

# THE STINGRAY POINT

A John M. Sexton Elementary School Publication



December 2019

## Upcoming EVENTS

- December 2**  
Field Trip: Boyd Hill (Green)
- December 5**  
Winter Concert & Art Show  
7:00 PM — 8:00 PM
- December 10**  
1st Grade to Mahaffey Theater
- December 10**  
3rd Grade to Ruth Eckerd Hall
- December 13**  
Holiday Craft Fair 5:30 PM
- December 17**  
3rd Grade to Mahaffey Theater
- December 18**  
KDG/Bush to Tyrone Mall
- December 19**  
4th & 5th Gr Music Field Trip
- December 23 - January 6th**  
Winter Holidays
- January 7th**  
Schools Open — Welcome Back!



## A Holiday Message from Mr. Pleshe



We wish you and your family a very joyful  
holiday season!



Mr. Pleshe  
& the entire Sexton Faculty and Staff



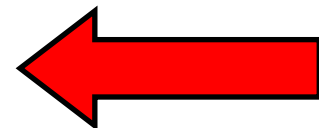
## ~Thank You~

To all of our volunteers who helped make this year's  
Great American Teach-In a success!  
The kids had a BLAST and we couldn't have done it without  
you!!!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** FSA Testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades will be  
happening in the spring during the months of April & May.

Please mark these dates down now and avoid scheduling doctor's  
appointments and vacations during this time.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: April 1-3, May 4-8
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade: April 1-3, May 4-15
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade: April 1-3, May 4-22



There will be a limited number of make-up days during these  
windows. It is very important for your child to be here during testing  
windows.

Dear Families,

***We are thankful!***

As we prepare to take a short break from school for Thanksgiving, we want to express our gratitude for everyone who makes it possible for as many students as possible to come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. We thank:



- \* Our students and families for making daily attendance a priority since they know the habit of attendance will help them do well in the classroom and eventually in a job.
- \* Our wonderful teachers who pour their energy into making each classroom an exciting place for exploration and knowledge so children do not want to miss out on learning
- \* Our support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need

Keep in mind that school is closed Monday, 11/25/19, through Friday, 11/29/19, and reopens Monday, December 2nd at 8:15am. We appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra days off during the holiday season. Just a few missed days here and there, even if they're excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and leave your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school.

We look forward to seeing you after the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!



*Karen Marinari, LCSW  
School Social Worker*

## MTSS: Multi-Tiered System of Supports

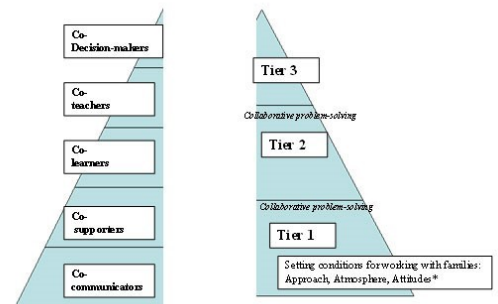


Each tier of the MTSS model represents a greater intensity of services and more frequent data collection.

When family-school partnerships are included as part of this process, each subsequent tier also represents greater opportunity for communication and joint problem solving amongst families and educators.

Shared responsibility and participation, or "co-roles", are represented in the pyramid to the left, (much like the tiers of MTSS). Each tier, or "co" role for families and schools requires greater amounts of time, commitment, and contribution on the part of families and educators.

Figure 1. Family-School Co-Roles and Partnership s in RtI



Moles /1993/ Co-Roles

\*Christenson & Sheridan. 2001

### *A Note from the Bookkeeper:*

Hello Parents; just a reminder that there is no tuition due for Thanksgiving week or the two weeks of Winter holidays. Please be sure that this week's tuition is current if you have not already done so.

Happy holidays to you and yours!

*Penny Bishop, Secretary/Bookkeeper*



## MATH CORNER WITH DR. BRODNEY

Your children are being given special homework to complete called Sunshine Math. These pages help kids to grow their thinking and problem solving skills. They are intended to be difficult so there are items on the pages that are challenging and some that are easier. It is acceptable to use resources to help your child...just don't do it for them. The kids are being given rewards in the form of vouchers that they can use to buy popcorn or make a purchase from the voucher store. The popcorn and voucher stores occur once a month each.

Sandra Brodney, Ph.D., NBCT  
Math Coach, Sexton Elementary & 74<sup>th</sup> St. Elementary



### YES Club's Holiday Craft Fair

Come out and celebrate the season with your child at Sexton's 2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair. This event will be held on Friday, December 13th in the Café from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For a small fee of \$5.00, your child will make 3 take home projects that will last thru the years. Invitations were sent out earlier, however, if you need additional copies, please come to the front office.

The DEADLINE to submit payment is Monday, December 2nd to guarantee a spot. To make sure we have enough supplies and materials for the fair, we will not be able to accept any other names after that date.



## CLINIC NEWS FROM



### NURSE PAULA

*(This is an excerpt from a recent article in the Tampa Bay Times dated November 14, 2019)*

## Flu Season Arrives in Tampa Bay

Written by Justine Griffin

**Hillsborough leads with 10 of the state's 12 outbreaks, including 7 in the past week, health officials say.**

Cases are on the rise with school kids especially, with multiple outbreaks noted. The health department is encouraging parents to get their kids vaccinated as soon as possible.

Influenza usually peaks between December and February in Florida, as holiday and snowbird travel begin to pick up. There's a much higher chance of getting the flu around the holidays when people are traveling.

The vaccine won't necessarily prevent the flu, but it will help lessen the symptoms if someone catches the virus. It is safe for anyone 6 months or older and a stronger dosage is recommended for patients 65 or older.

If a person is experiencing severe symptoms, like trouble breathing, high fever, vomiting and general disorientation, they should go to a hospital emergency room. Early and mild symptoms such as a cough, sore throat and congestion, can be treated and diagnosed at an urgent care center.



[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

*Wishing you a world full of PEACE and LOVE this holiday season.*







# **Sexton Elementary Winter Concert**

**Thursday, December 5th  
7PM to 8PM**

**@Northeast High School Auditorium  
5500 16th St N**

**Featuring performances by:**  
Singing Stingrays Chorus  
Jammin' Stingrays  
Sexton Dance Club  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

*Holiday treats will be available for a small fee.*

# DECEMBER

# Sexton Elementary Stingrays Menu

**DAILY BREAKFAST CHOICES**  
 Hot or cold breakfast choices are available daily, i.e.: Breakfast Sandwich, Pancakes, Cereal & Toast, or Cereal Bar & Toast.  
**Must choose at least 1:** Fruit or Juice.  
**May choose 1: Milk** Skim, Low Fat White, or Fat Free Chocolate.  
**DAILY LUNCH CHOICES:**  
**Choose 1:** Entrée.  
**Must choose at least 1:** Fruit or Vegetable (may choose up to 2 servings each of fruits & veggies with their lunch meal)  
**May Choose: 1 Milk;** Skim, Low Fat White, or Fat Free Chocolate.  
**Available for lunch daily:** Meat or Meatless Entrée, Entrée Salads, Cold Sandwiches, Hot & Cold Vegetable choices, Variety of Fruits (fresh or cupped) & Juices



Visit [nutrilslice.com](http://nutrilslice.com) for Menu & Nutrition Information, & to download the app on your mobile device!



Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
2	Egg & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Nuggets & Pretzel Rod Loaded Beef & Cheese Nachos Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Country Baked Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	3	Mini Confetti Pancakes <b>Choose One:</b> Breakfast for Lunch Cheesy Bread Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <b>Choose:</b> Deli Roasted Potatoes Marinara Cup * Romaine Side Salad	4	Blueberry Lemon Scones <b>Choose One:</b> Asian Beef & Broccoli Lo Mein Chicken Drumstick w/ Hush Puppy Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Sliced Cucumbers Steamed Broccoli Florets	5	Sausage Biscuit <b>Choose One:</b> <b>Featured Item:</b> <i>Stuffed Shells &amp; Garlic Breadstick</i> Chicken Sandwich Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Side Salad	6	Breakfast Skillet <b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Variety Fish Sticks o' the Sea w/ a Roll Ham Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <b>Choose:</b> Corn Nibbles Fresh Veggie Dippers
9	Maple Pancake Minis <b>Choose One:</b> Cheeseburger or Hamburger Cheese Sticks & Toasted Ravioli Boat Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Marinara Cup * Tater Tots Fresh Veggie Dippers	10	Chicken Waffle Sandwich <b>Choose One:</b> Pork Tacos w Tortillas Cheese Pizza Crunchers Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <b>Choose:</b> Refried Fiesta Beans Romaine Side Salad	11	Egg, Ham & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose One:</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken Bowl Macaroni & Cheese Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Steamed Broccoli Sliced Cucumbers	12	Apple Cinnamon Texas Toast <b>Student Choice Menu By Mrs. Broadbear's Class</b> <b>Choose One:</b> Corn Dog Mini Cheese Pizza Bagels Apple-a-Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Curly Potato Fries Mixed Side Salad	13	Cheese Omelet w/ Toast <b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Variety Chicken & Waffle Ham Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <b>Choose:</b> Mixed Vegetables Fresh Veggie Dippers
16	Pancake Pup <b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Tender Basket w/ Crispy Fries & Roll Max Cheese Sticks Fruit & Yogurt Plate Deli Meat & Cheese Sandwich <b>Choose:</b> Marinara Cup * Green Beans Fresh Veggie Dippers	17	Bacon, Egg & Cheese Pizza <b>Choose One:</b> Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice & Chow Mein Noodles Grilled Cheese Chicken Caesar Salad Jamwich Kit <b>Choose:</b> Tomato Soup Romaine Side Salad	18	Glazed Dunker <b>Choose One:</b> Chicken Fajita Bowl Pasta & Meat Sauce Yogurt & Fruit Parfait Ham & Cheese Croissant <b>Choose:</b> Seasoned Spinach Sliced Cucumbers	19	Scrambled Egg, Bacon & Biscuit <b>Choose One:</b> <b>Featured Item:</b> <i>Mini Quesadillas</i> Corn Dog Apple A Day Salad Chicken Caesar Wrap <b>Choose:</b> Country Baked Beans* Salsa Cup Mixed Side Salad	20	French Toast & Chicken Bites <b>Choose One:</b> Pizza Variety Ocean Treasure Fish Nuggets w/ Roll Ham Chef Salad Turkey & Cheese Hoagie <b>Choose:</b> Green Peas Fresh Veggie Dippers
23	<b>WINTER BREAK</b>								
30	31		January 1, 2020		2		3		
<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>			<b>WINTER BREAK</b>						

