

Mustang Round-Up

Pinellas Central Elementary School Newsletter

ISSUE 5

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A message from PCE Administrators

Dear PCE Families

As a school community, we are **learning forward!** One way that we are learning forward, during the second semester, is determining if we are on target to meet our 2018-19 School Improvement Plan (SIP) goals by the end of the school year. The SIP is a strategic plan composed of measurable goals focused on preparing students for graduation. We want to share with parents, educational partners, and the Pinellas Park community the status of how we are accomplishing these goals to raise student achievement.

Therefore, we invite you to the next School Advisory Council meeting (SAC) on February 11th at 5:30 pm. in the media center for the presentation: **The State of PCE: A Journey of School Improvement and Success.** Parents will also receive information about the **Personalized Learning Pathway** and Clever. The Personalized Learning Pathway is a new online platform that helps students navigate their path to academic and career success. The PLP helps students:

- build resumes and keep track of achievements, goals, hobbies, and volunteer and work experience.
- see their performance on assessments and access targeted lessons to improve.
- track progress toward graduation and discover areas they may need to address
- keep track of advanced coursework, industry certifications and performance on college entrance exams to determine if they are ready for college and careers

Click the link below to learn about how you can set academic goals with your child based on assessment data and track his/her progress toward achieving those goals!



<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/27815>

Students can access the Personalized Learning Pathway through the Clever login on the home page of the PCS website or the Pinellas County Schools **Clever** page.

We look forward to sharing with you how we are striving to meet the needs of each and every PCE scholar.

Ms. Miles, Principal

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Upcoming Events



2/4-2/8 Book Fair, cash and credit only

2/6 BJ's Spirit Night

2/6 Lunch & Learn
1st, 3rd, 4th grade

2/7 Lunch & Learn
Pre-K, K, 2nd, & 5th grade

2/8 Valentine's Dance
6:00-7:30

2/18 No School for Students

3/1 Movie Under The Stars

3/8 No school for students

3/9-3/16 Spring Break, no school

Patrols of the Month– December

David Bui- David is a great help in the car circle. He is always a good role model and helps student get in and out of their cars safely.

Way to go David!

Lilly McConnell- Lilly helps with the flag here at school and is a great example of responsibility. Our school can always count on Lilly being there to put the flag up and take it down in a respectful manner. Thanks for being a great role model Lilly!



PE NEWS

Happy New Year! We are ready to start 2019 on the right track. The first week back from vacation we will begin a track and field unit. Students from all grade levels will be participating in events such as the 40-yard dash, the shuttle run, and a relay race. We are going to get their heart rates up, and we will be discussing the importance of cardiovascular endurance. January will be off to a very active start to the new year so please remember to have students wear shoes that cover the heel and toes.

Have a healthy and active 2019,
P.E. Team



Library Notice

A friendly reminder when checking out books students may check books for a duration of two weeks. After that students must return the books.

Notices for overdue books have started going home with students. Please return the books or send cash to pay for the book as soon as possible.



Art News

Congratulations PCE Artists Award of Excellence Recipients:

Amori Donado



Kiara Rodriguez-Colon



Kids Tag Art Pinellas is a Florida Standards-aligned curriculum where Pinellas County 5th graders design their own unique vanity tags (front license plates) during art class. The 2018/2019 school year features nearly 2,000 designs that can be viewed and purchased at <https://kids-tag-art.myshopify.com/collections/all/pinellas-central-elementary>

Kids Tag Art Pinellas is a community partnership program made possible by partnerships between the Pinellas County Tax Collector's Office, School District, and generous community sponsors. More information can be found at <http://taxcollect.com/kids-tag-art-pinellas/>.

Student of the Month

December 2018

Congratulations for showing

KINDNESS

Kindergarten: Nylah C., Jocelyn I., Raymond C., Kaiden W., Aidric N.

1st Grade: Chase F., Adriana F., Colin., Kayenya L., Issaiah A., Donnie M.

2nd Grade: Emileigh B., Ava C., Haris R., Dora F., Katie N., Demetrius R.

3rd Grade: Larry C., Angel D., Antron C., Robert V., Jaedylynne B.

4th Grade: Aubry N., Hayden B., Demetria R., Rebecca T.

5th Grade: Abby P., Tyler L., Beyonce G., Dixie W., Daevon M.

Occupational and Physical Therapy

PROPRIOCEPTION: The Proprioceptive System helps us coordinate the movement of our arms and legs in an efficient manner to play and move without even having to look. It allows a child to sit down without thinking about all the steps needed, to write with a pencil without pushing so hard that the tip breaks, or to take a drink from a juice pouch without squeezing too hard. Proprioceptive activities provide opportunities for heavy work (pushing, pulling, moving against resistance), which wake up your muscles and your brain.

Children who have inadequate proprioception present with awkward movements, avoids physical activity, chew on their shirts, prefer small spaces, give strong bear hugs, can't imitate movements, are unable to do familiar things without looking, and/or have difficulty with learning new movements.

Most children learn about their bodies and develop good body in space awareness (proprioception) by engaging in everyday play activities that allow for exploration and movement. Here are some of our favorite proprioceptive activities:

- Outdoor games: jump rope, hopscotch, leap frog, tug-o-war, wheelbarrow races
- Household chores: take out the trash, push a vacuum, move/lift heavy laundry baskets
- Playground: free play on monkey bars, climbing equipment (climbing walls, ladders, ropes), ziplines, and seesaws
- Community activities: swimming, karate, gymnastics, and kids yoga

Resources: The Out of Sync Child Has Fun by Carol Stock Kranowitz, M.A.; Verywellhealth.com; Washington.edu/conj/bees/spindle/proprioceptors; study.com/academy//sensory_nerves

The Pinellas Central Elementary Book Fair is coming!!

Our book fair will be held 2/4-2/8.

Students will be able to shop for books during their lunch time. Shopping will be open during Lunch & Learn on February 6th and 7th as well as February 8th during the Valentine's dance! The book fair will only accept cash & credit cards. More information will be sent home.



Save the date!

PCE's Annual Valentines Dance
Friday, February 8th, 2019
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
\$3 per student, Adults and 2 and under are free.



Family Engagement

Save the date for our February Lunch & Learn!
Please don't forget to RSVP on the paper that will be coming home with students.

Wednesday, 2/6/19
1st Grade: 11:05-11:35
Third Grade: 11:55-12:25
Fourth Grade: 11:40-11:35

Thursday, 2/7/19
Pre-K 12:00-12:30
Kindergarten 11:20-11:50
2nd Grade 12:15-12:45
5th Grade 10:45-11:15

Our book fair will be open and parents and students will be eligible to shop when finished eating.
Cash and Credit only.

As always we are always on the lookout for new mentors and volunteers. For any questions regarding Lunch & Learn or Volunteering, please reach out to Shanara Hullum, Family & Community Liaison
727-547-7853, ext 2123 | hullums@pcsb.org

Registration Information VPK, Kindergarten, Pre-K 3

Kindergarten registration begins Jan. 14

Beginning Jan. 14, parents can register their children for kindergarten for next school year. Learn more visit www.pcsb.org/KG. If you have questions, call Student Assignment at 727-588-6210.

The PCS Prekindergarten Enrollment Update

View the Results of Your Application and Accept an Invitation beginning Feb. 25, 2019

Parents will need to log back into the district's Student Reservation System from Feb. 25 to March 8 to accept an invitation for Pre-K 3 and VPK programs. Pre-K 3 is for children who will be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019. For information about Pre-K 3, visit www.pcsb.org/prek3 or call 727-588-6000 ext. 2184. VPK is for children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019. For information about VPK, visit www.pcsb.org/vpk or call 727-588-6513.

