



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 Parents and Families,

Spring is in the air! This is the time of year we get to watch the earth come back to life with the greens and vibrant colors blooming all around us. The warmth of the sun fills us with energy and enthusiasm. It is my goal to bring all of this color and energy into our work here at the school. Our Skycrest Team - students, teachers, support staff, parents and community are an amazing group of people. We are not afraid of hard work or the challenging demands that come our way.

We are seeing so much progress in our students. Their increase in capacity to accomplish their academic work and improve their decision-making skills in all areas is helping them find success. I am so proud of them. I am proud of the way they are treating one another, setting and meeting goals, willing to accept responsibility and problem solve both academically and socially. I feel like the proud parent of over 600 children! I hope you know how much I care about your children, not just as students but also as the wonderful people they are.

As we approach Spring Break and the last couple months of this school year, I want to encourage us all to carry the energy that spring will bring. We need to continue strong. It will take all of us to help our wonderful students to be able to show how far they have come this year. Carry on and enjoy the beauty that is all around us and especially in our wonderful students.

Please watch for information about upcoming exciting programs and parent nights that will showcase the work the students have done this year and important testing dates.

Ms. Defant
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Dates to Remember

- 03/11 Spring Pictures, Students may dress-up
- 03/11 End of third quarter
- 03/14-18 **No School, Spring Break**
- 03/21 No school for students
- 03/29 Report Cards go home
- 03/31 International Café, 8:45AM, Media Center

FSA Dates for Grades 3-5

(Subject to Change)

- April 5 & 6 - 3rd grade Reading
- April 7th - 4th & 5th grade Writing
- May 3 & 4 - 4th & 5th grade Reading
- May 5 & 6 - 3rd grade Math
- May 10 & 11 - 4th & 5th grade Math
- May 17 & 18 - 5th grade Science

School Guidelines

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

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



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

International Café

Attention Spanish-Speaking Families,

Please join us at our monthly **International Café on Thursday, March 31st 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, learn what is going on at Skycrest Elementary, and hear about resources available in our Skycrest/Clearwater neighborhood.

The meeting takes place while your child is in class, but younger children are welcome. Join us for some coffee and cookies and helpful information. Hope to see you there!

Safety

Please continue to support us in ensuring student safety by dropping your child 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 arrives 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.

Modified Dress Code

Skycrest has the following modified dress code. This dress code supports the Pinellas County District strategic plan to promote student achievement.

- Dark blue, light blue, white or hunter green tops (crew neck or polo style)
- Khaki or navy blue bottoms (includes plain, dark blue jeans, neat in appearance, no holes/tears, **no denim shorts, skorts or skirts**)
- Socks and tights must be school colors
- Closed-toe shoes

If assistance is needed meeting the dress code requirements please contact the "Clothes to Kids" organization at 727-441-5050 or the school office.

Stay Informed

Parents, please take a few minutes to sign into your parent account through the Student Reservation System to update your phone number, and/or address. Important Skycrest and Pinellas County updates are automatically sent to the phone number listed in Focus. Calls made include: when school closes due to weather, events, and student absences.

- Website: <http://reservation.pcsb.org>
- Username: p. last name first initial (i.e. John Smith = p.smithj)
- Select "Change phone and email address only"
- For issues with your password please contact the front office of the school.

Have you moved? If you have updated your address in the Student Reservation System, it has to be verified at your child's school. Please come to the office and submit the required two documents. Acceptable documents include; a lease, closing document, tax statement, or a utility bill for power, water, cable, sewer or land-based telephone (not a cell phone).

Art Shout Outs

Leticia and Elyn from Ms. O'Donovan's class and Amairani from Ms. Weekes' class all were accepted into the Clearwater Arts Alliance's "March is Youth Art Month" Exhibition at Creative Pinellas for their hard work on their "optical illusions"!

Welcome

We have our new School Security Officer! Please welcome our new Skycrest team member, Mr. Noel Cortes.

Early Releases

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

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

Between 2:00p.m. and 2:55p.m., teachers are still instructing students. It disrupts end of day procedures for the teachers and front office when students are being picked up early.

