





SKYCREST ELEMENTARY NEWS

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 Mission

Educate and prepare students for college, career and life

# <u>A Message from Administration</u>

#### Happy New Year Skycrest Families,

The first semester flew by, and our students have grown tremendously both academically and socially. Our students and teachers are working hard to master their grade level BEST standards. January is a great time to reflect on the past and set goals for the future. You can help!

- Talk to your child about their progress
- Make sure your child is in school, on time each and every day
- Celebrate their growth and success
- Connect at home with the Leader In Me Habit of the Month January's habit is Habit #4 "Think Win - Win". Students will learn about fairness and how to find a solution that benefits both sides of an issue
- Ask your child how many I-Station and Dreambox Lessons they have completed each week
- Read with your child nightly
- Consider asking "What did you learn today?" instead of "How was your day?"

January will be a busy month and we want our families to be involved. Mark your calendar for our PTA general meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup> for Literacy Night.

This semester, parents can come on campus to eat lunch with their child. Parent Lunch Day will be the last Thursday of each month. Parents must bring their ID and check in at the front office. Please check the school's website and Facebook page to stay up to date on all the great activities going on at Skycrest! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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#### Dates to Remember

01/09 Students Return
01/10 PTA/SAC, 5:00-6:00p.m.
01/16 No School, Martin Luther King Day
01/17 Kindergarten Registration Begins
01/19 Ready Set Kindergarten, Parents Night, 6:00p.m.
01/19 Report Cards
01/20 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School
01/23-27<sup>th</sup> Literacy Week & Book Fair
01/24 Literacy Night Event, 4:30-6:00p.m.

### School Guidelines

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

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

## <u>Book Fair</u>



3...2...1...Happy New Year! Celebrate a new beginning with the Scholastic Winter Book Fair coming to Skycrest Elementary on January 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. It is the perfect cure for the post-holiday

blues with new books, new characters, new adventures, and so much more.



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

## International Café

Attention Spanish-Speaking Families,

Our monthly International Café 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.

Please note that the International Cafe meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, January 25th, will be rescheduled for Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:45-9:30.

### Literacy Week

#### January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>



On Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, 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 Tuesday night, January 24th from 4:30-6:00 pm, we will have a Title I sponsored Literacy Night. Book Fair will be open until 6:00 pm. Please plan to come and have some family fun!

### Sleep Suggestions

The chart below shows how much sleep children need.

Age	Sleep Needed
3-5 years	12-14 hours (including naps)
5-12 years	10-11 hours

Adequate sleep duration for age on a regular basis leads to improved attention, behavior, learning, memory, emotional regulation, quality of life, and mental and physical health.

Here are some tips for making sure your child gets enough sleep.

#### <u>Time for Bed</u>

Make sure your child goes to bed at the same time every night.

<u>Keep it Quiet</u>

Turn off the television and try to keep the room quiet when your child is sleeping.

Staying the Same

Keep the bedtime environment (e.g., light, temperature, quiet) the same all night long.

Television or tablet viewing prior to bed can lead to difficulty falling and staying asleep. Consider not having TV/tablet use as part of your child's bedtime routine. Read a story instead.

Source: Parent Guide for Your Child's Success by Suzanne Barchers

### <u>Note from Title I</u>

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

When: Thursday, January 19, 2023

**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 17, 2023 for the upcoming school year. If you have a child who will be five years old prior to September 1, 2023, please attend this informative Kindergarten Open House, Thursday, January 19, 2023. 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!

I 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 <u>www.pcsb.org/KG</u>.

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

Congratulations to Trinity Presbyterian Church for being awarded the Pinellas Education Foundation Elementary Community Partner of the Year! Trinity has supported Skycrest for many years and their impact is tremendous. They provide school supplies for our students, financial help for classroom materials and field trips, and they are incredibly generous to our staff by providing staff breakfasts/lunches. Their members are also regular volunteers on our campus. We appreciate everything they do!