

Calvin Hunsinger School

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Pinellas County Schools

<u>Our Vision</u> 100% Student Success

<u>Our Mission</u> Educate and prepare each student for college, career, and life

<u>Our Values</u>

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

Important Dates

Wednesday, October 12 School Based Teacher Planning Day – No School for Students

November 21 – 25 Thanksgiving Holidays No School

December 19 - 30 Winter Holidays No School

Monday, January 2 Teacher Planning Day No School Dear Parents,

As principal of Calvin Hunsinger School I would like to welcome everyone back for another year of learning! It is our goal that each student will feel welcomed and supported. Parents are an integral part of our program; students reap the benefits when parents and schools work together.

Our Title l Parent Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. An alternate meeting was held on Friday, August 19, 2016. During these meetings we discussed the following: the Compact, the Parent Involvement Plan, the LEA Parent Involvement Plan, our Title l budget, academic expectations, assessments, and Parent's Right to Know. If you were unable to attend the meetings and would like to view the meeting Power Point, you may access it on our school website at <u>http://www.pcsb.org/hunsinger</u>.

The 2016-2017 Parent Involvement Plan has been approved and may be viewed on the school website, there is also a copy at the Title 1 Parent Center in the front office.

Due to Hurricane Hermine school picture day has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2016. Students will receive information with pricing details that week.

September is Attendance Awareness Month! Pinellas County Schools is working with community partners to stress the importance of coming to school each day. Parents and staff have a new resource to assist with student attendance this year, each school website features an icon which allows parents to send an email informing the school that their child will be absent.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Douglas Keimig, principal



Community Garden Update!

We harvested a bumper crop of sweet potatoes this summer and will produce a crop of mini-pumpkins



for late October, hoping for some Halloween fun! We have begun planning for our fall garden, ideas and contributions are always appreciated. We are going to form a Garden Club this year to try and spread the Love for Green! The Garden Club will be associating with the Wellness Committee to further the cause for fresh, local produce and the good health and nutrition it provides. Please contact Mr. Jurbala at jurbalap@pcsb.org for further information on our Garden Club.

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, or 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 www.pcsb.org, then to the Students tab, then to the Resources tab.

Salvation Army Canned Food Drive!

Our school will be supporting the Salvation Army Canned Food Drive this November! All food collected will be donated to local families in need. We will send home more information at a later date.

Box Tops for Education



We are still collecting Box Tops for our Media Center. We receive \$.10 for each coupon redeemed which is used to purchase books and technology. Just clip the Box Tops and send them to school with your child. Please encourage neighbors and friends to collect for our school. This is an easy way for our school to earn much needed funds! We appreciate your continued support.