



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,

Many thanks to all the children and parents who helped with the Food Drive! Thank you for your kindness and generosity, the holidays will be very special for a lot of families. Also, we had a wonderful turn out at our Trunk or Treat event with over 300 students attending. Thank you again, sending in candy and snacks.

Starting the week of December 5th, student will be taking the second round of test in reading and math. This is the same test your child took in August. It tests them on what they have learned from the standards so far this year. We look forward to seeing their growth on the test. More information about the test will be sent to all families.

As we approach the winter break, we want to see our scholars grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We continue to need your on-going support. Below are some ideas of what you can do with your child at home during the holidays:

1. Play a game (help your child know his/her basic addition, subtraction, and/or multiplication facts)!
2. Read a book on a blanket outside and enjoy a snack and/or hot cocoa!
3. Build a fort to read in!
4. Go on iStation and Dreambox to get to the next level - prizes will be awarded to students for online work!
5. Write letters to your family and friends to wish them a happy holiday and/or new year!
6. Go for a walk and count how many "holiday" things you see!
7. Go to the park and go on a scavenger hunt!

There are many ways you can have fun as a family. This is the time of year to be thankful and grateful of what we have. Have a wonderful holiday break and see you next year!

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Dates to Remember

- 12/14 Winter Concert
- 12/22 Polar Express
- 12/22 End of the second quarter
- 12/23-01/06 Winter Break, **No School**

01/09 Students return

School Guidelines

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

- Be Safe
- Be on Task
- Be Accountable
- Be Respectful

Early Releases

Early student release must occur before 2:00PM with prior notice to the teacher and front office.

Students will be dismissed at 2:55PM to their designated pick-up areas.

Between 2:00PM and 2:55PM, teachers are still instructing students. It disrupts end of day procedures for the teachers and front office.

Thank you for helping with this matter.



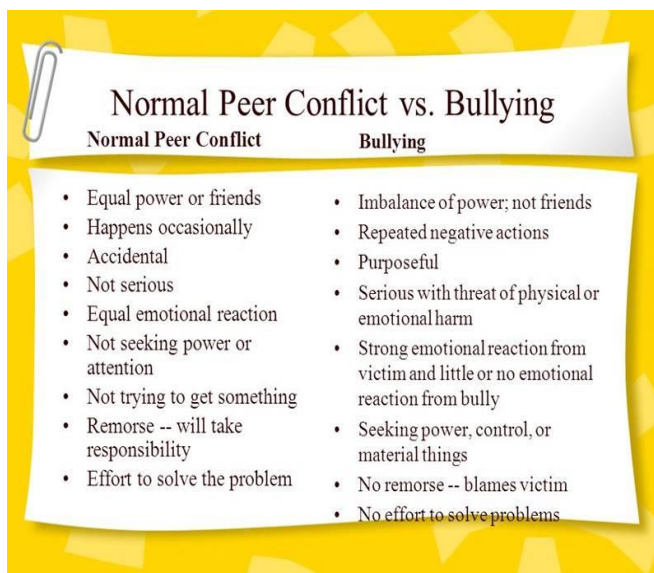
www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

What is Bullying?

The Pinellas County Schools Policy against Bullying and Harassment defines bullying as:
Systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees.

In bullying situations, there are always **3 key elements present**:

- ✓ Imbalance of Power - Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others
- ✓ Intent to Harm
- ✓ Repeated Behavior



Normal Peer Conflict	Bullying
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equal power or friends• Happens occasionally• Accidental• Not serious• Equal emotional reaction• Not seeking power or attention• Not trying to get something• Remorse -- will take responsibility• Effort to solve the problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Imbalance of power; not friends• Repeated negative actions• Purposeful• Serious with threat of physical or emotional harm• Strong emotional reaction from victim and little or no emotional reaction from bully• Seeking power, control, or material things• No remorse -- blames victim• No effort to solve problems

Safety

Please continue to support us in ensuring student safety by dropping your student off no earlier than 8:15 a.m., driving slowly, utilizing our car circle loops with your car tags clearly visible, signing in your child if he/she arrive to school after 8:45 a.m. in the front office, and keeping your child home if he/she is sick.

With your continued support, we can ensure our students and staff are safe. As always, if you have any questions, please call during our office hours from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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.

Skycrest PTA News:

Welcome our new President and Vice President to PTA. Mr. Kevin and Jessica Wiley will now be serving on our PTA Board. They have a daughter who is in Kindergarten and they are looking forward to serving our students and staff at Skycrest.

PTA would also like to thank everyone for a very successful Color Run Fundraiser, our school made around \$2,200 and were able to donate \$285 to the Hurricane Relief fund from snack sales.

PTA also hosted Pies with Parents for our Kindergarten students and our volunteer snacks for Great American Teach-In. The PTA will support our staff on December 15 for a holiday breakfast.

Again, we encourage all families to join PTA with a \$7.00 due, part of the fee goes directly to the staff and student events throughout the year.

A huge shout out to Pediatric Bee Dentistry and Top Martial Arts for donating to PTA!!



Math in Everyday Life

It is important to help children recognize that everyone uses math all the time. Here are tips to help your child have a positive attitude about mathematics.

- Make learning math a positive experience. Do not talk negatively about math to your child—it can lead to "math anxiety" (a proven cause of low achievement).
- Schedule math homework at the same time in a quiet location every day. Be available during this period to talk with your child. Create a math homework toolkit with pencils, erasers, ruler, protractor, graph paper, counters (beads or beans) and a calculator.
- When helping with homework, follow the method being taught. Do not teach short cuts that could confuse your child. Do not say, "Let me show you my way - it's simpler and faster."
- If your child becomes frustrated, stop. Remind your child of the things they have already learned how to do successfully, such as riding a bicycle, writing a paragraph or speaking a second language.
- Ask your child's teacher for strategies to use at home that reflect your child's learning style. If your child asks for help and you do not know the answer, be honest and say, "I don't know, but let's figure it out together." If you continue to be unsuccessful, you can also ask your child's teacher for help. This gives your child permission to ask for help as well.

