

# Mustang Round-Up

Pinellas Central Elementary School Newsletter

## ISSUE 2

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### A message from Ms. Miles...

Dear Pinellas Central Elementary Families,

It's October! We are excited to welcome the arrival of the Fall season although it may still feel like summer. This month, we celebrate the completion of the first marking period with our scholars as they are making progress toward their academic goals for the year. As we walk through classrooms and observe our dedicated faculty and staff, it is a joy to see how our scholars are experiencing the excitement of learning. Whether it is our VPK scholars learning how to recognize letters, a third-grade scholar solving a multistep math equation, or a group of 5<sup>th</sup> grade scholars collaboratively discovering how to collect data as "scientists" in the science lab, the high level of student engagement indicates that scholars are developing critical problem solving and thinking skills. We are proud of our scholars!

Student engagement is not only occurring during school hours, but we invite you to join us for several school events that extend student learning through family engagement. In this issue of the newsletter, you will find a listing of events. The upcoming school events are ways for your family to create memorable moments at school.

As a learning community, the faculty and staff are intentional about sustaining a school climate and culture at PCE, which is **student and family-centered!**

With great anticipation, we look forward to celebrating with all families during the Fall season! Indeed, a strong community equals a strong school.

Sincerely,

Ms. Miles, Principal

Mrs. Raspitzi, Assistant Principal

### Patrols of the Month- September

**Gabby Ramic-** Gabby is well recognized by our staff and students in the school for having such a positive attitude while collecting tardy passes around the school. Her bright smile and friendly conversation makes everyone's day just a little bit brighter! Keep up the great work Gabby!



**Beyonce Gutierrez-Castellanos-** Beyonce is such a HUGE help to Mrs. Sandi on the bus that she doesn't know what she would do with the help! Beyonce is a good role model and helps make sure all students on her bus are safe! Way to go Beyonce!!

### Upcoming Events



**10/22-10/26** Book Fair

**10/22-10/26** Red Ribbon Week

**10/25** Trunk Or Treat

**10/25** Lunch & Learn

(1st, 3rd, & 4th)

**10/26** Lunch & Learn

(Pre-K, K, 2nd, & 5th)

**10/26** Report Cards

**10/30** Fundraiser Order

Pick up

**11/14** Great American

Teach-In

**11/15** Kindergarten

Nursery Rhyme Show

**11/16** Picture Retakes

**11/16** Spirit Night at

Chucke Cheese

**11/19-11/23**

Thanksgiving Break

## PE NEWS

During the month of October during P.E. class we will be doing chasing and fleeing games. A lot of chasing and fleeing games we play are tagging games. While playing these tagging games your child will chase, flee, and dodge to avoid or catch others. Some examples of the games we will be playing are sharks and minnows, capture the flag, and Pac-man tag. Safety for your child is always our top priority and we will remind students to always look where they are running to avoid collisions. Chasing and fleeing games are some of our scholar's favorites and we look forward to teaching it to them.

## Art News

### Dunedin Fine Arts Center 2018 Creative StART Exhibition

Kokolakis Youth Family Gallery,  
1143 Michigan Blvd, Dunedin

#### Congratulations PCE Artists:

Cecilia Liu - 2nd Grade      Yadiel Aviles - 3rd Grade  
Natalie Pagan - 3rd Grade    Stefan Radionov - 4th Grade



Student artwork will be on display October 19th until December 14th. The awards reception will be October 28th.

## Music News

Our 2nd Grade students will be performing at Trunk or Treat on 10/25/18. More info will be sent home with those students and costumes are encouraged.

5th Graders had a great time at the Mahaffey Theater Orchestra Concert on 10/3!



## Occupational and Physical Therapy

This month we would like to share optimal seating for your child when doing homework or any other task that requires good hand control. In order for the hands to work efficiently the body must be stable. If the body is not stable then the hands need to help brace the body taking away from the task they were intending to perform. The easiest way for the body to be stable is to make sure that your child's feet are squarely on the floor with the hips and knees at 90 degrees. If the chair is too tall and there isn't an alternative smaller table and chair you might consider placing a stool under their feet. The table or desk should not be too high or too low either. When the child is seated at the correct chair height with the elbow bent resting at the edge of the desk or table measure from the top of the table to the elbow. It should measure between 1 and 1 ½ inches.



## Student of the Month– September 2018

Congratulations for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**

#### Kindergarten:

Hinano K, Hassana V., Mason N., Ma'liya H.

#### 1st Grade:

Christian J., Kendra K., Amy N., Bella C. ,  
Makayla F., Brittney S.

#### 2nd Grade:

Erik L. , Jobe W., Tessa T., Steven M., Leo A.,  
Michael D.

#### 3rd Grade:

Devon T., Jazlyn A., Paige T., Allisson H.,  
Cora H.

#### 4th Grade:

Lillian F., Vielka R., Elijah J., Hannah T.

#### 5th Grade:

Amerie A., Amori D., Lilly M., Maple H.,  
Gregory S.

## Title I News

### Summary of the Pinellas Central Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Plan

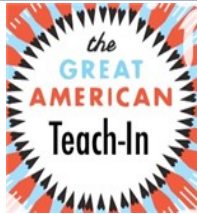
The 2018-2019 Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) for Pinellas Central Elementary School believes in involving parents in all aspects of its Title I programs, therefore our school encourages parents to become active members of our School Advisory Council (SAC). The mission of the parent involvement piece is to create a quality educational setting that promotes critical thinking skills for college and careers by providing relevant and rigorous curriculum and building positive relationships by involving the parents. To promote parental involvement, the school will offer various nightly activities including, but not limited to Trunk or Treat, Math Grocery Night, AVID Night. Additionally, our staff will build their capacity by attending professional development including restorative practices. We also coordinate with other Federal programs such as VPK, ESOL, and Transition to Kindergarten.

Our Title I Annual Parent Meeting was held on August 30, 2018. Discussed in the meeting was the Parent's Right to Know, What Title I, and the importance of parental involvement, curriculum, and assessments. The school will communicate with parents via newsletter, phone call, and website. Pinellas Central Elementary School will make every reasonable effort to provide the parents with information in an understandable language and format. You will find a copy of the complete Parent and Family Engagement Plan in the parent station in the front vestibule.

## Family Engagement

### Great American Teach-In

If you have an interesting job or hobby that you would like to share with our students, we are looking for a few more presenters for our 2018 Teach-In event.



### Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to chaperone our 5th grade trip to Enterprise Village on 11/6/18. We'd love for you to join us!

*For volunteering or teach-in information please reach out to our Family & Community Liaison, Shanara Hullum at [hullums@pcsb.org](mailto:hullums@pcsb.org) or 727-547-7853 ext. 2101*

## PTA

Congratulations Mrs. Bohrnsen's homeroom for having the highest percentage of PTA members! Way to go!



### Fundraiser Update:

Our fundraiser delivery date was slightly delayed and delivery date will now be 10/30 from 2 p.m-6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Information will be sent home. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

As always, thank you for supporting your PCE PTA! Please direct all PTA questions to [pinellascentralpta@gmail.com](mailto:pinellascentralpta@gmail.com)

## Family engagement tips, reading strategies and more at Title I Center

The Pinellas County Schools Title I Center will hold its "Fall into Reading" night, 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Title I Center, 2499 25th Street South, St. Petersburg. There will be a short discussion and presentation on the importance of family engagement and parents will create an "at home" reading strategy kit. Dinner will be served to all participants and there will be free giveaways and books. To RSVP, call 727-893-2988 or email [danielsbr@pcsb.org](mailto:danielsbr@pcsb.org).

Visit [www.pcsb.org/titleone](http://www.pcsb.org/titleone) to learn more about all of Pinellas County Schools Title I programs.

## Reminder

Parents and guardians please remember to keep your contact information updated. You can do this by using your parent portal login information to update phone number, address, and e-mail address. If you are in need of a new username and password please stop by the office. Our friendly office staff will happily assist you.



## The Pinellas Central Elementary Book Fair is coming!!

Our book fair will be held 10/22-10/26. Students will be able to shop for books during their lunch time.

On Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> families will be able to shop the Book fair during Trunk or Treat.



More details will be sent home soon.

## Trunk Or Treat

10/25/18

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of safe trick or treating and lots of not-so-scary fun! We will have bounce houses, games a parking lot full of stations and a performance by 2nd Grade! Reusable trick or treat bags, compliments of our friends at Chucke Cheese, will be given out one per child while supplies last. Costumes are encouraged.

This is a free event for our families though we will have our friends from the PB & Jelly Deli food truck and Kona Ice Truck of Seminole on hand selling food and treats.



## Please join us as we celebrate Red Ribbon Week 10/22-10/26!

Each day students are encouraged to make their pledge to be drug free by participating in each days activities!

**Monday 10/22:** Elect to be drug free! Wear red, white and blue!

**Tuesday 10/23:** Sock it to drugs! Wear silly socks!

**Wednesday 10/24:** Put a cap on drugs! Wear your favorite hat!

**Thursday 10/25:** Team up against drugs! Wear your favorite sports team apparel!

**Friday 10/26:** We're wild about being drug free! Wear your wildest hair do!

