



**Pinellas Secondary School**  
*Roaring Towards Success*

# March 24, 2023

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

# SPRING



Students can **NOW** Check their points  
on our school website.

<https://www.pcsb.org/pinellas-sec>



**CHECK MY POINTS!**

Welcome To Our Home!

PARENT INFORMATION

- ▶ School Improvement Plans
- ▶ STAFF PORTAL (PLN)
- ▶ Uniform Statewide Assessment Calendar

Upcoming Events

JAN 20 Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day Holiday

FEB 1 Black History Month  
Fact.

**Click on CHECK MY POINTS**

**An EXCEL sheet will open  
like this. ↓**

# St. Patrick's Day!

From Mrs. Bujak,

Thank you to all of the teachers and students who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Community Service Project. The cards were donated to a local nursing home.





# Art Room Happenings



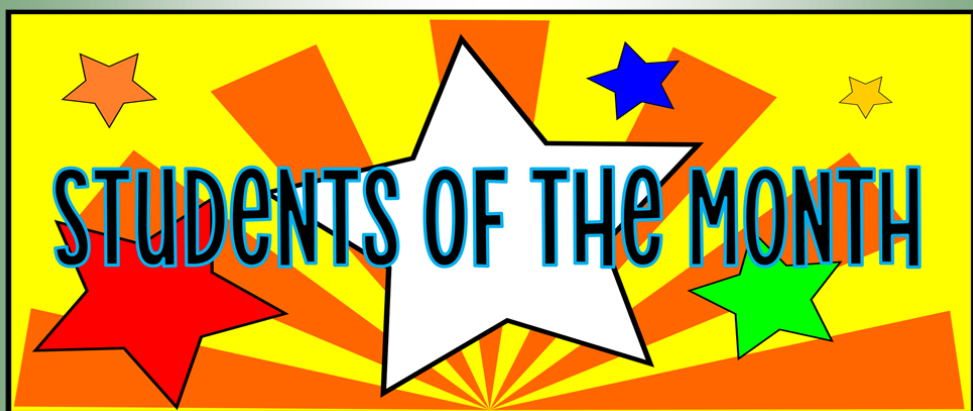
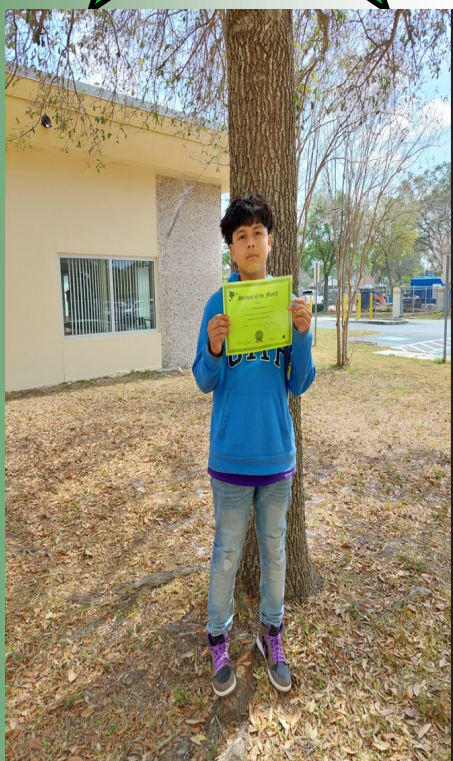
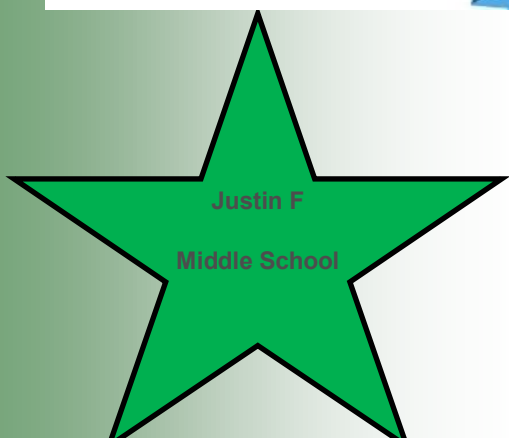
Make, Create, & Share.

## Art Happenings with Ms. Paight

Two PSEC students, Zianna B. and Jeniece S. artworks were accepted into the “Exceptional Voices” Student Art Exhibition. Zianna’s artwork is an abstract watercolor titled “Found Between the Lines” and Jeniece’s artwork is a vibrant watercolor titled “Desert Sunset.”

The show will be held at the art gallery Studio@620 in St. Petersburg. The opening reception will be held Saturday, April 8th from 3-5:00 pm and will remain open during the Second Saturday Art Walk from 5-9:00 pm. Admission is free and open to the public, and the artwork will be on display through April 29th.







# SOUP & SALAD

Teachers enjoyed a welcome back from Spring Break surprise in the form of a pot of soil and seeds to plant in honor of the first day of Spring ...

Teachers were then treated to a healthy lunch consisting of Soup and Salad. Yummy!!



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## I-READY QUARTER 4

### Lesson Resources

**Poetry Unit:** ELA.R.1.4 During this unit, students will be exposed to three poems off of the B.E.S.T. text list and work towards mastery of the benchmark prior to taking their final FAST.

[Grade 6 Resources](#)

[Grade 7 Resources](#)

[Grade 8 Resources](#)

**Research Unit:** ELA.C.4.1 During this unit, students will work through the research process and allows for voice and choice. Be sure to carefully read through Beth Anderson's [email](#) and the Teacher Copy Notes prior to planning for the research process. Note: Students should continue working in iReady while working on their research projects.

[Grade 6 Resources](#)

[Grade 7 Resources](#)

[Grade 8 Resources](#)

**Copies:** Money was added to your schools' cost centers so you won't run out of copies. See your bookkeeper with any questions.

### Diagnostic 3

The Diagnostic 3 window opens on April 10th and runs through April 28th. Getting good data is EXTREMELY important, as it helps us to place students accordingly for the following school year. If completing the assessment during the window is an issue, please have your administrator over reading contact Beth Anderson with an alternative proposal. The goal is for students to meet stretch growth by the end of the year. During your upcoming PLC's, teachers should create a school-wide plan for testing and ensure all stakeholders are aware of the plan. Our next newsletter will have additional resources for before/during/after testing, but if you would like to review them now, they are all housed in our [Reading Notebook](#).

## ELEVATE MINUTE

**Chapter 5 - Decoding Strategies for Literacy Development:** You should be wrapping up with Chapter 5 and moving to Chapter 6, where you can choose targeted lessons based on your students needs. Additionally, building in additional transfer activities to review skills they have learned will only build your students' confidence prior to taking FAST.

**Moving to iReady:** It may be time for some of your students to start working in iReady. How do you know who is ready?

- Students who tested out of the Phonics domain on D2
- Students who are fluent readers based on the second fluency check

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## I-READY UPDATES

- **Civics in Reading Lessons for 7th and 8th grade:** [Resources](#)
- **LAST CALL:** If you have not already requested copies of the Poetry lesson for quarter 4 either at DWT or by email, please email [Sara McCullough](#) before March 10th. Those who have already requested copies will start receiving them next week from your literacy coach or staff developer.
- **Spring Break Challenge:** It's time to set your Spring Break Challenge for iReady! Remember to work with your Literacy Leadership Team to ensure your challenge supports the school wide plan.
- **iReady Report: District Instructional Usage Report**
  - Last week 61% of students passed the lessons they worked on in iReady. Thank you for continuing to monitor and encourage students to focus and try their hardest on iReady.
  - **Shout Out:** The following schools have over a 70% pass rate year-to-date
    - Clearwater Fundamental
    - Clearwater Intermediate
    - Calvin Hunsinger
    - Pinellas Park Middle
    - Pinellas Virtual
    - Safety Harbor Middle
- **Bubble Student Check-in & Reflection:**
  - How are your bubble students progressing in your classroom?
    - How do you know?
  - Which bubble students need additional support from you in the coming weeks?
    - What will that look like?

## ELEVATE MINUTE

**Chapter 5 - Decoding Strategies for Literacy Development:** You should soon be moving to Chapter 5 with your students (if you are not there already). The lessons for Chapter 5 are not in OneNote. Teachers will need to utilize the Chapter 5 manual for lesson planning and delivery.

**Reflection:** How did your students grow from Fluency Check 1 to Fluency Check 2? For those who made growth, celebrate success! For those who did not grow, what remediation and support do they need to grow moving forward?



**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

F.A.S.T. B.E.S.T. Writing Field Test Grade 9

April 3 to 21, 2023



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# News you can Use



## Bus Bulletin: Information Item

*Parents,*

*If your child rides a bus to school each day, you can keep updated on any issues by signing up for Bus Bulletin. Bus Bulletin will notify you by text, phone call or email if:*

*A bus is late.*

*A route has changed.*

*There has been an accident.*

*If your child rides a bus, please take advantage of this free service. Sign-up by going to <http://busbulletin.com/parents/>*

## Important Dates

**April 7th– No School for Students**

**May 25th– End of fourth quarter. Last day for all students. Students will be released two hours early.**



important stuff