



Belleair Elementary School Newsletter

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UPCOMING

EVENTS

January 14th

SAC Meeting 3:30

January 15th

PTA Meeting 3:15

January 16th

Ready, Set, Kindergarten

6:00

January 18th

Goodies for Grandparents

8:00-8:30

January 21st

School Closed

January 22-25

Literacy Week

January 24th

Family Literacy night/FSA

Stardegies

January 25th

Character Dress Up Day

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Principal's News

Greetings Belleair Families,

As we enter the New Year, thoughts generally turn to making resolutions. The New Year is seen as an opportunity for renewal, a time to assess our lives and consider how we might want to improve it. This is a great opportunity to help our Tigers focus on their goals and set their sights on success in the new year.

Some areas that scholars generally consider include:

Health Resolutions: eat less junk food, exercise more, get better sleep

Academic Resolutions: set up a homework routine, keep school materials organized

Relationship Resolutions: be an upstander, practice acts of kindness

Personal Growth Resolutions: learn a new hobby or skill, spend less time on devices

Ideas to help your child focus on their goals:

* Express goals positively: "To improve my reading" is a much better goal than



"Read without mistakes."

* Be accurate: If scholars set an accurate goal, putting in dates, times and amounts so that achievement can be measured and they can be satisfied at achieving it.

* Set Priorities: When scholars have several goals, give each a priority. This helps them avoid feeling overwhelmed and helps focus their attention to the more important ones.

* Visibility: Write goals down to make them more meaningful. Consider putting goals into a Vision Board to help them focus.

* Keep Goals Small: Urge scholars to keep their immediate goals small and achievable.

* Set Goals Scholars Have Control Over: There is nothing worse than failing to achieve a personal goal for reasons beyond the scholars' control.

One area that we have engaged in goal setting as a school in December was for scholars to meet their projected growth goal on the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Test. Those scholars who improved their reading and/or math score earned a N.U.T. (No Uniform Today) day ticket which can be redeemed on Friday, January 11th only. Included in this month's newsletter is a data chart that shows where our scholars are currently performing in Reading and Math.

Let's start 2019 on the right foot with a greater understanding of how your scholars can create achievable goals and objectives.

Educationally Yours,

Mrs. Griffin
Principal
Belleair Elementary





Media Center News



January 22nd to 25th is Celebrate Literacy Week !

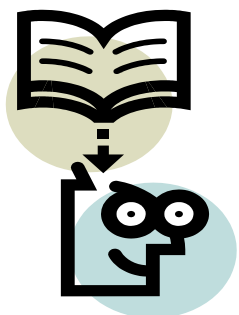
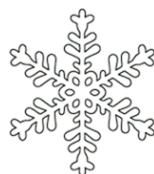
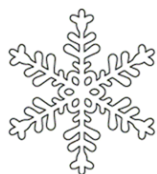
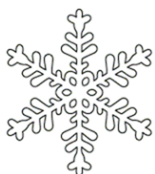
Please encourage your scholars to read not only to celebrate this week, but every day! On Friday, January 25th, we will have a Character Dress-Up day. Scholars are encouraged to dress as their favorite book character. No masks or toy weapons of any kind are allowed on campus. Please remember School Board dress codes will be enforced.

Students have spent time this month on Code.org exploring the world of computer science and coding. They are so excited about it. Scholars can access this through Clever at home.

Calling all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, Battle of the Books is just around the corner. A schoolwide battle will be held in January to determine which team will represent our school in the District battle in February. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to read the Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) books. These are available in our library, online through Destiny and MackinVia, and also at your local public library. For a complete list of SSYRA titles you can visit:

<https://www.floridamediaed.org/ssyra.html>

Parents are always welcome in the Belleair Media Center. Just make sure to stop in the front office to sign in and obtain a badge.



Homework Hotline Information

Pinellas County Schools Homework Helpline, (727)547-7223, offers free homework help for students in grades 1-12. The Homework Helpline is staffed by teachers certified in math, science, language arts and social studies. Help is available from 5 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, on all school days, except when there is no school the following day.



News from the Art Room



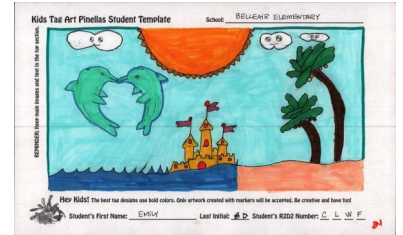
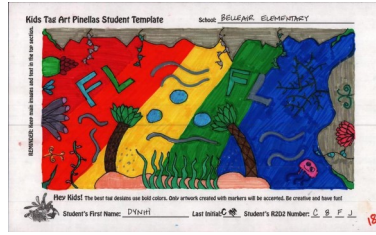
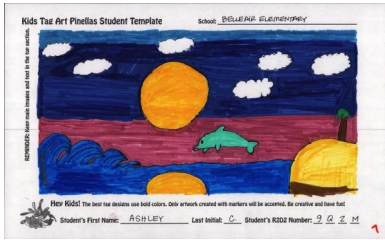
I just wanted to share some great Art News! The three students were chosen by the County for the Awards Ceremony for their Tag Art projects. They will be honored and recognized for their hard work on January 17th at the Largo High School Auditorium!

Congratulations to the following students ...

Ashley Cruz

Dynhi Camilo Mendoza

Emily Diaz



Our County Art Show, "Creative Start" is coming up as well and I have 5 more students to recognize, if you see them please congratulate them on being chosen for this JUDGED art show! This Awards Ceremony will be held on January 13 from 1-3pm at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. These students are from left to right ...

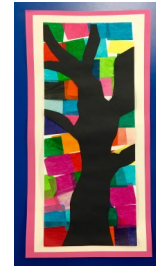
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Ximena Pena

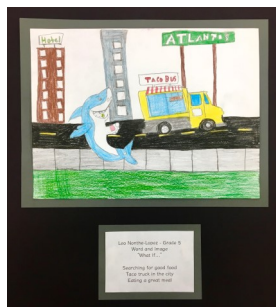
Kira Kim

Addison Estrada

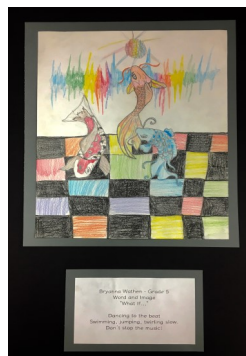
Dakota Bryant



I want to give a HUGE congratulations to the following scholars who were accepted for the Word and Image show this year! This is one of the hardest ones for our scholars to get into! We combined Creative Writing this year along with an art project and the students came up with a Haiku to go along with their funny drawings. I am so proud of them this year!



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Bryanna Wathen



Myra Comighod

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

READY, SET... KINDERGARTEN!



Discover Pinellas County Schools award-winning programs:
Art, Music, Gifted Services, STEM Academies and more!



Kindergarten
registration begins
January 14, 2019

- Meet kindergarten teachers.
- Visit classrooms
- Find out about before/after care.
- Learn how to get involved.
- Bring a photo ID for a new User ID and Password to start the enrollment process.

Attend

READY, SET... KINDERGARTEN!



(January 16, 2019)

(6:00-7:30 pm)

Visit www.pcsb.org/KG for locations and times.



**Remember your Drivers License or
Government Issued Photo ID, Passports,
Green cards,**

Everyone entering school grounds and/or picking up a child **MUST** show a government issued PHOTO ID.

LEAP into Pre-Kindergarten

with Pinellas County Schools PreK3 and VPK Programs

- **L**earn about the PCS online application process.
- **E**xplore different Pre-K program options.
- **A**pply for a VPK Certificate of Eligibility (voucher).
- **P**lan for your child's educational success!
- **B**ring a photo ID for a User ID and Password to start the application process.



**Application Period
January 22nd –
February 2nd**



Attend from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at any of the following locations:

- January 22nd – Pinellas Park Elementary
- January 23rd – Campbell Park Elementary
- January 24th – Belleair Elementary
- January 29th – Tarpon Springs Elementary
- January 30th – Fairmount Park Elementary

Upcoming Events

Family Literacy Night/FSA Strategies Night

Belleair will host a Family Literacy Night/FSA Strategies on January 24th at 6:30 p.m. We will be sharing strategies for families to support students in literacy.

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR



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PTA News



Hello Belleair Families!

Thank you for your support of the Holiday Shop in December! We enjoyed hosting your students and I hope your students enjoyed shopping for their loved ones. If you would like to help plan PTA events at Belleair, please join us for our next meeting. It will be Tuesday, January 15 at 3:15 in the Media Center. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents, meet teachers, and contribute to the joy of your child's elementary school experience. Children are welcome and a Spanish translator will be in attendance.

Also, please mark your calendar for Breakfast with Grandparents. It will be Friday, January 18 from 8:00 – 8:30 in the Media Center. We hope your student and their grandparent(s) will be able to attend!

All the best,
Kristy

Belleair PTA Shirt Order Form \$10.00

Scholar's Name:

Shirt Size

Teacher:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Shirts Sizes: Youth Small, Medium, Large & XL Adult Small, Medium, Large, & Extra Large
Parents may buy shirts as well!! Thank you for supporting our school!
Shirts will be delivered to the student's classroom!!

Belleair PTA Membership Form

PTA implements and supports programs and activities for our students including:
Open House* Walk to School * Fall Festival * FSA Snacks * Black History and Multicultural Celebrations
* Spring Fling * Belleair Community Flea Market * In Memory Of Plaques * School walkway paint lines/
paws * Publix Cakes for Mother's Day * Carnations * School Sprit Wear* Staff Appreciation * End of
Year Events * and much more!

Membership is \$7.00 per person \$ _____ Enclosed

Thank you for your support!

Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____