



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 quickly approaching. With spring, comes great growth and blooming. This is also true for our students. They have worked hard all year and it is astounding to see the progress they have made. We still have work to do! Our incredible teachers are continually inspiring, modeling and motivating our students to reach their greatest potential. This is a great time to talk about academic goals set earlier in the year. Ask your child which math facts they have mastered, what reading level he/she is on now. Students love when their families show an interest in what they are doing in school. We are building incredible leaders at Skycrest Elementary!

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Dates to Remember

- 03/03 Fundraiser Ends
- 03/03 Class Pictures, uniform only
- 03/6-10 Say Something Spirit Week
- 03/09 Field Day
- 03/10 End of third quarter
- 03/10 Bucs Vision Van
- 03/13-17 **No School, Spring Break**
- 03/20 Hurricane make-up day - Students in school
- 03/22 International Café, 8:45am, Media Center
- 03/30 Report Cards go home

School Guidelines

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

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

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. Hilda Flores at flores-medinah@pcsb.org.

International Café

Attention Spanish-Speaking Families,

Please join us at our monthly **International Café on Wednesday, March 22nd 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!

Our last International Cafe of the year, will be on Wednesday, April 26th.

American Heart Association

During the Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Challenge program, we raised \$693.99.

Thank you, students, for participating in our jump rope challenge during Physical Education.

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 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Student Leadership Summit



In February, our fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Ryckman, took four Skycrest students to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg to the first ever Student Leadership Summit. Our Skycrest leaders were: Kody A., Ariel M., Leavanni Y. and Chelsea D.

Student Council

The following 5th grade students were elected by Skycrest Elementary students for the 22-23 Student Council Board this year:

President - Ariel M.

Vice President - Maylen V.

Secretary - Yamileth P.

Treasurer - Sophia V.

Congratulations to this new board, and we look forward to their leadership!

Congratulations Award Winners:

Congratulations to Damari C. in

Ms. Ryckman/Sullivan's class and Demarion C. in

Ms. Weekes' 5th grade class for receiving the 2023

Joseph L. Carwise District Minority Achievement

Award. They have exhibited the highest GPA and test scores for this school year. Way to go!

Hispanic Awards

This year's Maria Edmonds District Hispanic Awards for high academic achievement and good character go to the following 5th grade students:

Kerly A., Mia-Ruby A., Efrain E., and Sophia V.

PRIDE AWARDS

Congrats to the following 5th Grade Students for exhibiting high grades and good character in the following academic areas winning the district PRIDE Award: Writing: Dulce B., Math: Benjamin A., Science: Aurora N., and Social Studies: Daniel O.

What is Bullying?

The Pinellas County Schools Policy against Bullying and Harassment defines bullying as: "Bullying" includes cyberbullying and means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one (1) or more students or employees and may involve but is not limited to: teasing, social exclusion, threat, intimidation, stalking, including cyberstalking as defined herein: physical violence, theft, sexual, religious, or racial harassment, public or private humiliation, and destruction of property.

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

Skycrest PTA News

Hello Families,

We want to thank you for your continued support through donations, fundraising activities, memberships, and supporting Skycrest students and staff this year. We continue to look forward to increasing our PTA membership. With only a \$7.00 fee, this goes towards items such as our school store prizes, teacher appreciation days, and student recognition celebrations. If you still want to join (no time commitment needed), please do so by going to the website below or scan the QR code.

We are almost finished with our annual catalog fundraiser. Skycrest PTA receives 40% of the sales. However, if you do not sell any items, PTA offers the Opt-Out option of donating funds to PTA. 100% of the money goes right to PTA. We appreciate any support you can send in.

We are looking forward to sponsoring our next event on April 14th at our Spring Fling from 5 to 7pm. We hope you are able to join us for some fun and laughter.

Join PTA or make a

donation: <https://tinyurl.com/yc6b26je>



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