

Calvin Hunsinger School

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News from the Art Department

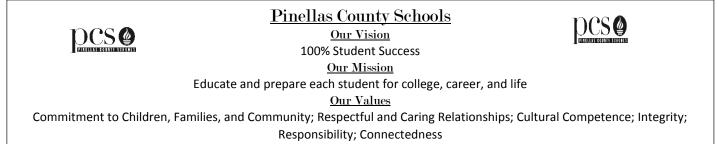
Studio 1212 holds an annual holiday show and boutique every November. During the show, which features original art, pottery, jewelry, and hand-made gifts, patrons enjoy refreshments, meet and mingle with the artists, and have an opportunity to win a piece of artwork by a local artist. Proceeds for the fundraiser for this recent event were donated to Calvin Hunsinger School to provide art materials for our students. Studio 1212 has been a long-time supporter of the Art Program at Hunsinger and we appreciate them very much.

Also, we would like to recognize second grade student Zi'nya! She received an award of "Honorable Mention" in the 2014-15 Creative StART Exhibition recently displayed at the Dunedin Fine Art Center. Great job Zi'nya! Dear Parents,

Please plan on attending our Title **l** Spring Fling Evening on Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents will receive valuable information on the new Florida Standards and learn strategies and techniques to work with their children academically at home. There will be a musical presentation as well as refreshments. The Florida Standards Assessments (formerly FCAT) begin in March. These assessments were created to help students achieve their highest academic potential. Parents play a vital role in their children's success. We look forward to seeing you there on Thursday, March 12.

Douglas Keimig, Principal

The annual school report summarizing our school's results for last school year 2013-2014 can be accessed at the Department of Education website: <u>http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm</u>. There is also a copy available at school for your review. This report is referred to as the School Public Accountability Report and is based on information provided by the Florida Department of Education. Please contact the school if you would like to receive a copy of the report.



Middle School News!

Calvin Hunsinger Middle School students participated in hands-on learning experiences at the Florida State Fair on February 12. The students learned about animal husbandry as career exploration and enjoyed exhibits on the history of Florida. They also visited the 9/11 Memorial which featured artifacts, photos, and tributes from the events of September 11, 2001. Students enjoyed interacting with the fair's hard working citizens and asked many questions which enlightened their understanding of potential careers, history, and the science of animals.

Please keep sending your **Box Tops for Education!**

Calvin Hunsinger receives \$.10 for each coupon redeemed. We have received \$172.80 this year. These funds are used to purchase books and technology for our Media Center.



Pinellas Virtual Schools

Pinellas Virtual School part-time enrollment for fall and spring courses for the 2015-2016 school year is underway through March 27. Enrollment in Pinellas Virtual School is one way students can meet the state's online credit requirement. Under Florida's Digital Learning Act, students are required to complete an online course as part of the state's 24-credit minimum needed to graduate. Honor courses and popular electives, such as HOPE and Driver's Education are offered as part-time curriculum aligned with Pinellas County Schools. Families can enroll online at <u>www.virtualschool.pcsb.org</u>. Pinellas Virtual School will offer students an opportunity to enroll full-time in April.

Parents, we need your help!

Students are not permitted to bring backpacks to school. First Offense: The backpack will be kept in the front office and returned to the student at the end of the day. Second Offense: The backpack will be placed in safekeeping and the parent/guardian will be contacted to arrange pick up. We appreciate your support in keeping our school safe.

In response to the state law, *the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for all Students Act*, the School Board adopted a policy that prohibits bullying and harassment. The policy ensures that all students, employees, and volunteers learn and work in an environment that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. Florida is now one of 47 states with a law regarding bullying in schools.

We are committed to providing a safe learning environment and will not tolerate Bullying/Harassment or Teen Dating Violence and Abuse of any kind. Incidents can be reported to the principal or any staff member or reported online at one of the below links:

http://bullying.pcsb.org http://harassment.pcsb.org http://teendatingviolence.pcsb.org

Anonymous reports can also be made using the District Electronic Reporting Form, by calling the Campus Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-873-8477, or by texting keyword TIP144 plus your message to CRIMES (274637). For more information about either the Policy against Bullying and Harassment or the Teen Dating Violence and Abuse Policy, please visit the Prevention Office by going to <u>www.pcsb.org</u>, then go to Parents and Students, then to Programs and Resources.