

# PERKINS PALETTE

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## JAZZ IT UP!!!!

Perkins Parents,

Do you own a business or know a friend who has a business and would like to donate an item or service for our Silent/Live Auction? **OR** would you like to advertise in our JAZZ IT UP program booklet? ***All booklet advertisements and auction items must turned in and paid for by March 18, 2019.*** Please see ad pricing below:

Ad Size	Cost
Business Card	\$15
Eighth Page	\$25
Half Page	\$50
Full Page	\$75

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 6: Gifted Math Meet 4th grade
- March 7: Gifted Math Meet 5th grade
- March 7: End of 3rd quarter
- March 7: PTA dinner RSVP due
- March 8: No school for students!
- March 11-15: Spring Break
- March 18: Vision & Hearing Screenings
- March 19: SAC meeting 5:30/ PTA meeting & dinner 6:00
- March 27: Staff Luncheon 1st grade sponsored
- March 28: K/1st Music concert 7pm
- March 29: Familia Contenta
- April 8-12: Art Focus Showcase
- April 9-12: Jellybean Field Days
- April 9-12: Scholastic Book Fair



Vision & Hearing Screenings will take place on March 18th for Kindergarten, 1st, and 3rd grades.

*\*\*If your student wears glasses, please make sure they wear them on this day!\*\**

*\*\* If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nelson at : [nelsoncat@pcsb.org](mailto:nelsoncat@pcsb.org) . \*\**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Our Spring Concert date has been changed from Tuesday, April 30th to Monday, April 29th.**



Please congratulate the following students for participating in the Mighty Mu Math Competition at Largo High School last month:

Jamie Galipault, Cypher Slayton, Aiden Mosall, Noah Fortenbery, Amanda Elliott, Noah Vasallo, Nigel Griffin, & Phoebe Robinson.



**Wednesday April 24th**  
 Thomas Bruce Studio will be here to photograph your student with props or costumes according to their interest! Please look for order forms to be sent home soon.

**Please Join Us for a PME Spirit Night at MISRED Outfitters on March 21st from 6-8 p.m.**

**615 Central Avenue St. Pete 33701**





**All County Orchestra** was a huge success with eight students from Perkins represented. This year's all county orchestra festival featured the best talent Pinellas County Schools had to offer. The concert took place at the Mahaffey Center early in February. The Elementary Orchestra was conducted by The Florida Orchestra's very own Kristin Baird and was accompanied by our piano teacher Deanna Wittstruck. All county is only open to 5th graders and is a tradition every year. "This is a rare opportunity for these students to experience a professional stage like the Mahaffey. The acoustic sound shell alone is worth

over 1 million dollars." said Mr. Visnage, Perkins strings director. Students must audition for the orchestra and this was the largest group Perkins has ever had. There were also Perkins grads in the middle school and high school all county orchestras as well!!!!

These young musicians were the leaders on stage and have a bright future ahead of them in music.

**\*\*Please mark your calendars: Orchestra Performance at Perkins....Friday April 26th @7pm\*\***

Pictured left to right: Alison Faylo-violin, Isabel Sanchez-cello, Rya Schmidt-cello, Emily Hamburg-Bass, Riley Dooner-violin, Molly Slomic-violin, Courtney Brinson-cello, and Phoebe Robinson-violin.



## MARCH PTA NEWS...

PTA would like to send a big thank you to all of the families of Perkins! PTA was able to sponsor the February "Soul Food" staff luncheon in honor of Black History month. Without all of your support, we could not have given our teachers and staff this token of appreciation for all that they do for our kids! Thank you!

**Save these dates!**

March 19th: SAC 5:30pm PTA Meeting & Meal 6:00 Sponsored by Texas Roadhouse

March 27th: 1st Grade sponsored luncheon "March Madness". Keep your eyes out for Sign Up Genius and handouts will be sent home soon.

April 13th: Jazz It Up! Please help your teachers with their classroom projects, as well as finding great donations to auction off! All information can be found in the Front Office.

Thank you again!



**Our Perkins Café' has been awarded the US Department of Agriculture's Healthier US School Challenge Bronze award!**

**CONGRATS to our Cafeteria Manager, Ms. Tracy Bigham and her staff!**

## PARENTS PLEASE NOTE...

Students will take the paper-based Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) assessments on the dates listed below.

Date(s)	Subject	Grade(s)
April 2, 2019	ELA Writing	4-5
April 3-4, 2019	ELA Reading	3
May 1-2, 2019	ELA Reading	4-5
May 6-7, 2019	Mathematics	3-5
May 8-9, 2019	Science	5

Your student will have an opportunity to participate in a practice session to become familiar with the item types and response formats he or she will see on the FSA assessments. If you or your student would like to review the materials, paper-based practice tests and answer keys are available at <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/paper-based-practice-test-materials/>.

For information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2019 FSA assessments, please visit the FSA Portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org), click on the **Students and Families** icon, select the **Frequently Asked Questions** card, then select the question: “How long are the tests?”

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

**Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.

**Calculators**—Calculators are not permitted during Grades 3–5 Mathematics tests.

**Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment printed in the student’s test and answer book that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement in their test and answer book.

**Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: “Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, passages, and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram.” Please make sure your student understands that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**

**Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

**Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment, illness), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test session. [Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.](#)

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact our School Assessment Coordinator, Nicole Kavaliauskas at (727) 893-2117 or [Kavaliauskasn@pcsb.org](mailto:Kavaliauskasn@pcsb.org). For more information about the FSA program, please visit the FSA Portal at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org).

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best!



CELEBRATING EDUCATION IN PINELLAS COUNTY

**RAYS SPIRIT NIGHT**

SATURDAY, MARCH 30  
6:10 p.m. at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg

vs. TB

\$17 preferred seating (up to \$60 value)  
Located in the following seating categories while supplies last:  
Lower Box, Lower Concurs, Outfield, Press Level, and OTE Financial Party Deck

PCS  
PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Each school that sells 150 or more tickets will receive a visit to their school from Raymond and the Ray Team during the fall of 2019!

**Cy Zilla Bobblehead**  
to all fans, while supplies last!



**Please join us for Pinellas County Schools Night at the Rays game on March 30th! Keep an eye out for this postcard to come home with your child soon. Ticket orders will be due back to the front office on MARCH 8TH.**



## YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!

**Each year, the Florida Department of Education surveys parents of children who receive special education services to determine how well your child's school is partnering with you.**

Take Florida's ESE Parent Survey at [www.esesurvey.com](http://www.esesurvey.com) or complete the paper survey distributed by your child's school. Help improve educational services for students with special needs.

## Art Newsflash!

Congratulations to the Perkins artists chosen for these upcoming Art Exhibits in March!

Marisa Julian, Eriyana Williams, Zyanna Henderson, Daniel Sanchez and Adrien James were selected to have their work shown in the Youth Art Month Exhibit at the Clearwater Library! A reception for the artists will be held on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Invitations are coming soon!

Art by Teagan Robles, Layla Fisher, Jason Schiavello, Liam Campbell, Molly Slomic, Emily Hamburg, Ava Porras and Piper Schmidt has been selected to be a part of the K-12 Sculpture Exhibit which will be held at Gibbs/PCCA on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Lastly, Gus Allen, Ella Dean, Katie Stanton, Alexis Condone, Rachel Vance, Jada Cadman, Rachel Eeten, Khiley Coulter and Ali Faylo were selected to have their art and writing shown in the Word and Image Show which will be held at the Morean Art Center on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 to 4:30pm.

Keep up the fantastic work artists!

We are so proud of you!

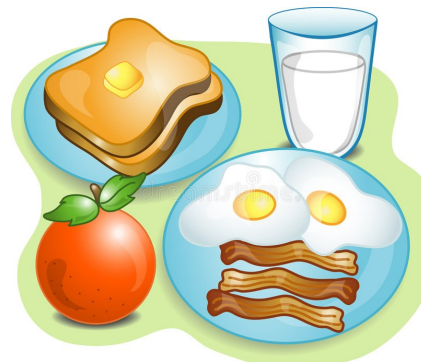


## GOT BREAKFAST?

A healthy start, keeps you smart!

Breakfast is your student's most important meal of the day, feed them well!

Join us for sausage biscuits, croissants, fresh fruit, pancakes and juice in our Perkins Cafeteria **EVERY MORNING** for **FREE** breakfast every morning from 8:15 to 8:45!





## CONGRATULATIONS

to our volunteer of the month Polly Bohlander! Polly is our very own Mrs. Eeten's mom, and has been an **AMAZING** volunteer at Perkins since 2008! Over the years Polly has helped in various classrooms, and with technical aspects in our library. Polly has enjoyed having lunch with students and mentoring them by being a positive person in our students' lives. This year she is volunteering with small group activities in our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Each week she spends a day and a half with the students and our Perkins kiddos really love her. Thank you for all that you do Polly!





*The 2019 Elementary All County Honors Concert is Saturday, March 23rd at 2:00pm  
First Baptist Church of Saint Petersburg – 1900 Gandy Boulevard, St. Petersburg.*

*We are very proud of the students representing Perkins this year!*

*Honors Chorus – August Allen, Aiden Bunce, Alysun Latimer & Aoifa Maki*

*Honors World Drumming Ensemble – Rachel Eeten & Evan Wilson*



**“Sing, Speak, Whisper & Shout!”**

**K & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Show**

**Concert Reminder**

From

Deanna Wittstruck, Kindergarten Music Teacher

Elizabeth Rook, First Grade Music Teacher

**What to Wear:** K & 1st - Nice dressy clothing

**\*\* No jeans or sneakers please\*\***

**Where:** Perkins Elementary Multi-purpose Room

**When:** Thursday, March 28th at 7:00p.m.

**Kindergarten** - meet in the Band Room at 6:30 p.m.

**First Grade** - meet in the Music Room at 6:30 p.m.

**\*Donations to the Choral Music Department will be taken at the front door  
and would be greatly appreciated!**



Perkins enjoyed two HUGE events last month-  
our Black History Celebration and Outback Night!  
Thank you to all who organized and participated in these amazing  
events that make our school amazing!





