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SKYCREST ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Mission

Educate and prepare students for college, career and life.

A Message from Administration

Happy New Year Skycrest Families,

As we ring in the New Year, it is an exciting time to reflect on our accomplishments and review goals for what we have left to do in this school year. Can you believe we are halfway through this school year? Where did the time go? The work required of the school, the teachers, the students, and their families has increased significantly during the past couple of years. We are all working hard to meet the challenges to help prepare students for whatever path to college, career, and life they may choose.

Don Lancaster, an American author, inventor, and microcomputer pioneer said, "Most impossible goals can be met simply by breaking them down into bite-size chunks, writing them down, believing them, and then going full speed ahead as if they were routine." We will be helping students look at their mid-year progress, breaking down what they have left to do into bite-size chunks, and then supporting each student to reach those goals. We know how to do hard things at Skycrest and we know they can achieve our goals.

We have so many exciting opportunities happening in the coming weeks and months. Please visit the school website and social media often so you don't miss a thing.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all those teachers, students, families, friends, and community members that came together in the spirit of giving to help members of the Skycrest community who needed help during this holiday season. Many needs were met, tears shed, and grateful hearts filled. Thank you for your giving!

Happy New Year Everyone!!

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Dates to Remember

- 01/04 Students Return
- 01/10 Kindergarten Registration Begins
- 01/11 Reports go home
- 01/11 Ready, Set... Kindergarten, 6:00PM
- 01/17 **No School, Martin Luther King Day**
- 01/20 International Café, 8:45AM, Media Center
- 01/24 Literacy & Book Fair Week
- 01/27 Literacy Night Event & Book Fair

School Guidelines

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

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

Early Releases

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

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

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

Thank you for your understanding with this process.



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Note from Title I

Ready, Set...Kindergarten Registration coming to Skycrest!

When: Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Time: 6:00PM

Where: Skycrest Media Center

Start your child's education off with a strong foundation with Pinellas County Schools. Join us for Kindergarten registration beginning January 10, 2022 for the upcoming school year. If you have a child who will be five years old prior to September 1, 2022, please attend this informative Kindergarten Open House, Tuesday, January 11, 2022. You will receive a packet with ways to help your child get ready for Kindergarten and a free book provided by Title I. We look forward to seeing you there!

Required documents for Kindergarten registration:

- Certified birth certificate
- Florida Immunization (shot record)
- Physical exam (current within 1 year)
- Social Security Card
- 2 forms of proof of residency (electric, phone, cable or lease). If you do not have a bill in your, or your spouse's name and you are living in someone else's home, you will need an Affidavit of Residency form from the office. All signatures on the Affidavit of Residency form **must be** witnessed by a notary.

All items above must be present for registration.

Bring a photo ID for a new User ID and Password to start the registration process.

For more information visit www.pcsb.org/KG.

Seatbelt Safety

SEATBELTS SAVE LIVES!

Motor vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death among children in the United States. However, many of these deaths can be prevented!!! Seat belt use reduces the risk for death and serious injury by approximately 50%. Please buckle children in car seats, booster seats, or seat belts on every trip, no matter how short the trip is!

Rear-facing car seat: Birth until age 2-4.

Forward-facing car seat: After outgrowing rear-facing seat and until at least age 5.

Booster seat: After outgrowing forward-facing seat and until seat belts fit properly.

Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs (not the stomach) and the shoulder belt lays across the chest (not the neck). Proper seat belt fit usually occurs when children are about 4 feet 9 inches tall and 9-12 years old. **Seat children in the back-middle seat not in front seat with airbag.**

Parents and caregivers: Always wear a seat belt. Set a good example by always using a seat belt yourself!

Literacy Week

January 24th-January 28th



This year's theme is "Spreading Literacy, One View at a Time." On Monday, January 24th, 2022, we will be kicking off Literacy Week with the "Million Minute Marathon" and ask students to read for an additional 20+ minutes during the school day.

Each day, we will have a different theme that celebrates literacy. On Wednesday night, January 27th from 5:30-6:30 pm, we will have a Title I sponsored Literacy Night. Book Fair will be open until 6:30 pm. Please plan to come and have some family fun!

Book Fair Coming to Skycrest

Come out and check-out our books for sale at the Skycrest Book Fair!! The Fair will be from January 24th through the 28th. We will also be open Literacy Night!! Come find a new book!!

International Café

Attention Spanish-Speaking Families,

Please join us at our monthly International Café on Thursday, January 20th 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!



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