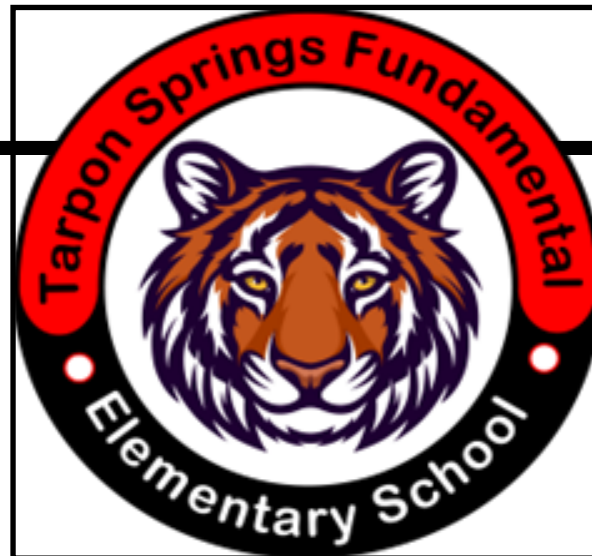




2025—2026

Parent & Student School Calendar



Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary School

PTA Meeting Dates

August 20th
September 9th
October 14th
November 11th
December 9th
January 13th
February 10th
March 10th
April 17th
May 12th

All PTA mtgs start at 6pm unless
otherwise noted in the calendar.



Guidelines for Success

Think Responsibly

Show Respect

Focus on Learning

Expect the Best

Safety First

Welcome

Welcome to Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary School, home of the Tigers! Built in 1980, our school proudly serves 272 students and is recognized as an A-rated school for academic excellence. As a fundamental school, we emphasize high expectations, strong family involvement, and a safe, structured learning environment. Our dedicated staff works closely with parents to ensure each child achieves their full potential. We are committed to fostering responsibility, respect, and a lifelong love of learning. Thank you for partnering with us to make Tarpon Springs Fundamental a place where students grow, thrive, and roar with Tiger pride every day!

Fundamental Expectations and Parental Agreement

According to the School Board approved Procedures for District Application (page 11), Fundamental Parents are expected to comply with the following commitments:

- Provide transportation for their child and adhere to opening and closing times.
- Attend all PTA meetings.
- Attend 3 parent/teacher conferences each year.
- Review and sign all homework and the agenda daily.
- Adhere to the Fundamental program and dress code.
- Follow fundamental policies and safety protocols i.e. pickup/drop off/parking.

Absences and Tardies

Attendance is extremely important in all educational settings. According to the Procedures for District Application Programs (page 30) students must attend school daily, arrive promptly to class and remain throughout the scheduled hours. Families are strongly discouraged from taking planned vacations and are not valid reasons for excused absences. If your child is absent please use the "Report Absence" link on our website which is located on the top right corner of our home page. You may also send a note or email to our data management technician (williamscarl@pcsb.org). A doctor's note is required for more than (5) five consecutive absences. After 3 unexcused absences per attendance period, a letter will be sent to the parent.

Students are expected to be in class by 8:05. Students who arrive after the final bell, 8:05am, must report with a parent to the front office to receive a pass. Tardies are only excused with a doctor's note. Students who are not picked up by 2:45 will also be considered tardy. Students who receive four (4) tardies within same grading period will receive a letter. Two (2) additional tardies within the same grading period will result in a **Fundamental warning**.

Vision

100% Student Success

Mission


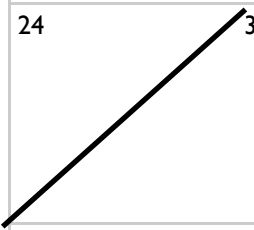
In collaboration with families, we will provide a safe, nurturing environment which inspires life long learning and fosters responsible citizenship.

August 2025

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

CHARACTER EDUCATION

The process of learning common attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that are important for people to have as responsible citizens

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 PTA Board Meeting 8:30AM	7	8 Kindergarten Meet and Greet 9:00-10:00AM Meet & Greet (1-5) 1:00-2:00 PM (Students Invited)	9
10	11 WELCOME BACK School Opens KG- Boo-Hoo Breakfast 8:15AM Infraction Period #1 Begins	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 SAC 7:30 AM	20  Student Fall Pictures PTA Open House Primary 6PM New Family Orientation/Gifted 6:30PM Intermediate 7:00PM (No Students)	21	22	23 Mother/Son Event
24 	25	26	27	28	29 PBIS Store PCS Dress Day	30

School Hours & Supervision

- **Instructional Hours:** 8:05 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
- **Supervision Begins:** 7:40 a.m. on the P.E. court.
- **Arrival:** Students should not arrive before 7:40 a.m.
- On rainy days, students will be allowed to enter the building upon arrival.
- The gate closes promptly at 8:03 a.m. After this time, students must enter through the front office and be accompanied by a parent to receive a tardy pass.
- **Morning Announcements:** 8:05 a.m.
- **Instruction Begins:** 8:10 a.m.
- **Dismissal:** Begins at 2:15 p.m.
- Students must be picked up by 2:45 p.m.
- Pick-ups after 2:45 p.m. will be documented as tardies. Please call the office if delayed.
- **Note:** No early dismissals are permitted after 1:45 p.m.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Vehicle Drop-Off and Pick-Up (Carline)

- All vehicles must enter via **S. Grosse Avenue** and follow the bus circle.
- Recommended route: Enter S. Grosse Ave. from **Martin Luther King St.**
- **No left turns** allowed from the parking lot onto **E. Harrison St.**
- **Speed Limit:** 5 mph
- **Cell phone use is prohibited** in the car line. Violations may result in a written warning; three violations will be referred to the IAC.
- **Park at Dorsett Park if you want to walk your student to the gate.**

Carpool Express (for families with 3+ students):

- Entry permitted from **2:00–2:15 p.m.**
- After 2:15 p.m., the carline opens to all families.

Dismissal Process:

- Students must be ready to load promptly.
- Proceed to the farthest available loading spot.
- Safety Patrols will assist with car doors.
- Pets must be safely restrained in vehicles.
- Display student names in the front window for efficient pick-up.
- If your child is not ready, you may be asked to circle the block and return.

Parking:

- Do not leave your vehicle unattended in the carline.
- If entering the school, park in the **front parking lot**.
- Only walkers may be dismissed via **Walker Dismissal**.

Walker Dismissal

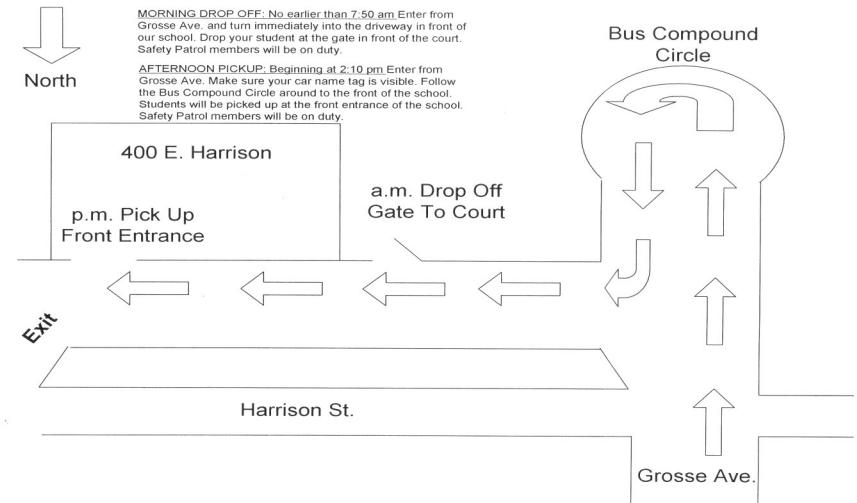
- Parents should park at Dorsett Park, not on surrounding streets.
- A staff member will walk students to the park once all walkers are accounted for.
- Please do not come up to the school to pick up walkers.
- Please notify the teacher and office of any alternate pick-up arrangements.

Other Important Information

Before and After-School Care is available through the **YMCA**.

Written notification must be provided for:

- Daycare pick-up
- Non-parent pick-up
- Changes to carpool arrangements



September 2025

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

CITIZENSHIP

Being law abiding and involved in service to school,
community, and country

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School <i>Labor Day</i>	2 PTA Board 7:45 AM	3	4	5 Grandparent's Bingo 6PM	6
7	8	9 <u>Level II Fingerprint- ing</u> 4PM-6PM <u>PTA Meeting & Vol- unteer Orientation</u> <u>6:00PM</u> (No Students)	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 SAC 7:30AM	17	18	19 No School <i>Teacher Planning</i>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 PBIS Store PCS Dress Day	27
28	29	30				

Classroom Teachers, Specialist and Staff

Kindergarten

1. Michelle Fitzgerald
2. Ally Rogriguez
3. Amy Tassone

1st Grade

1. Terry Bodolay
2. Shannon McConville

2nd Grade

1. Imani Boyce
2. Rob Ferguson
3. Emily Wright

3rd Grade

1. Lexa Shontz
2. Donna Quinn

4th Grade

1. Kim Moran
2. Summer Renedo

5th Grade

1. Lisa Montie
2. Zachary VanStratt

Music Mary Lou Cruz

Art Michelle Stylianou

P.E. Coach Rich Smith

P.E. Assistant Joe Paez

Gifted Meghan Santagata

ESE Tracy Johnson

Speech Stephanie Schreiber

Media Specialist Michele Morris

Counselor Laura Snare

Curriculum Specialist Ashley Lloyd

Café Manager Tess Stiverson

Head Plant Operator Jack Brewer

Bookkeeper Kelly Jahoda

Student Records/Absences Carla Williams

Family & Community Liaison Kelly Levey

Visitation

Visitors are required to stop in at the front office to sign in with a drivers license and to obtain an identification badge. All visitors must wear a visitor's or volunteer badge while on campus. If a volunteer is scheduled to enter the classroom, the principal and classroom teacher must be notified at least 24 hours in advance. We may restrict time in the classroom due to the necessity of continuing the instructional routine.

Conferences

Parents must attend **three mandatory conferences per year** to discuss their child's academic progress.

- Teachers will schedule individual conferences.
- If unable to attend, parents must contact the teacher to reschedule.
- After two failed rescheduling attempts, a missed conference will be referred to the Intervention and Appeals Committee.

Grading

Students in grades 3–5 will receive letter grades (A–F).

Midterm reports will notify parents if a student is at risk of receiving a failing grade for the marking period.

Homework Policy

Homework is essential to our Fundamental program and is assigned to all students.

- Homework reinforces classroom learning, encourages independence, and builds good habits.
- Parents must **sign all homework and the student agenda** using their **first initial and full last name** to confirm review and completion.
- Homework must be submitted by **8:05 a.m.** each day or it will be marked as incomplete.

Consequences for Missing Homework:

Missing, incomplete, incorrect, or unsigned assignments follow the school's warning/detention process.

Detentions are served **Tuesdays and Thursdays** and take priority over all after-school activities.

Parents are responsible for notifying their child of the detention and making arrangements for **pickup at 3:00 p.m.**

October 2025

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

TOLERANCE

Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs
of other people

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Photo Re-Takes 	4
5	6	7 PTA Board 7:45AM	8	9	10 All Pro Dads Breakfast 7AM New Family School Tour 10 AM Infraction Period #1 Ends	11
12	13 No School Teacher Planning	14 PTA Meeting Shop & Read 3:30-5:30PM (Students allowed)  Infraction Period #2 Begins	15 	16 	17 PTA Tiger Trot Fun Run 	18
19	20	21	22	23 Report Cards Distributed	24 Storybook Parade 8:30AM	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 PBIS Store PCS Dress Day Pawssembly	



Physical Education

All students participate in 50 minutes of physical education 3 days per week. Any extended absence (3 or more days) from P.E. must be excused in writing by the student's doctor.



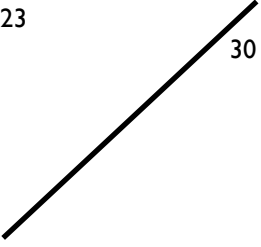
Cafeteria

We encourage parents to provide a well-balanced lunch if the student brings a lunch from home. Soft drinks are not permitted and sugary foods along with fast food lunches are discouraged. Breakfast will continue to be free for all students for the 2025-2026 school year. Lunch will be available to purchase for \$2.75. We encourage all families to apply for free or reduced lunch at www.myschoolapps.com beginning August 1, 2025.

Parents are welcome to visit school during lunchtime and may eat with their children only at the picnic tables in the courtyard or at the indoor tables in the main lobby (after checking in with the front office). Parents must notify the teacher or front office in advance if a non-parent will be having lunch with their child. All students are expected to be seated at the picnic table area. Preschool children are welcome; however, they must be seated at the parent's side at all times.

November 2025

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH
PATRIOTISM
 Demonstrating allegiance to one's country

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 PTA Board 7:45AM	5	6 Discovery Night 6PM	7	8
9	10	11 Veteran's Day Assembly 8:30AM PTA Meeting Curriculum Night 6:00PM (No Students)	12 Great American Teach-In	13	14 New Family School Tour 10AM	15
16	17 	18 SAC 7:30AM	19 National Educational Support Professionals Day 	20	21 PTA Friendsgiving (Students Only) PCS Dress Day	22
23 	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Discipline Policy

All students are expected to comply with TSFES “Guidelines for Success” without exception. The Guidelines appear on the cover and in the pages of this calendar. At the beginning of the school year, students and teachers will develop a mission statement and a list of class expectations. Parents will receive a copy of the school district’s “Code of Student Conduct.” This Code should be read by the parents and discussed with the student. The parent signature page must be signed and returned to school.

Appropriate student behavior is one of the basic Fundamental school principles. All students and parents are expected to abide by the school and classroom rules. In accordance with Fundamental school policy, detentions will be used as a consequence for violation of school, homework, or classroom behavior guidelines.

Fundamental policy discipline is broken into four equal periods during the year. Discipline infractions include lack of homework, misbehavior, and lack of parent signature on homework.

Detention:

1. Written warning is sent to parent.
2. Second and third written warnings are sent to parent.
3. If infractions continue, the student will be required to serve detention upon receipt of the fourth warning.

A referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee occurs when a student receives a total of 3 warnings plus 4 detentions during any of these periods: Aug. 11-Oct. 10; Oct. 14-Dec. 19; Jan. 5-Mar. 13; Mar. 23-May 28. [Each infraction period will have 3 warnings followed by 4 detentions. Referral to Intervention and Appeals Committee will take place after the 4th detention in an infraction period.]

Detentions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:30-3:00 p.m. on the date assigned by the teacher. Students must report to the detention classroom no later than 2:30. It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure the child reports to detention. Detentions will override after-school clubs. Students who report late or do not come on the assigned date will receive an additional detention. Every detention must be served on the date assigned by the teacher. A referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee occurs when a student receives a total of 3 warnings and 4 detentions during any infraction period.

Infraction periods are as follows:

Infraction Period 1: August 11-October 10, 2025

Infraction Period 2: October 14-December 19, 2025

Infraction Period 3: January 5-March 13, 2026

Infraction Period 4: March 23-May 28, 2026

Office Referrals:

1. Office referrals are cumulative throughout the year.
2. Three office referrals will result in a referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee.
3. Each additional office referral will result in another referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee.
4. Severe infractions will result in immediate referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee as determined by the principal.

Reassignment to a District-Assigned Elementary School or Expulsion

As outlined by the School Board approved *Procedures for District Application Handbook* (page 20), reassignment to a district program or expulsion will result in immediate removal from Tarpon Fundamental. If a student leaves for any reason, the family should immediately access the Student Reservation System through the Pinellas County Schools website (www.pcsb.org) for the student’s new school assignment to avoid any lapse in instructional time.



December 2025

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

CHARITY

Displaying compassion and support by making donations or volunteering to help others in need.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 PTA Board 7:45AM	3	4	5 Reflection's Tea (1PM)	6
7	8	9 PTA Winter Art Showcase 5:30-7:30PM Music Showcase Grade 3: 6 PM 4: 6:30 PM 5: 7 PM	10	11	12 New Family School Tour 10AM	13
14	15	16	17 Cookies with Santa K-2 7:15AM 3-5 7:45AM	18	19 PBIS Store PCS Dress Day <i>Infraction Period #2 ends</i>	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Winter Break No School			
28	29	30	31			
			Winter Break No School			

Intervention and Appeals Committee

The function of the Intervention and Appeals Committee (comprised of parents, teachers, and the principal) is to review and enforce the following:

- Cases of severe or repeated discipline infractions.
- Continued lack of compliance with homework and/or class work policy.
- Failure to support Fundamental school dress code.
- Parent absences from PTA meetings.
- Parent not attending required conferences.

The committee has the option to recommend alternatives which may improve the area of concern. They may establish probation with stipulations for students or parents. If the parent or student fails to fulfill the probationary stipulations or meet the established criteria, a student can be referred to the Student Assignment Office for placement in another school. A student may be referred at any time.

Parents/guardians may address the committee, but will not be present when the committee deliberates. The committee will make the official recommendation for any interventions deemed appropriate, including probation and removal from the school. The committee will verify that appropriate procedures have been followed.

Parents have the right to appeal a school decision. An appeal must be made in writing within 48 hours of parental notification. Parents can contact the principal for information regarding the appeals process.



School Advisory Council (SAC)

The School Advisory Council is composed of parents, staff, business and community members, and the principal. The intended function of the School Advisory Council is to provide parents, citizens, teachers, and students an opportunity to actively participate in the development of educational priorities and the assessment of a school's needs through the school improvement plan.

In addition, SAC serves as a resource to TSFES and the principal. The term "advisory" encompasses the following characteristics:

- 1) Inquiring, 2) Informing, 3) Suggesting, 4) Recommending, and 5) Evaluating.

The School Advisory Council, since it is advisory only, has some limitations:

- 1) It may not dictate School Board or local school center policy.
- 2) It must deal with school-wide issues rather than particular persons, whether they be teachers, students, citizens, or parents. SAC should be representative of the population served by the school. Membership is open to all TSFES parents on a self-nominating basis.

School Advisory Council

Members:

Co-Chair– Danielle Shipp

Co-Chair– Laura Snare

Treasurer– Kim Moran

Secretary– Lindsay Wright

Chawnda Saunders

Katie Sims

Marjorie Williams

Principal: Teresa Price

Community: Ofc. Matt Geer

PTA Representative: Megan Delgado

Community/Volunteer Liaison: Kelly Levey

Please Note: If you are unable to attend a PTA meeting, you may attend a SAC meeting instead, as long as the SAC meeting falls in the same month as the missed PTA meeting.

January 2026



CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

KINDNESS & CARING

Being nice, friendly, and considerate to others, while being willing to listen, give and share.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
			Winter Break No School			
4	5 Infraction Period #3 Begins	6 PTA Board 7:45AM	7	8	9 New Family School Tour 10AM	10
11	12	13 PTA Meeting 6PM (No Students)	14	15 Report Cards Distributed	16 Pawssembly	17
18	19 No School <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 PBIS Store PCS Dress Day	31

2025-2026 PTA Meeting Dates

August 20 (Open House)
September 9
October 14 (Shop & Read Night)
November 11 (Curriculum Night)
December 9 (Art & Music Showcase-Grades 3, 4 & 5)
January 13
February 10 (Shop and Read)
March 10 (Art & Music Showcase-K, 1, 2)
April 17 (Spring Fling and Science Showcase)
May 12

PTA Board Members

President: Jennifer McDonnell
Treasurer: Erin Smith
1st Vice President (SAC liaison): Megan Delgado
2nd Vice President (Membership): Patricia Yali
Recording Secretary: Kayla Marsh
Corresponding Secretary: Katie Samples
Faculty Representative: Michele Morris

PTA websites:

www.pccpta.org (Pinellas County Council)
www.floridapta.org (Florida PTA)
www.pta.org (National PTA)



Parent / PTA Meetings

Active parental involvement is a core principle at Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary. As such, parents are required to attend all scheduled PTA/Parent meetings.

- **Meeting Schedule:** Most meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Parents must stay for the entire meeting until the PTA president adjourns.
- **Sign-In Requirement:** Parents must sign in at the meeting and may be asked to scan a QR code provided during the session.
- **Tardiness & Early Departures:** Arriving more than 15 minutes late, leaving early, or failing to sign in will result in the meeting being counted as "unattended."
- **Children at Meetings:** If your child must attend, they must remain with you at all times. Some meetings are designed for adults only; details will be provided in the monthly PTA newsletter.
- **Schedule Changes:** Any changes in meeting dates, times, or locations will be announced in the school newsletter.

If a parent cannot attend a required meeting, a representative (18 years or older) may attend **only if approved by the principal in advance**.

- The representative cannot be a TSFES parent or staff member.
- A representative may only attend **two** meetings per year and may represent only one family.
- Once a student is placed on probation, representatives are no longer allowed.
- Representatives must arrive on time, stay until the meeting ends, and sign in.

Attendance Consequences





- **1 missed meeting:** A reminder letter will be sent home.
- **2 missed meetings:** The student will be placed on probation.
- **3 missed meetings:** The family will be referred to the Intervention and Appeals Committee and may be considered for reassignment by the Student Assignment Office.

Alternative Option: If you cannot attend a PTA meeting, you may choose one of the following for no more than 2 meetings per year:

- Attend a SAC (School Advisory Council) meeting **during the same month** as a substitute.
- Volunteer 2 hours at an approved event during the same month of missed meeting

February 2026

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH
COOPERATION
 Getting along with others and working together
 to accomplish a goal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>National School Counselors Week Feb. 2-6</i>	3 PTA Board 7:45 AM	4	5	6 Father/Daughter Dance 6:00-8:00pm	7
8	9 	10 PTA Meeting Shop and Read 3:30-5:30PM (Students allowed) 	11 	12 <i>National SRO Appreciation Day</i> 	13 No School	14
15	16 No School	17 SAC 7:30AM	18	19	20 All Pro Dads 7:00am Spring Pictures (Individual and Class) PCS Dress Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 PBIS Store PCS Dress Day	28

Dress Code

All students must follow the dress code found in the Code of Student Conduct. In addition, all Fundamental students must adhere to the following guidelines:

Students Should Wear:

- Solid Khaki, navy or black traditional or cargo style uniform shorts or pants (such as but not limited to, brands by Cherokee, French Toast, At-Class, In-Design, etc.) fitted and worn at the waistline, length no lower than knee length for shorts and no shorter than the ankle bone for pants. Pants must not be jegging style, not stretchy or form-fitting. Shorts should be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.
- Solid Khaki, navy, or black uniform skirts or skorts worn no higher than 3 inches above the knee. Shorts may be worn underneath if covered by skirt or dress. Uniform dresses may be worn in any solid color, no higher than 3 inches above the knee.
- TSFES sold or school provided shirt or any plain solid color shirt each day (may have a logo no larger than 2 inches in diameter). Sleeves must fully cover shoulder.
- Solid blue, loose-fitting jeans (no patterns or designs) are permitted on Fridays only.
- Athletic shoes with rubber soles with socks are to be worn daily.
- Solid color leggings only may be worn under a uniform skirt, dress, skort or shorts and no shorter than the ankle bone.
- All sweatshirts and jackets must land at the hip and must be shorter than bottom of skirt, dresses or shirts. All sweatshirts and jackets must be a solid color (may have a logo no larger than 2 inches in diameter) with no kangaroo or connecting pocket in the front.

Students Should Not Wear:

- Athletic wear (unless it is a TSFES sold shirt – ie.: dry fit)
- Tight jegging style jeans or any form-fitting clothing
- Shirts that show a child's midriff when both hands are raised
- Capris, sweatpants, athletic shorts, denim shorts, overalls
- Clothing with holes, rips, frays, patches, or tears
- Hair coloring
- Temporary tattoos
- Sleeveless shirts, tank tops, cap sleeves, spaghetti straps
- Pants shorter than ankle length (unless approved shorts)
- See-through shirts or blouses, halter tops
- Backless shoes, flip-flops, Crocs, sandals, shoes with wheels, spikes, cleats, clogs, boots
- Hats, sunglasses, bandanas (indoors)
- Any clothing which displays profanity, sexually suggestive phrases, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or advertisements for such products or other phrases.

Students will receive a letter for wearing clothes which do not conform to the student dress code. If there is a question regarding the appropriateness of student dress, please consult the principal. The principal shall have the final decision regarding the enforcement of the student dress code.

Students receiving three dress code violations within an infraction period will receive a written warning.

We also expect parents to use good judgment in their attire while volunteering in the building. Parents are expected to adhere to the Pinellas County Schools dress code. No bare midriffs, short shorts, "spaghetti straps", sleeveless shirts and visible undergarments. The dress code will be strictly enforced for students.



March 2026

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH
RESPONSIBILITY
 Doing your best and taking ownership
 for your words and actions

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 PTA Board 7:45 AM	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 PTA Spring Art Showcase 5:30-7:30PM Music Showcase Grade KG: 6 PM 1: 6:30 PM 2: 7 PM	11 Support Staff Appreciation Day	12	13 Field Day KG-2 8:15-11AM 3-5 11:30-2:10PM Infraction Period #3 Ends	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Spring Break No School					
22	23 Infraction Period #4 Begins	24	25	26	27 PBIS Store PCS Dress Day	28
29	30	31				

VOLUNTEER



Volunteers

Volunteers are an important asset to TSFES. By volunteering, we strengthen our abilities to help students and teachers. We appreciate any volunteer hours you can offer throughout the year. If you would like to volunteer, please submit a Volunteer Registration Form along with a government issued ID.

All volunteers must be registered volunteers and must check-in at the front office. Level II Volunteer registration is required for field trips, assisting with class parties and for other specific volunteer opportunities.

A badge must be worn when volunteering on or off campus. Volunteers will only be allowed into the classroom with 24 hour pre-arrangement with the teacher. **Please adhere to the PCSB dress code when on campus.** No bare midriffs, short shorts, “spaghetti straps”, sleeveless shirts and visible undergarments. Younger siblings and non-TSFES students may not accompany a volunteer.

Contact the Family and Community Liaison with any questions.



Enrichment Activities



Art Club

Chorus

Drama

Multicultural

STEM

Student Council


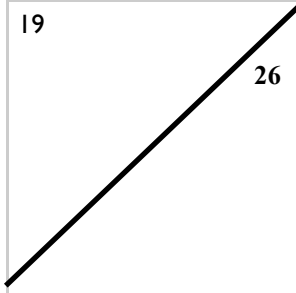
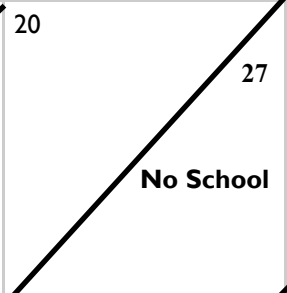
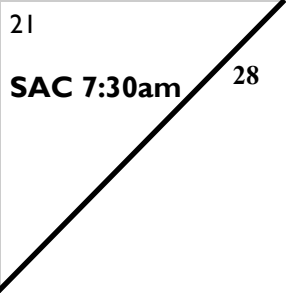



Violin



(Detailed Information regarding Enrichment Clubs will be sent home throughout the school year)

April 2026

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH
HONESTY
Using truthful speech and behavior

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Report Cards Distributed	3 No School	4
5	6 <i>Media Specialist Appreciation Day</i>	7 PTA Board 7:45 AM	8	9 Pawssembly	10 5th Grade Cap and Gown Pictures 	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 PTA Meeting Spring Fling and Science Showcase 5-7PM	18
19  26	20  No School 27	21  SAC 7:30am 28	22 Drama Club Play 6PM  29	23 Drama Club Play 6PM  30 <i>National School Principal Day</i>	24  Drama Club Play 6PM Volunteer Breakfast 8:30AM	25

Appointments

If a student must leave school before dismissal, the parent must pick the student up from the front office **prior to 1:45 p.m.** No student is to leave the school grounds at any time without permission from the office staff.

Lockdowns

When certain safety issues arise, the school will be put in a lockdown, during which time no one may leave or enter the building. This is an unusual circumstance and is only used to ensure everyone's safety. If such a lockdown is in place during dismissal, no parent may enter the school and no students will be dismissed until the lockdown is lifted by local law enforcement officials.

Weapons

It is the policy of the Pinellas County School Board that no student may bring a weapon, including toy weapons, or other dangerous object into a school building or onto school grounds at any time. Included in this category are common articles such as pencils, files, combs, compasses, etc. that are being used to inflict bodily harm and/or intimidate others. Possession of these objects shall be considered serious misconduct and may warrant suspension, dismissal from the Fundamental school program, or expulsion without consideration of alternative punishment. Please do not allow your child to bring any weapon, toy or otherwise, to school. At no time are toy weapons acceptable for costumes or for "class sharing."



Severe Weather

Each school in Pinellas County is equipped with a Plectron unit & weather radio which relay information from the district's weather center. All students wear emergency tags during a tornado watch. If a watch becomes a warning, we will normally go to the duck and cover locations.

Due to the imminent danger, students will not be dismissed during a tornado warning. If a parent comes to school while students are in duck and cover positions, he or she must stay in the main office. If you wish to take your child with you, you must sign them out in the office. You may not pick up students in your car pool unless you are listed on the child's office card.



May 2026

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

RESPECT

Treating yourself and others with courtesy and consideration.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>School Lunch Hero Day</i> PBIS Store PCS Dress Day	2
3	4	5 PTA Board 7:45 AM	6 <i>School Nurse Appreciation Day</i>	7	8	9
Teacher Appreciation Week						
10	11	12 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM (No Students)	13	14	15 KG Moving Up Ceremony 8:30 AM KG Party	16
17	18 <i>Speech Pathologist Day</i>	19	20	21 Pawssembly PBIS Store PCS Dress Day	22 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony	23
24 31	25 No School <i>Memorial Day</i>	26 PCS Dress Day	27 PCS Dress Day	28 Last Day of School (Early Release) Report Cards Distributed PCS Dress Day	29	30

Field Trips

Each student must return a permission form signed by his/her parent or guardian in order to go on the trip. Only Registered volunteers may chaperone field trips. **No other student, including siblings, may attend.** Students and chaperones must ride the bus to participate in the field trip. Chaperones must adhere to PCSB policies. Do not post field trip pictures of students other than your own on social media. **Students whose parents sign permission allowing them to participate must leave from and return to TSFES as a part of the class group.**

All money for field trips should be turned in by the class due date. If you are asked to donate an amount of money for a trip and have a financial hardship, please contact the principal at least ten days in advance.

Parties

Two parties will be planned for students during the school year. Food must be **“store bought,”** not home made. Parties should offer educational and social experiences for the students. Individual student birthdays are **not** celebrated with a class party at school. **Only registered volunteers may attend parties.**

Birthdays

A Florida law was passed to encourage schools to assist with nutritional health issues facing our students. Therefore, we no longer acknowledge students' birthdays with food. **As per Florida State Law, NO birthday invitations may be distributed at school.** Parents are requested not to bring food items, flowers, balloons, or other gifts for birthday celebrations.

Clinic & Health Services

Students who become ill at school are sent to the school clinic until they can be picked up by the parent. Emergency phone numbers must be on file at school in the event your student becomes ill. We attempt to prevent accidents, however, should one occur, first aid will be administered. In case of a serious accident, emergency services will be called and the parent will be notified.

Medications at School

State law requires that all medications administered to students by school personnel be counted upon arrival at school. Prescription medications must be delivered to school by the parent in the original container with a prescription label indicating the student's name, physician's name, name of drug, dosage, etc. Parents must sign an Administration of Medication form for each prescription medication administered at school.

Permanent Records

An active record of each student's progress is kept at school. The student's records remain after he/she graduates. The major items found in the permanent record include the following:

- Original registration papers
- Grades the student has earned
- Physical & Immunization records
- Standardized Test Scores

Parents may view these records by making an appointment with the principal through the school office.

Reporting Student Progress

Kindergarten—5th grade report cards will be issued four times during the year. Mid-term Progress Reports in elementary schools are distributed to students who have a current grade of N, U, D, or F at mid-term, and to students who had N, U, D, or F on the previous report card. **Honor Roll:** Students in grades 3-5 who receive no grade lower than a "B" in the academic subjects and who achieve all "E" or "S" grades for conduct, work habits, physical education, art, and music shall have their names entered on the Honor Roll. **Principal's List:** Students in grades 3-5 who receive the grade of "A" in all academic subjects, and who achieve all "E" or "S" grades for conduct, work habits, physical education, art, and music shall have their names entered on the Principal's List.

Promotion-Retention Policy

Parents are notified by February 2026 if their student is being considered for retention. In deciding on retention, the following will be considered: test scores, reading and math levels, daily class performance, previous retentions, and special programs. Third grade retention is determined by Florida State Law.

Withdrawals

If your child is leaving TSFES during the school year, please notify the principal in writing.

MAKE-UP WORK FOR ABSENCES (EXCUSED, UNEXCUSED OR SUSPENSION)

Make-up work for full credit and without a grade penalty is allowed for all absences. It is the student's responsibility to get the missed work. The number of days allowed to make up the work shall be the same as the number of days the student was absent, however in all cases the work should be turned in before the end of the grading period or whichever is the shortest period of time in compliance with the number of days absent as mentioned above.

Notice of right to not participate in Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance to the flag shall be recited at the beginning of the day in each public elementary, middle, and high school in the state. Each student shall be informed by a **written notice published in the student handbook or a similar publication** pursuant to s.1006.07(2) that the student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by his or her parent, the student must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over his or her heart.

Notice of Funds Expended per Student per School

The school financial report must be provided to the parents and indicate the average amount of money expended per student in the school, which must be included in the student handbook or a similar publication.

Notice of Availability of the School Public Accountability Report 2024-2025

The annual school report for 2024-2025, including the average amount of money expended per student in each school, is available at your child's school and the school's website which can be reached at www.pcsb.org. Please contact your school to obtain a copy or visit the website if you would like to review the report.

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Household Hazardous Waste464-7500

Human Services Dept.....464-8400

Juvenile Welfare Board.....547-5600

M.A.D.D. (24 hr).....556-0633

Poison Control Center.....1-800-222-1222

Sheriff's Office.....911 or (non-emergency) 582-6200

Child Support & Civil Records.....464-3267

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