



# EAGLE'S EYE



## SKYCREST ELEMENTARY NEWS

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### *Mission*

Educate and prepare students for college, career and life.

### A Message from Administration

Dear Skycrest Families,

Our Skycrest Scholars had a busy month in November. We celebrated our Eagle Awards at Trinity Church, honored our Veteran's, had over 20 community members come for Great American Teach In, and hosted our first STEM Night. We thank all our Veterans and community members for being part of these events. Skycrest staff and students appreciate all their support to make this a success. Also, a huge thank you for sending in canned food items for our Food Drive. The Salvation Army was grateful for all of the donations.

Here we are in the month of December! The school year is more than 1/3 of the way through and our students are busy the task of learning and completing projects and taking the Cycle 2 MAP Test in ELA and Math! Holiday decorations are sprouting up everywhere as families begin their thinking about holiday shopping, vacation plans, and dinner menus. Many of our evenings and weekends will be spent getting ready for holiday celebrations. Please help us encourage our students to stay as focused as possible and include homework and study time in your holiday plans....we do not want them to fall behind in their learning.

We appreciate all of your support being involved in your child's learning at Skycrest. Enjoy your holiday and time off!

See you next school year,  
Mrs. Pier  
Assistant Principal

### Dates to Remember

- 12/2-12/06 Art Mobile at Skycrest
- 12/13 Student Council Meeting, 8:15AM
- 12/12 International Café, 8:45AM, Media Center
- 12/16 PTA Board, Media Center, 3:00PM
- 12/17 Winter Concert, 6:30PM, Trinity Presbyterian
- 12/19 Parent Workshop, 5:30-7:00PM, Media Center
- 12/20 End of grading period
- 12/23-1/06 NO SCHOOL, WINTER HOLIDAYS**
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- 01/07 Return to School

### School Guidelines

Remember Skycrest Students to always:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
- Be an Active Learner

### Tips from Ms. Elander

Some Fun Ways to Keep Your Child Reading Over the Break

1. Create "DEAR" times at home. DEAR stands for "Drop everything and read". Do it randomly throughout the day to create a sense of excitement and spontaneity.
2. Take part in story times at your local library.
3. Let your child show off his/her reading skills to relatives.
4. Read and talk about books in the car.
5. Write a special holiday reading list.
6. Cook holiday meals together and let them read out the ingredients.

You can find more information here:

<https://blog.readingeggs.com/2015/01/09/6-fun-ways-to-keep-your-child-reading-over-the-holidays/>

## Attendance Corner

Excerpt written by *Dr. Wohl's, School Psychologist*

"Attendance, just how important is it in elementary school? Don't the students have time to make it up? They are so young and have so many years of school left. That's what I was wondering the other day so I did a little research. I was amazed with what I found. They can get really behind. Here's what I discovered. If students have excellent attendance in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, their Language Arts scores in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are 50 points higher than children who miss 18 days or more per year. While many of us may think missing kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade may not count much, it seems to be very important for testing success two and three years later. Again to my surprise, Math scores in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for kids who were present at school are even higher yet. The scores were 76 points better than the students who miss more than 18 days of school per year in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. When I think about it, it makes sense. Each year is a building block for the next year and it can be hard to catch up with spotty attendance, including tardy days."

"Although the specifics may change from one research study to another, the trend is the same. Attendance is really important even for the very early years of school and can affect later performance. We have to watch closely because sometimes we don't realize just how much instructional time children are missing with absent and tardy days combined. So, how can we as parents help our children be successful in school? Excellent attendance."

## Title I sponsored event!

### Restorative Practices Parent Workshop

**When:** December 19, 2019

**Time:** 5:30 - 7:00 pm

**Where:** Skycrest Media Center

**What:** Learn how to use Restorative Practices to interact and communicate effectively with your child.

**Who:** All parents in grades Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited.

Please look for a flyer that will be sent home with more information. Limited seats are available so you will need to RSVP!

\*\*Food and drinks will be served to participants before the workshop.

## Note from Title I

**Ready, Set...Kindergarten Registration coming to Skycrest!**

**When:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020

**Time:** 6:00PM

**Where:** Skycrest Media Center

Start your child's education off with a strong foundation with Pinellas County Schools. Join us for kindergarten registration beginning January 15, 2020 for the upcoming school year. If you have a child who will be five years old prior to September 1, 2020, attend this informative Kindergarten Open House, Wednesday, January 15, 2020. You will receive a packet with ways to help your child get ready for Kindergarten and a free book provided by Title I. We look forward to seeing you there!

Required documents for Kindergarten registration:

- Certified birth certificate
- Florida Immunization (shot record)
- Physical exam (current within 1 year)
- Social Security Card
- 2 forms of proof of residency (electric, phone, cable or lease). If you do not have a bill in your, or your spouse's name and you are living in someone else's home, you will need an Affidavit of Residency form. All signatures on the Affidavit of Residency form **must be** witnessed by a notary.

**All items above must be present for registration.** Bring a photo ID for a new User ID and Password to start the registration process.

For more information visit [www.pcsb.org/KG](http://www.pcsb.org/KG).

## Daily Information

Parents, please try to keep a spare change of clothes in your child's backpack regardless of his/her age/grade. The office does NOT always have a spare set in your child's size and we know it is hard to drop what you are doing to provide a pair at a moment's notice.

Also, remember to write your child's name in his/her lunchboxes, jackets, sweaters, and anything they might lose. We have many jackets in our lost and found bin with no names, and if they are not claimed before winter break, they will be donated to our local Salvation Army.



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