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**Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle
Monthly Newsletter
November 2019**

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Parent Meetings

October 8th SAC Meeting
6:00pm Thurgood Marshall Fundamental

October 24th PTSA Meeting
6:00pm Thurgood Marshall Fundamental

November 11th SAC Meeting
6:00pm Thurgood Marshall Fundamental

November 20th PTSA Meeting
6:00pm Thurgood Marshall Fundamental

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Greetings Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Families

Please make sure your contact information is up to date in Focus for weekly calls and updates! Steps to change your child's address during the school year:

Log in with your User ID and Password to the [Student Reservation System](#)

Click on Change of Residence Address link and follow the steps

Proof of Residence Requires two of the following items: utility bill for power, water, cable, sewer or land-based telephone (not cellular); rental agreement or lease; closing document; Pinellas County tax statement with homestead exemption. The items must be recent and include the name of the parent/guardian and the service/home address.

Featured Inside:

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Our annual **Book Fair** is on Thursday, **November 14** at **Barnes & Noble Tyrone**, from 4:30-7:00. This is a fundraiser for our school library so come out and support our school! There will be student performances

in band, orchestra and drama, with artwork on display as well. Kick off your holiday shopping and a percentage of our total sales will come back to our library. Buy small or buy big, it all helps our jaguar community. Location: 2501 Tyrone Blvd. N. See you there!

National Junior Honor Society

If you would like to be chosen for this honor, please submit your application to Ms. Evans (Rm. 4-214) **by November 22** (no exceptions for that deadline).



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Parents please report your student's absence through our "Report an Absence" icon (on our website page located with the other global icons, upper right-hand corner) any time of day or night. Families are encouraged to use this method to report absences as you can also include an attachment such as a doctor's note.



2019-20 PTSA and SAC Dates

SAC Here at TMFMS 6:00-7:30	PTSA Here at TMFMS 6:00-7:00 P.M.	Open House Here at TMFMS 6:00-8:00 P.M.
September 10	September 26	September 19
October 8	October 24	
November 12	November 21	
December 10	December 19	
January 14	January 23	
February 11	February 27	
March 10	March 26	
April 14	April 23	
May 12	May 28	

Visitors

ALL visitors must be checked in thru the front office and wear the issued visitor tag at all times while on campus. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



News and Notes

Clubs & Activities 2019 – 2020

The following is a *preliminary list* of clubs and activities that will be offered this year. Stay tuned for more announcements to come!

1. Civics ELP with Mrs. Vines Mondays from 4:15-5:15 in Rm. 5-115
2. This is for any student taking Civics who wants to review and practice with test questions in preparation for the Civics End of Course Exam.
3. French tutoring every Wednesday with Mrs. Nouri 8:30-9:30 a.m. Rm. 5-105
4. PMAC meeting with Mrs. Nouri every 1st Thursday of the month, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Rm. 5-105
5. Puzzle Club! With Mrs. Coughenour Wednesday mornings 8:40-9:25, Rm. 5-112 Begins 9/18.
6. The Puzzle club is a group of students who will meet weekly to unwind from the stress of middle school *and* their brains! The group will put together jigsaw puzzles and 3-D puzzles, as well as solve riddles, logic problems, and brain teasers.
7. The goal is to inspire students to think in flexible new ways in a fun, engaging, and welcoming environment.
8. We could use donations of any type of puzzles. Thank you!
9. Spanish Tutoring with Mrs. Leonard Thursdays 4:10-5:10 p.m., Except for the 1st Thursday of each month. Rm. 5-205
10. Math tutoring with Mr. Reitz for 6th grade advanced students. Tuesdays 8:15-9 a.m., Wednesdays 8:15 to 9 a.m. and 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. Rm. 5-204
11. Book Club with Mrs. Campbell Tuesdays 9:00-9:35 in the library, begins 9/24



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News and Notes

Attention All Parents:

In order to assist you and your student efficiently and to lessen your wait time picking up your child, please send in a note with your student in advance of when s/he needs to be released from school early. Your child will take the note to the front office first thing in the morning rather than to a teacher. The office clerk will issue your child a permit to leave which s/he will show to their teacher at the beginning of the class they are leaving. They should leave class 5 minutes prior to the time on the permit so that they can be in the front office waiting for you when you arrive for pick up.

Cell Phones:

Students are to power off their cell phones and put them out of sight when entering the building. Students may ask an adult to use a cell phone while in the car circle.

Parent / Teacher Conferences:

Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:05 AM. These conferences are scheduled with all teachers and can be scheduled by contacting your student services clerk as listed above.

Pinellas County Schools Homework Helpline:

Pinellas County Schools Homework Helpline, (727) 547-7223, offers free homework help for students in grades 1-12. The Homework Helpline is staffed by teachers certified in math, science, language arts and social studies. Help is available from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, on all school days, except when there is no school the following day.

Cafeteria Accounts

Parents, please remember to complete a current school year application and pay all outstanding charges on your child's account. Questions? Please contact Ms. Rena Simmonds at (727) 552-1791 or at simmondsr@pcsb.org. Thank you!

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The Great American Teach In

Save the date! The Great American Teach In is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th. Please contact Mrs. Marquetty at marquettyl@pcsb.org if you would like to be a speaker for our students.



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Clubs and Activities 2019-2020

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Dr. McKee McKeeL@pcsb.org

3rd Wednesday of the month starting 9/18

4:15 p.m.

Room 4-204

GIRLFRIENDS

Ms. Reed ReedN@pcsb.org

3rd Wednesday of the month starting 9/18

4:15-5:00 p.m.

Room 5-211

PMAC-Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee

Madam Nouri NouriL@pcsb.org

1st Thursday of the month

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Room 5-105

JAGUAR ART EXPLORERS

Mr. Hynes HynesP@pcsb.org

Wednesdays 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Room 1-120

ANIME CLUB

Mrs. Gibson GibsonL@pcsb.org

Mondays 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Room 5-212

GUITAR CLUB

Mr. Pewitt PewittA@pcsb.org

Mr. Reilly ReillyK@pcsb.org

Wednesdays 8:30 a.m.

Room 4-206

MODEL UN

Mr. Roberson RobersonJo@pcb.org

Mr. Gibson GibsonMa@pcsb.org

Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.

Room 4-204

OMNILIT

Ms. Vincent Vincents@pcsb.org

Mr. Puckett PuckettB@pcsb.org

Mrs. Stewart Stewarts@pcsb.org

Mr. Pewitt PewittA@pcsb.org

Fridays 8:30 a.m.

Room 4-215

KEY MATH CLUB

Mr. Stroud Strouder@pcsb.org

Tuesdays 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Room 5-101

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Mr. Stewart- Stewarts@pcsb.org

Tuesdays 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Room 5-213

STUDENT COUNCIL-COMING SOON





Attention Parents

Students may not attend field trips, or purchase tickets for dances or special activities if they have overdue library books and/or fines. Your student's library record is on Focus and you may check it at any time to see if they have library obligations. You may also access w/ any browser: <https://destiny.pcsb.org>

Or log into Focus w/ your student's username and password.

At the bottom of the home page go to "Library Resources".

Then to "Destiny", select our school, login at the upper right, click on the "My Info." at top.

You will see your student's library record.

"Library Materials" means that books are out.

"Fines" are for books that were turned in, but came in late.

The library is open before school, throughout the day and during both lunches.

Check it on a regular basis to stay on top of your library account. Questions? Mrs. Campbell will be happy to assist you:

campbellcar@pcsb.org, or 552-1737 x. 2039.

New after-hours school counseling resource

PCS is offering a new resource for students and their families: PCS eCounselor. Parents and students can get their academic questions answered by a professional school counselor, 4-9 p.m., Monday through Friday. Topics include high school preparation, state graduation requirements, college and career planning, financial aid and scholarships, and advanced coursework opportunities. Families can learn more and submit questions at www.pcsb.org/ecounselor. Questions can also be sent to ecounselor@pcsb.org.

Thread Donation

Ms. Boylen would greatly appreciate thread donations for her sewing class. You may drop off your contribution to the front office. Thank you!



Yearbooks!

Yearbooks are on sale! The cost is \$40.00. Please send a check or cash to Ms. Katz in Rm. 1-121. You may also purchase online at yearbookordercenter.com



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Additional Information

November Library News

Welcome to our Jaguar Library!



Our Jaguar **Book Club** is underway! Join us at 9:00 Wednesdays in the library.

Students are reading the titles in **Battle of the Books!** This year's list of Sunshine State Young Readers is available at [Sunshine State Young Readers Titles](#)

Remember that students with overdue books or fines may not attend special activities or check out books. **Check your library account** at [Destiny TMFMS Library](#). Select our school, in the upper right corner login with your student's sign-in, then click on "My Info" to see if you have any overdue books and/or fines. Contact Mrs. Campbell at campbell-car@pcsb.org with any questions; we are happy to help you.

"Smartphones. T.V. Social media. YouTube. In a world where so much is competing for a child's attention, How Do You Raise a Reader? Filled with clear, practical advice, inspiration, dozens of tips, and almost 600 book recommendations". Explore this book written by editors of The New York Times. Click on this link for more. [How to Raise a Reader](#)

Explore our library online at [TMFMS Library](#)

Have a Wonderful School Year!



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School House Rock  Lesson Plans Available!	SCHOOL: FEB. 13, 2019 - 10:45AM SCHOOL: FEB. 15, 2019 - 10:45AM
The Pi Factory  Lesson Plans Available!	SCHOOL: MAR. 21, 2019 - 10:45AM SCHOOL: MAR. 22, 2019 - 10:45AM
Carrots  Lesson Plans Available!	SCHOOL: APR. 11, 2019 - 10:45AM SCHOOL: APR. 12, 2019 - 10:45AM

KUDOS

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Congratulations to Ms. Boylen's 8th grade culinary arts students!

Ninety-six percent of her students passed the Florida Restaurant Association Foodhandler Certification on their 1st try! This certificate is required in order to handle food in the culinary industry, and is valid for 3 years should they seek employment in the food industry. Great job!



Congratulations, delegates!

The following students attended the Model United Nations conference on the campus of Florida Southwestern State College, Punta Gorda on October 12th:
Han Nguyen, Bryan Shedden, Lily Robic, George Quilitz, Joseph Shideler, Noah Arcilla, Ethan Koh, Miles Dallara, Ethan Sonberg, Ava Ramsberger (not pictured)



Several hundred delegates from schools all over Florida participated! As usual, we were the only public middle school with delegates in attendance. All our delegates did an excellent and impressive job researching and representing their assigned nations and committee topics (entirely extracurricular), drafting position papers and resolutions, and during committee breaks, supporting, constructively challenging, and inspiring each other (not to mention traveling close to two hours to make an 8:30 start time on a Saturday morning, and working until 5pm!) You're The Best!



KUDOS

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Congratulations to Ms. Mohesky and Mr. Katz's students who represented our school with excellence at the shared concert with students from PCCA at Gibbs High School on October 10!

**GEOBEE****And the champion is...**

Santiago Suarez! Winner of our 13th annual National Geographic Society's GeoBee on October 22! Your knowledge is truly impressive!

Twenty-six top Social Studies students participated in this rigorous competition. Jean-Luc Lemos came in 2nd, and tied for third were Kit Cohen and Bryan Shedden. All the participants did a wonderful job! They are listed below. An asterisk indicates a top ten finish and an invitation to the Geography Competition sponsored by the District at the Administration building.

Isabella Angulo*
 Sarah Blackett
 Trent Burket
 Zach Coe
 Kit Cohen*
 Lily Cuddy
 Laila Dozier
 Jeremiah Eustache*
 Claire Frankel
 Taylor Harris
 Seo-In Ellie Kim*
 Jean-Luc Lemos*

Jocelyne Lioe*
 Arvin Liu
 Victoria McManus
 Han Nguyen
 Amber O'Leary
 Micah Pierce
 Julia Reed
 Kyle Rose
 Ethan Ruffing
 Bryan Shedden*
 Griffin Smotzer*
 Ethan Sonberg
 Santiago Suarez*

Noah Vasallo
 Brody Whiteside
 Carys Whiteside*



KUDOS**Thurgood Student Wins SPIFFS Art Competition**

Anna Nguyen created the winning entry in the poster contest at the St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society. The theme was "Fruits of the World." Anna received a \$100 check for her first-place entry. **Veronica Stahley** and **Adrianna Alzuphav** received honorable mention awards. Thank you for creating such beautiful artwork!



Three ways to get to our library online

I. Login to FOCUS w/ your child's username. At bottom of page:

- [i-Ready](#)
- [Learn360 Video Resources](#)
- [Library Resources](#)
- [Online Community Center](#)
- [PCS Forms](#)

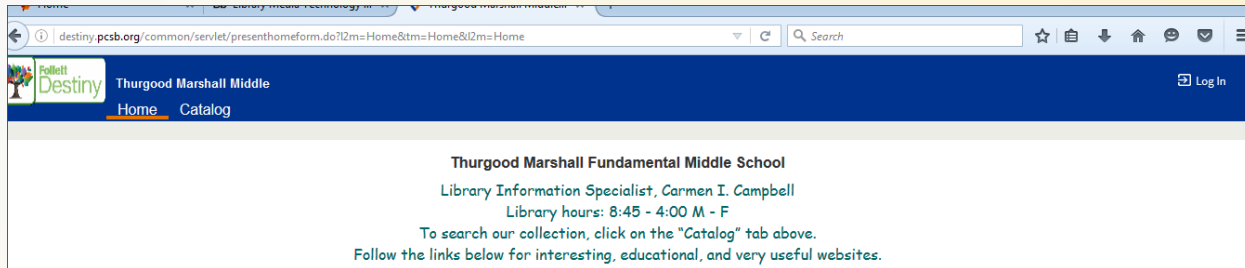
Library Resources: Explore!! There is so much here!!

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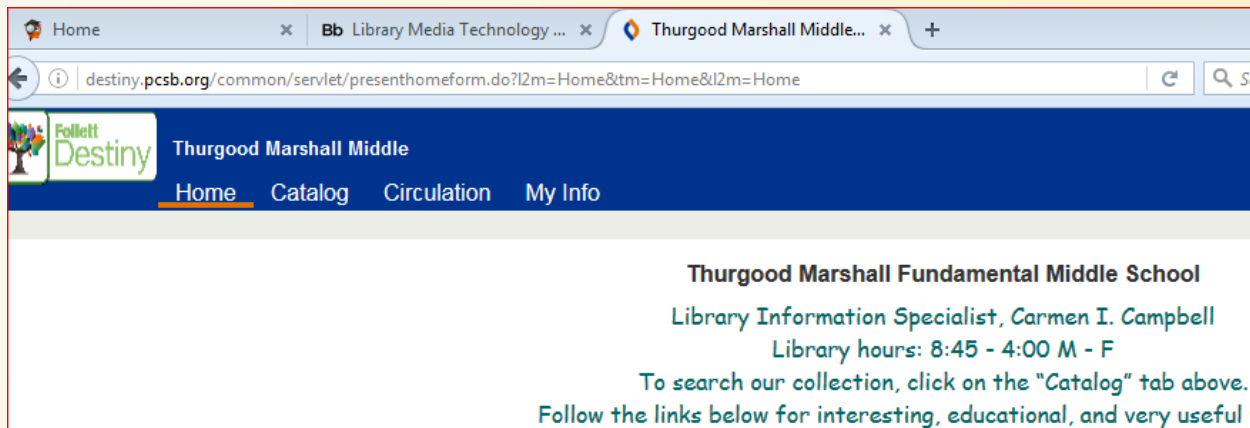
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II. In your browser, go to Destiny. Go to Middle Schools. Find TMFMS. <http://destiny.pcsb.org>

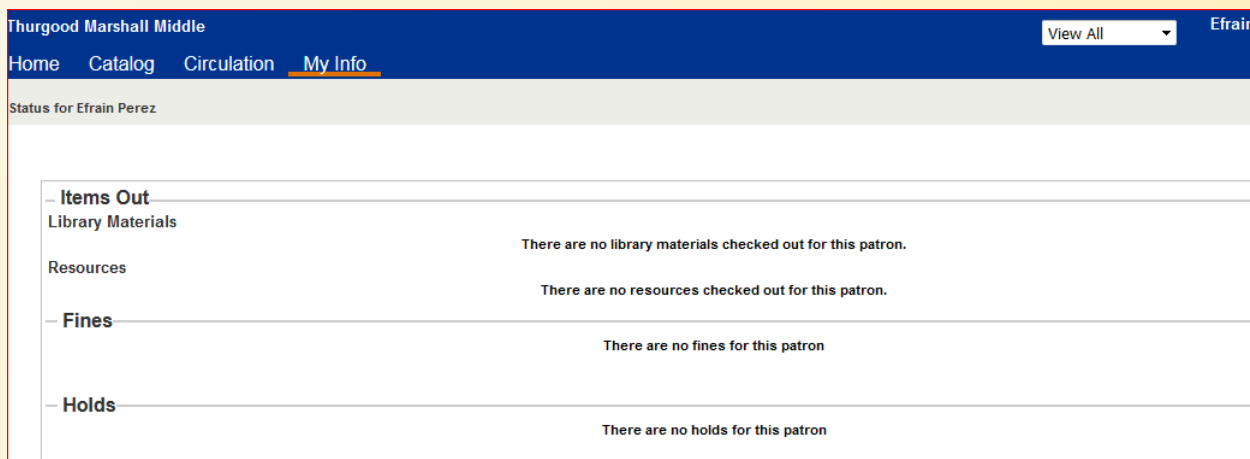
Search “Thurgood” & our school will come up. Login w/ your student’s username & password.



Look for “My Info”:



See if your child has books out or fines:



**“Items Out - Library Materials” = Books out
“Fines” = Books in, but fines due**

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Look for Books! Main Catalog page:

Thurgood Marshall Middle
Home Catalog

Library Search

Library Search

Find [Reset All](#)

Keyword Title Author Subject Series

Narrow your search to... [Show Less](#)

Location

Material Type

Award Winner

Reading Level From to

Interest Level From to

Reading Programs

eBooks:

Eight Cousins [Details](#) [Open](#)

Call #: [Fic] Alcott, Louisa May, 1832-1888.
Series: Follett classics
Published 2012
Interest Level: 5-8

“Regular” Books:

Science fiction stories [Details](#)

Call #: F SCI chosen by Edward Blishen ; illustrated by Karin Little
Series: Red hot reads
Published 2003
Reading Level: 5.5 Interest Level: 5-8

III. Using Chrome, go to Clever.com and login with your PCS username and password.

If you get to this page, you have successfully logged into Clever and can now access your materials.

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From the Bookkeeper's Office :



When writing a check to Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School (TMFMS), please add a contact phone number and your student's name on the check.

Mentor A Student

Change a life and earn monthly meeting credit? Mentor a student a minimum of 2- 1/2 hour sessions per month to receive monthly meeting credit. This a school year long commitment. Must be a registered volunteer and have attended a Mentor Strategies Workshop. Contact Mrs. Marquetty at MarquettyL@pcsb.org or 727-552-1737 for more information.

Business Partnerships

Businesses - Get Engaged with Education! Partnerships involves businesses giving their time, donating supplies or dollars. Please contact Mrs. Marquetty at MarquettyL@pcsb.org for more information.

Peachjar Reminder for Parents

Pinellas County School District delivers school information and approved flyers from community organizations electronically. These school-approved e-flyers are emailed directly to you. Additionally, you can view e-flyers by clicking the peachjar e-flyers button on your school's website homepage.

This "green" initiative saves our schools tons of paper and reduces copy costs by thousands of dollars. On top of that, posting school flyers in this electronic backpack removes a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff, and volun-

teers. **If we have your current email address on file, then no action is required on your part.** If your child has moved to a new school in the district, you will receive e-flyers from the new school. **If you have not provided your email address or your email address has changed, please update this information to avoid missing important flyers.** Simply email Ms. Works, DMT, at WorksB@pcsb.org your students name, your name and your new email address. Please include the email address you would like removed if you can.

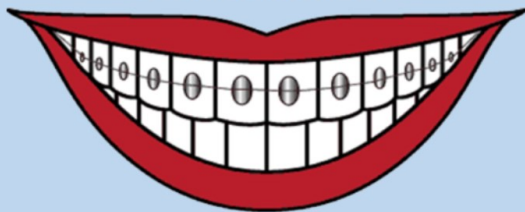
To ensure smooth delivery of this communication, we suggest you add school@peachjar.com to your email contacts. When you receive your first e-flyer, be sure to click "always display images."

Rest assured, this system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be otherwise shared or used.

Parent Meetings

Please remember there are quite a few ways to receive your monthly meeting credit as indicated at the beginning of each month in the parent call out. Other options are consistently mentoring students, consistently volunteering in the car circle, consistently volunteering in the front office). Please contact Ms. Lisa Marquetty (MarquettyL@pcsb.org) to schedule your mentoring hours, car circle times, or front office times.

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Tutoring Schedule 2019-2020

MATH

Ms. Gist GistE@pcsb.org

Tuesdays 8:25-9:10 a.m.

Thursdays 8:25-9:10 am & 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Room 5-104

Ms. Dorcin DorcinB@pcsb.org

Tuesday 8:30-9:10 a.m. & 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 8:30-9:10 a.m. & 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Thursdays 8:30-9:10 a.m. & 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Room 5-203

Mr. Reitz Reitzm@pcsb.org

Tuesday 8:15-9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 8:15-9:00 a.m. & 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Room 5-204

LANGUAGE ARTS

Ms. Bockholt- Bockholtk@pcsb.org

Mon/Tues/Thurs 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Room 5-201

CIVICS

Ms. Vines Viness@pcsb.org

ELP & End of Course Prep

Mondays starting 9/16 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Room 4-215

NHD (NATIONAL HISTORY DAY)

Mr. Roberson RobersonJo@pcsb.org

Thursday 4:15 p.m.

Room 4-204

WORLD LANGUAGES

FRENCH-Madam Nouri- NouriL@pcsb.org

Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Room 5-105

SPANISH-Senora Leonard- Leonardra@pcsb.org

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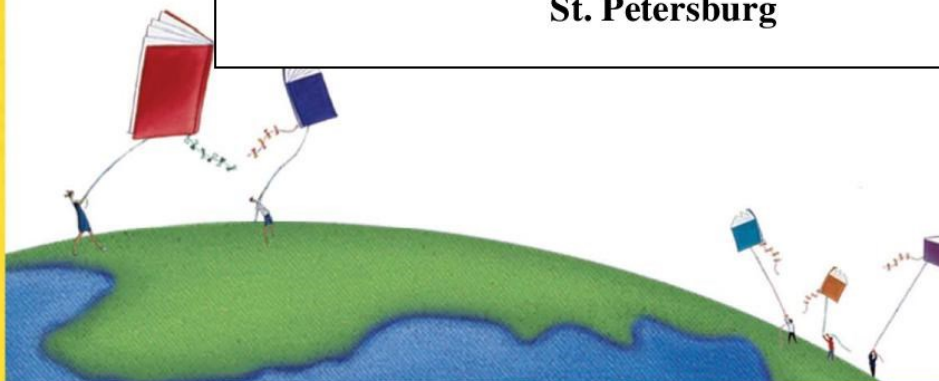
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To register for the 2019 Duke Energy Great American Teach-In, please contact your local school by Nov. 6, 2019.

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You have the power to enrich a child's life – in as little as an hour.

The Duke Energy Great American Teach-In is part of Pinellas County Schools' annual American Education Week celebration. Sponsored by our company since 1994, it's a special opportunity for you to visit the public school of your choice and share what you know with a new generation.

This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019. Opportunities are available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. You may choose to stay for an hour or for the whole day! The amount of time you volunteer is determined strictly by what your schedule permits and what the teacher wants to accomplish.

Whatever the length of your visit, you can make a difference. Thousands of previous Teach-In participants have discovered the experience is truly rewarding.

Teach-In tips:

- Plan for 20-35 students per classroom.
- Consider wearing attire appropriate to the occupation, hobby or topic you plan to discuss.
- Keep the students' average attention span in mind: 10-20 minutes for elementary grades and 20-45 minutes for secondary grades.
- When you arrive at the school, please check in at the office to pick up your nametag. Someone will greet you and accompany or direct you to your classroom.
- If you plan to bring printed or audiovisual materials, please check with the teacher or school Teach-In coordinator in advance.
- Do not ask students for personal information, including their telephone numbers or addresses.



Return the registration form by Nov. 6, 2019, to any Pinellas County school, or mail to:

Dr. Valerie Brimm
 Pinellas County Schools
 301 Fourth St. SW
 P.O. Box 2942
 Largo, FL 33779-2942

You may also register online at www.pcsb.org/gatiregistration.

If you'd like more information, please contact the Teach-In coordinator at any Pinellas County school.

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Registration Form

NAME: _____

PHONE (DAY): _____ PHONE (NIGHT): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CHOICE OF SCHOOL (OPTIONAL): _____

SUBJECT MATTER: _____ GRADE PREFERENCE: _____

LENGTH OF STAY: 1-2 HRS 3-4 HRS ALL DAY TIME OF DAY TO ATTEND: _____

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____