





SKYCREST ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Educate and prepare students for college, career and life.

A Message from Administration

Hello Skycrest Families,

It is hard to believe it is February already! This year is just flying by and your child continues to grow and learn each and every day. We celebrated our 100th day of learning on Jan. 30th! It is amazing the depth of knowledge and the high expectations your child is learning on a daily basis. It is important to continue learning at home with reading books nightly and completing lessons in iStation, Dreambox, and MyOn.

Students had a blast celebrating Literacy Week during the week of January 24th. Our Book Fair was also a wonderful success - thank you to all the families who supported these events. ACCESS testing for our K - 5th Grade ESOL students is also underway.

As students move into the months ahead, they will continue to work hard learning and follow our school-wide behavior expectations. Students continue working on our Leader In Me Program. February's focus Habit #5 is "Seek first to understand, then to be understood."

February is the month of Valentines and LOVE, and I want to share how much we, at Skycrest, LOVE being part of your child's life. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's learning.

Sincerely, Mrs. Pier

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Dates to Remember

02/01 International Café, 8:45AM, Media Center 02/03 Retention letters go out 02/01 Kindergarten Registration Continues 02/06-13 Jump Rope for Heart 02/13-17 Kindness Week 02/17 - 03/03 Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kickoff 02/20 No School for students

03/01 Dental Sealant Program Begins

<u>School Guidelines</u>

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

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

Donations

As your children grow and outgrow their Skycrest School uniforms, please consider donating those that are gently worn and still in good shape back to our school.

There are other students and families at Skycrest who can make good use of these uniforms for the remainder of this school year. Both boys and girls styles, in all the Skycrest colors, are welcomed and needed.

Please send your clean, no longer fitting uniforms to school with your child to be "re-homed", or drop them off at the office during school hours.

If you have questions or need further information, please feel free to call our school at (727) 469-5987.

Thank you so much for your help.

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. Text messages are now being sent to all mobile phone numbers.

- Website: <u>http://reservation.pcsb.org</u>
- 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).

International Café

Attention Spanish-Speaking Families,

Please join us at our monthly **International Café on Wednesday, February 1st 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, snacks and helpful information. Hope to see you there!

<u>Positive Behavioral Interventions and</u> <u>Supports</u>

Students continue to earn points through our online PBIS Rewards System. Ask your child to show you the app in Clever. Points and referrals are tracked in this program.



<u>Early Releases</u>

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 leave early.

Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser



We are excited to kick off our schools' annual Jump Rope for Heart Program. This program teaches heart-healthy habits and helps the American Heart

Association raise money for research and education that saves lives. Our school will be participating in this event February 6-13th during your child's Physical Education classes. Jump Rope for Heart is a fun event that helps children understand the importance of community service and physical activity, while helping to save lives. Our efforts truly make a difference. Students will be receiving a fundraiser envelope to invite families and friends to donate. Thank you for your support.

<u>School-wide Fundraiser Event</u>



Our PTA sponsored Cookie Dough Fundraiser begins February 17th and runs to March 3rd.

We are raising funds to support our Eagle school store, Teacher Appreciation Week and classroom supplies. Students who sell 10 items will be able to participate in Gameland Mega Party. Students who sell 15 or more items, will ride in a stretch limousine. Mini prizes will also be awarded throughout the program. Catalog envelopes will come home on February 17th with your child. We appreciate any support you can provide. Thank you.

<u>Volunteers</u>

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. Hilda Flores at flores-medinah@pcsb.org