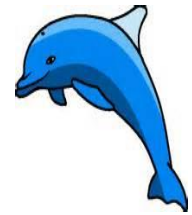


# Calvin Hunsinger School



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## Reading at Home

Children who are read to and who read with their parents have increased comprehension, language skills, and vocabularies. We have listed some tips below to help you develop a family reading routine with your child.

1. Create a special reading area – Find a place in your home that is a comfortable, quiet spot for reading.
2. Schedule a quiet reading time – Set aside a specific time each day if possible to spend reading with your child. Even small amounts of time are worthwhile.
3. Reread favorite books – Children love to hear books with rhyme, rhythm, and repetition over and over again.
4. Read chapter books – Children enjoy continuous stories, and they are eager for the next installment.

Have fun reading together!

Dear Parents,

The first semester ends Friday, December 19, 2014.

**Students return from Winter Break on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.**

It is important to keep your child engaged in learning over the break! Pinellas County Schools has many online learning programs which will help your child build their skills in reading, language arts, math, science, and social studies. These programs are available to students 24/7. Please visit the district's website [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org) and click on the Beyond the Classroom link on the home page.

Calvin Hunsinger School has been selected as a field test site for the Florida Standards Assessment (formerly FCAT). Testing will begin in January for grades four through eleven. Parents will receive more information regarding testing after Winter Break. We are confident that our students are prepared to show what they know!

Please have a safe and restful holiday break.  
Douglas Keimig, Principal

## **Pinellas County Schools**



### Our Vision

100% Student Success

### Our Mission

Educate and prepare each student for college, career, and life

### Our Values

Commitment to Children, Families, and Community; Respectful and Caring Relationships;  
Cultural Competence; Integrity; Responsibility; Connectedness



# Middle School News!

Ms. Quinn's middle school language art students have received their first pen pal letters from a class in Syracuse, New York! Writing letters is a realistic and educational way for students to focus on sentence structure and grammar. Our students shared their interests and hobbies with the students in New York. The students are anxiously anticipating the responses from their pen pals.

## Sonnet 43

Remix by Christopher  
(Ms. Kirtley's class)

When I blink is when my eyes see  
you best. For all the days they see  
things unwanted; but when I sleep,  
they look on you, and dark light  
turns into a bright light. When your  
shadows make light, why does my  
day become so dark? How would I  
say, that I may be blessed by looking  
on you in the daylight, at midnight?  
Your fair imperfect shade, through  
deep sleep with closed eyes do  
you stay! All days are nights to  
me till I see you again and night's  
light when dreams do show you  
to me!

## Sonnet 43

Remix by Aaron  
(Ms. Kirtley's class)

When I blink my eyes, I see clearly  
that the world is full of darkness  
and despair. When I close my eyes  
I see what the world is really like.  
I can see life to the bitter end. But  
when I sleep, everything lights up  
when I dream of you. I am set free  
of all my worries. When my day is  
just getting dark you come and  
enlighten it. Your beautiful smile  
and diamond blue eyes light  
the way through the darkness and  
lead me from my stress and  
despair. You make my day much  
brighter and much more happier.  
You are truly magical.

# Congratulations to our Citizens of the Month

## September

### Elementary

Javon  
Zi'nya  
Ashton

### Middle School

Christopher  
Elijah  
Armani

Daylan  
A.J.

Paul  
Abraham  
Gunar  
Yasmine

Colby

### High School

A.J.  
Tatiana  
Trevor

### Extended

### Transition

David  
Tisha

## October

### Elementary

Zi'nya  
Martez  
Ashton

Robert

Jose  
Kyra

Javon  
Briena

### Middle School

Paul  
A.J.  
Abraham  
Armani

Daylan  
Michele

Davious  
Darren

Keith  
Jakobe

Desyre  
Jalyn

### High School

Dawaun  
Marqui  
Michael  
Domanic  
A.J.  
Trevor

## November

### Elementary

Takoda  
Javon  
Ashton

Chris

Dameon  
Zi'nya

Elroyce

### Middle School

Christopher  
Daylan  
A.J.

Abraham  
Paul

Isaiah  
Travis

### High School

A.J.  
Domanic  
Tatiana

Brandon  
Christian

Dawaun  
Marcus

Ginnie  
Donate

Joe  
Nathan  
Trevor

## December

### Elementary

Davian  
Jeremiah  
Javon  
Martez

Zi'nya  
Dashawn

Tyquan  
Jose

### Middle School

Darren  
Davious  
Christopher

Michele  
Armani  
A.J.

Paul  
Gunar  
Abraham

Dylan  
Dakota  
Yasmine

Isaiah

### High School

Dawaun  
Brandon  
Nathan  
Christian

Marcus  
Jihdaon

A.J.  
Donate

Joe  
Maria

## Thank you!

Papa John's Pizza, 411 South Missouri Avenue, Clearwater donated pizzas to the classes who collected the most food for the Salvation Army Canned Food Drive! Their generous donation motivated our students to give to this worthy cause.

Poblano Mexican Bar and Grill donated a Mexican feast to our Multicultural Committee. Our students experienced the culinary delights of the Mexican culture.

Please support these restaurants who have so generously donated to our school.

# Salvation Army Golden Canned Food Drive

Every year Calvin Hunsinger School participates in the Salvation Army Golden Canned Food Drive. Our students donated over 300 food items this year which is donated to families in need. Giving is a valuable lesson for our students to experience. Thank you to all who contributed.

## Running Club

Santa Claus and his elf will make a special appearance at Calvin Hunsinger School on Friday, December 19 to run with the students and wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season and a Happy New Year!



## Math Fun At Home

Children learn about math by working with actual things. Using food as a tool can help your child understand addition, subtraction, division, multiplication, weighing, measuring, and fractions. Here are some fun activities to try at home with your child.

Give your child 17 pretzels and have him divide them evenly among 3 family members. He will see that each person receives 5 and there are 2 left over:

$$17 \text{ divided by } 3 = 5, \text{ remainder } 2$$

A pizza is a wonderful visual tool to learn about fractions. Show the child the pizza uncut, explain that the pizza is “one whole” or “one”. Cut the pizza in half, each piece is now one half or  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cut the pizza into fourths, each piece is now one fourth or  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Continue this process with smaller fractions having the child write the fraction each time the pizza is cut.

Nutritional information on food packages provides the number of calories per serving. Let your child determine how many servings are in the package, then figure out the total calories for the entire package.



