

Mustang Round-Up

Pinellas Central Elementary School Newsletter

ISSUE 1

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A message from Ms. Miles...

I am excited to introduce the first edition of the **Mustang Round Up** for the 2018-2019 school year. In this and future editions, we will highlight school events, parent resources, and community news. We will also spotlight staff, educational partners, and our scholars.

We look forward to sharing with our readers about how we are accomplishing individual and school goals. We have so many student success stories to share!

We hope that you find the information in the school newsletter relevant and beneficial as we seek ways to partner with you to “nurture your child’s ability to learn.” Parent attendance at the recent Dad’s Take Your Child to school, Lunch and Learn Day, and last month’s Open House indicate that we have a strong home-school connection.

As a faculty and staff, we pledge our commitment to maintaining a school culture that encourages teacher and parent collaboration. We also believe that when we work with families to support student learning that our scholars are motivated to learn.

Finally, I thank you for supporting our school, staff, and our scholars-your child. The best is yet to come.

Sincerely,
Ms. Miles

Upcoming Events



10/3 Tijuana Flatts

Spirit Night

10/3 5th Grade Field Trip Florida Orchestra

10/8 Picture Day

10/12 Student Led

Conferences

10/22-10/26 Book Fair

10/25 Trunk Or Treat

10/26 Lunch & Learn

Patrols of the Month– September

Solanna Gaudioso-Techo

Solanna is such a tremendous help in the car circle! She is on post, polite and has a positive attitude. Not only does she shine on post but in the classroom as well. Way to go Solanna!



Ambrielle Cruz

Ambrielle is always polite and helps out the kindergarten teachers in the cafeteria in the mornings. She is a wonderful addition to our safety patrol team! Keep up the great work!

Volunteers

We are looking for field trip chaperones for



Enterprise Village on **11/6!**

E-mail

hullums@pcsb.org for more information!



PE NEWS

It's FitnessGram time again! FitnessGram is the name of the tests that are being done to evaluate each student's fitness level. Starting in September all students will begin the FitnessGram pre-test. The testing consists of push-ups, curl ups, pacer, sit and reach, trunk lift, and height and weight. Two new tests will be added this year, and they are the long jump and vertical jump. During P.E. class we encourage all students to give it their best effort. Throughout the school year we will work on improving your child's fitness levels. In the Spring we will complete the FitnessGram post-test. These scores will show the gains that our students have made with their fitness levels. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle outside for P.E. class. Students also need to wear the proper shoes that cover their heels and toes.

Music News

Attention 4th and 5th grade families. Chorus has started!

Mark your calendar- 2nd grade students will be singing at Trunk or Treat on October 25th at PCE.



Occupational and Physical Therapy

How heavy is your backpack? The weight of a backpack should be no more than 15% of your total body weight. Weigh your child then weigh the backpack. $(\text{Body weight}) \times .15 =$ the maximum weight the backpack should be. For example, if your child weighs 75 pounds you would multiply $75 \times .15 = 11.25$. Your child's backpack should weigh no more than 11 pounds.



How are you wearing your backpack? Is it slung way down low on you back or up high? It's important for your back to wear a backpack up high on your back. Heavier items should be placed closest to your back in the backpack. The shoulder straps should be nice and wide, snug but not tight, and it is important to wear both of them. To protect yourself from injury, you should not sling your backpack on one shoulder as this will cause you to lean to one side curving your spine.

Please, help protect your child's back by using these tips. Here's to your back's health!!

Trunk or Treat



Join us for our 2nd Annual Trunk Or Treat! We are looking for more candy stations for this fun filled night on 10/25. To be a candy station, commit to decorating your car and having 400 pieces of candy or prizes (stickers, pencils, etc.). We would love to have you! We also take candy donations too! Feel free to drop any donations off in the front office. To sign up fill out the flyer that went home with your student or e-mail pinellascentralpta@gmail.com

Students of the Month– August 2018

Congratulations for demonstrating **RESPECT!**

Kindergarten: Stella G., Madison F., Kayden C., Garrett A., Lilah G.

1st Grade: Chloe M., Ilhana G., Moises Z., Sofia H., Preetam K., Benjamin A.

2nd Grade: Arnav K., Povi G., Cecilia L., Alanah L., Haylee M., Giovanni E.

3rd Grade: Natalia P., Ryan N., Xaviera G., Rosa N., Kayla C.

4th Grade: Kaihiu Z., Stefan R., Alexis D., Baylee C.

5th Grade: Diana P., David B., Ben N., Aliyah J., August Z.



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Right to Know Professional Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals

Date: September 13, 2018

Dear Parents,

As a parent of a student at Pinellas Central Elementary School you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

1. *Whether your child's teacher—*
 - *has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;*
 - *is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Staff qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and,*
 - *is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.*
2. *Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.*

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and/or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact the Ms. Daphne Miles at 727-547-7853.

Sincerely,

Ms. Daphne Miles

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