

This October, we celebrate National Physical Therapy Month and recognize the important role physical therapists play in helping students thrive. In schools, physical therapists support disabled students with mobility challenges, improve physical function, and promote independence—making a meaningful impact on their academic and personal success.

Physical therapy helps students participate more fully in school activities, from walking through the hallways to joining in on recess and physical education. It's about more than movement—it's about confidence, inclusion, and opportunity.

Let's take a moment to thank the physical therapy professionals who work in our schools. Your dedication helps students reach their full potential, one step at a time.





Dear Families,

Get ready—the **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to build your child’s home library with new books they’ll dive in-
to again and again.

The easiest way to let your child shop the Fair independently is by creating an eWallet. It’s easy to set up and easy for others to add funds.

Here’s everything else you need to know about the Book Fair:

Dates: Monday, October 24th-Friday, October 31st

Location: Library/Media Center

More than ever, we need to get students reading. Studies prove* that children with more books at home have higher-level reading skills and attain more years of education overall.

Lastly, this is a great opportunity to be a **Book Fair volunteer**! When you give your time, it helps make our Fair an unforgettable reading experience where *every purchase* benefits our school directly.

Happy Reading,

Ms. Jordan
Library Media Technology Specialist
Sexton Elementary School



Dear Sexton Elementary School Families:

Cleaning out those summer clothes? Looking to discard unwanted clothes or shoes? Please don't throw them out! Instead, consider bringing them to our **Clothes Bins**.

Located in front of the school, our **Clothes Bin** is ideal for discarding unwanted textiles like clothes, shoes and backpacks.

Best of all, the school earns money for every pound collected in our bins.

Help save the environment and support our school at the same time. Sounds like a win-win.

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	Shirts



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!