



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,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I am very excited to welcome each and every one of our families and students (new and returning) to this amazing school. We welcome you to the family.

We, at Skycrest Elementary, are committed to ensuring an equitable, engaging, and collaborative learning experience to ensure academic and behavioral growth for all students. Your active support, feedback, and cooperation are highly valued. With your support, partnerships with the local community, and our staff's teaching expertise and on-going professional learning, we will ensure your child succeeds and grows to his/her highest potential!

Due to COVID-19 and the quick transition to virtual learning this past March, and now back to virtual or face-to-face learning, we are committed to quickly diagnosing lost learning and design a specialized plan to accelerate your child's exposure to grade-appropriate work with the necessary scaffolds and supports. This of course, will require your continued help and dedication to ensure your child continues to maintain good daily attendance, reading every day, and completing assignments and tasks required by the classroom teacher/s. Together we will love, support, and grow your child to our best abilities. We got this!

My hope is that you never hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback regarding our school. We strive to make this a positive learning experience for your child. Also, please consider joining PTA and SAC. You can join by visiting our school website.

I look forward to a great school year continuing to make academic progress towards being an "A" school.....
GO SKYCREST EAGLES!!!

With children in mind,
Mrs. Eliza Defant
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Dates to Remember

- 10/12 SAC (virtual zoom), 5-6:00PM
- 10/19 PTA (virtual zoom), 3:00PM
- 10/23 End of First Quarter
- 10/26 **No Student Day**

11/03 Report Cards come home

School Guidelines

Remember Skycrest School-wide Expectations is S.A.R.R.

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

Appointments Required

Appointments are required for the following: office issues, registration and withdrawals, technical support, and Administrator request.

Please go to Skycrest's Website to find the link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4EA4AD2CA6F85-office>

SAC

Join us for our first SAC meeting (Zoom link will be on our school website) on October 12th 5:00-6:00PM. Your voice is important to us!

What is a Title I School?

Title I schools receive federal dollars to fund the following:

- **Personnel** to help students succeed. At Skycrest, we have a full time Reading Interventionist, a full-time Social Worker and a full-time Multi-Tiered Systems Support coach.
- **Academic workshops/family nights** - Literacy night, STEM night, FSA/Middle School information night, and the Art and Student Showcase are offered to students and their families. We provide families with free books and the opportunity to learn strategies to help their children to be better readers, mathematicians, and scientists.
- **Materials for students** - Title I provides students with **Planners and Compacts**. In addition, money is spent to refurbish classroom libraries, purchase culturally relevant books for teachers to use in their classrooms and buy instructional materials needed to meet the needs of our students.
- **Professional Development** for staff members including a stipend to be paid to all staff who participate in school-based trainings after school. At Skycrest, we will be offering a book study to build teachers capacity in equitable practices. As well as, working with instructional staff after school hours to delve deep into our student data and ELA standards plan focused instruction to meet the needs of our students.
- Provide **intervention kits** to remediate and enhance reading skills for all students. (LLI, SRA, Elements of Phonics, Elements of Vocabulary, etc.)
- **Promise Time program/ELP program** - after school tutoring program. Materials and funds for salaries were provided during the 2019-2020 school year. (Examples - Promise time tutoring groups, Reading/Math Tutoring)

Title I Annual Missed Meeting Notification

Date: September 16, 2020

Dear Parents:

Did you miss our Title I Annual Meeting? During our Title I Annual Meeting we discussed the following: Parent-School-Student Compact, our school and Pinellas County Schools Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), Title I budget, academic expectations, assessments, Title I Parent's Right to Know, and the Title I Program.

Please view the recording of our Annual Meeting on our school's website

<https://www.pcsb.org/skycrest-es>.

We look forward to meeting you at future school events. Please call 727-469-5987, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our school or our Title I Program.

Sincerely,

Eliza Defant
Principal

Title I News

Our 2020-2021 Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) has been approved and published. You may view this document in our school's Title I Resource Notebook located in the in the front office of our school.

The Title I Annual Meeting was held at our Open House on September 15, 2020. If you were unable to attend this very important meeting and would like information about this meeting, please view our school's website at <http://www.pcsb.org/skycrest-es> or visit the Family Resource Center located in the front office. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please feel free to contact Mrs. Ladd at 727-469-5987 or drop by our office.

Title I Needs You!

Every Title I school must have a parent volunteer to be a member of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). This only requires attending two meetings a year and then reporting back to our SAC meetings. Please contact Michelle Ladd at 469-5987, if you are interested.

Skycrest Elementary is a Healthy School!

Skycrest Elementary School has been awarded a National Healthy School Award from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation! Through physical activity, nutritious food, and health education, we are committed to promoting a healthy environment to learn and grow. Studies have shown that healthy students have higher achievement, better attendance, and better behavior. Find out more about wellness policies and how you can support school wellness at www.pcsb.org and search school wellness.

Healthy "Eats" for Kids!

Fruits/Veggies

Fresh Fruits
Fresh Vegetables
Raisins or other dried fruits
Canned fruits in natural or light juices

Cereal Bars

Rice Krispies Treats
Quaker Oatmeal Bars
Unsweetened Cereals

Grains

Crackers
Baked Tortilla Chips
Pretzels
Graham or animal crackers
Goldfish crackers
Munchies Kids Mix
Baked Chips

Beverages

Bottled water
Flavored water (0-calorie)
100% fruit juices
100% vegetable juices
Low-Fat milk (flavored or unflavored)

Any/all food provided by a parent to share with the class must be on the approved "healthy foods" list. Please contact your student's teacher before bringing items to school. Thank you.



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Oral Hygiene for Children

As kids grow up, their oral hygiene habits should grow with them.



Kids have all their baby teeth by the age of 3.

These are called **primary** teeth. Baby teeth start falling out around age 6; that's when the **permanent**, or adult, teeth start coming in. Gaps between baby teeth are normal. They make room for the permanent teeth. Most permanent teeth come in by age 13.

Establishing the Best Oral Hygiene Routine for Children

Here are some tips to help keep your child's teeth healthy and strong starting at age 3:

- Use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste and make sure your child spits it out after brushing
- Be sure your child brushes for at least 2 minutes twice a day
- Start flossing as soon as teeth touch, or even earlier to help build good habits.
- Help your child brush and floss, and remind him or her to pay attention to the back teeth.
- Visit the dentist every 6 months.

Oral Hygiene for Preteens

As children grow older and more of their permanent teeth come in, a rigorous daily dental hygiene routine is crucial to keeping teeth and gums healthy. However, it can be difficult to keep preteens interested in their oral care.

Try these tips to keep your child on track:

- As preteens become more conscious of their appearance, it can be helpful to remind them that good oral care can help them look and feel better.
- Remind your child to brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste for a full two minutes which not only fights cavities and strengthens teeth, but also gives older kids the confidence of having fresh breath. A power toothbrush might make brushing more fun for preteens.
- Flossing is extremely important at this point as most permanent teeth have erupted and cleaning between them will help prevent cavities and keep their mouth fresh.
- Encourage children who play sports to wear a mouth guard to protect their teeth from injuries.
- Make sure kids who wear braces use a power brush and floss very thoroughly to avoid white spots on teeth when braces come off.

www.dentalcare.com