



EAGLE'S EYE



SKYCREST ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Mission

Educate and prepare students for college, career and life.

A Message from Administration

Skycrest Families,

Welcome back to the 2021-22 school year! We are off to a great start. Our staff are excited to work with your child and see the amazing growth he/she will make this year. I want to encourage you to stay connected with your child's teacher on the progress of his/her education and to utilize and join our various family engagement opportunities below:

- Skycrest website - <https://www.pcsb.org/skycrest-es>
- Skycrest Facebook page
- Remind app
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our first School Advisory Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. This will be our first meeting in which I will share our School Improvement Plan and budget. Your support and feedback are greatly appreciated! All are welcome.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call our front office during business hours at 727-469-5987.

Eliza Defant
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Dates to Remember

- 09/06 No School, Labor Day
- 09/20 SAC Meeting, 6:00PM, Media Center
- 09/23 International Café, 8:45AM, Media Center
- 10/01 Picture Day

School Guidelines

Remember Skycrest school-wide expectations are S.A.R.R.

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

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>

Volunteers

We need you more than ever!
Become a volunteer and help your student's school.

Please go to <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer> to apply or email Ms. Miriam at saucedocampsm@pcsb.org.

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 fulltime reading interventionist, a full-time Social Worker, a full-time multi-tiered systems support coach and a part-time reading 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 parent engagement. 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, are some we utilize.
- **Promise Time program/ELP program** - after school tutoring program. Materials and funds for salaries were provided during the 2021-2022 school year. (Examples - Promise time tutoring groups, and Reading/Math Tutoring)



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Title I Annual Missed Meeting Notification

Date: August 31st, 2021

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 as well as Skycrest website.

The Title I Annual Meeting was held at our Open House on August 31st, 2021. 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.

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 PTA President Welcome

On behalf of the Skycrest Elementary School PTA, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families, returning students, families, and staff members! We are looking forward to a productive and fun school year ahead. We thank all of you for your past participation in the PTA and hope to have you join or renew your membership for the 2021-2022 school year.

For each membership of \$7.00, we have been able to:

- Provide classrooms with supplies
- Sponsor students for school events
- Support school programs and staff
- Supply PBIS incentive program

It is not a requirement that members volunteer or participate in any other way than purchasing a membership, but we welcome your participation if you wish to do so. If you can, volunteer for and/or attend a PTA event, and come to our meetings to add your voice - this is your PTA! The more family involvement we have, the more successful we will be in providing the best experience possible for our students.

With students in mind,
President Christopher Carlesimo

Membership online sales can be done at: <https://skycresteagles.memberhub.com/store>

What is Skycrest PTA?

Skycrest Parent Teacher Association is a non-profit association comprised of parents, family members, and staff members. PTA is devoted to the educational success of students, the support of teachers, and the promotion of parental involvement at Skycrest Elementary.

What is the purpose of PTA?

Skycrest PTA's purpose is to promote the collaboration, support, and engagement of families and educators at Skycrest.

How and where do funds go?

PTS raises funds through memberships, shirt sales, donations, and fundraisers. These funds help support the students and staff at Skycrest by providing: staff appreciation events, students in need, PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports), and special requests from teachers.

International Café

Attention Spanish-Speaking Families

Please join us at our first **International Café on Thursday, Sept. 23rd at 8:45am** in the Media Center. This meeting is held in Spanish and each month we discuss different topics such as academics and community resources. It's a great way to meet other parents, know what is going on at Skycrest Elementary and hear what is available in our Skycrest/Clearwater neighborhood. The meeting takes place while your student is in class, but younger children are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Skycrest Student Services

Did you know Skycrest Elementary has a school social worker, a school psychologist, and a school counselor?

We are here to support your child's academic, social emotional/behavioral, and attendance needs. You can reach us by calling Skycrest Elementary School at (727) 469-5987.

We look forward to an amazing year!



There are two important steps to ensure the health and safety of your child.

Please make sure your contact information is updated in Focus and you fill out your school's Clinic Card.

- Pinellas County Schools needs accurate contact information to call and email you about emergencies, health updates and severe weather.
- Your school needs your child's Clinic Card to ensure they have emergency contact info and up-to-date information about your child's health.

Both steps are important to ensure your child's health and safety. If you need help with either process, please contact your school.