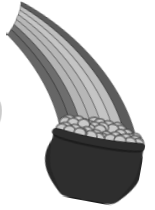




# Rawlings News



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## March 2018

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### Principal's Point

School Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:35-2:35

Dear Rawlings Families,

Happy March! March begins an exciting month of testing for our students. Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade scholars will be taking the FSA writing test on March 6<sup>th</sup>. I am confident that they will perform outstanding on this assessment. Thank you to our awesome teachers for helping them to be well-prepared. As soon as scores come in, parents will be notified. At this time, we do not have a date for those scores. All students in Grades K-5 will also be taking the last round of MAP assessments. The assessment cycle began on March 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This data will provide us valuable information on your child's academic progress and our teacher's instructional success. Please make sure that your child is relaxed and well-rested each day when they are participating in one of these assessments. This is their time to shine and do their very best!!! Report cards go home on March 23rd. All students earning Principal's List will be attending the Principal's Bowling Party at Seminole Lanes on Wednesday, April 4th. How exciting!!!! I would like to congratulate Alisa Bergsten who was named outstanding youth volunteer of the year for Area 4 and Rachel Gonzalez, who was named outstanding adult volunteer of the year for Area 4. Thank you both for all of your time and dedication working with our students and on our campus. Summer Bridge will not be held at Rawlings this year. Letters will be going home soon inviting identified students to participate in the District's Summer Bridge Program. The purpose of this program is to provide additional support over the summer so students will be on a stronger path to success when the 2018-2019 school year begins. Last, please remember that school will be closed for Spring Break March 26-March 30. Have a restful week!

Rebecca Moore, Principal



### Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

I am always involved in classroom instruction and now I am working on FSA preparations and student readiness. A huge part of being successful is believing in one's self. I recently heard the term **coach effort** from a former high school principal. Coaching effort is encouraging the child to **try their best** and **give 100% effort**. It's also important for the child to know their parent, teacher, or coach **believes in them**. This is true for testing, classwork and other activities in and out of school. There was a basketball study in 1996 by Dr. Blaslotto in which some randomly selected students were divided into three equal skill groups based on their free throw ability. The first group was told not to touch a basketball for 30 days, the second group practiced free throws for 30 minutes a day, and third group was to spend 30 minutes a day visualizing themselves taking free shots and making it in each time. After a month the first group did not improve, the group that practiced improved 24% and the visualization group improved 23%. So if our students continue to learn from their amazing teachers, have time to practice, and believe in themselves and can see themselves as successful they will surely succeed!



#### Mission Statement

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

#### Vision

"Always expect the best - 100% student success."

# PTA

**Movie Night:** Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be showing Disney and PIXAR's *Coco* in the courtyard. The gates will be opening at 6:30PM and the movie will begin at 7:00PM. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase!

**2018-2019 PTA Board:** Many of the current PTA board members are not going to continue to be board members in the upcoming school year. Rawlings is in need of volunteers to fill the positions so the PTA can continue to help the students of Rawlings. Please contact the front office or Sara Malee, the current secretary, at [malees@pcsb.org](mailto:malees@pcsb.org) if you are interested!

**Yearbook Pre-Sale and Love Lines:** Yearbook Pre-sale and Love Line Sale will begin after Spring Break. Be on the lookout for flyers with more details!

# Title

## Parent Involvement

Did you know: "When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more." That's the conclusion of **A New Wave of Evidence**, a report from Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (2002). The report, a synthesis of research on parent involvement over the past decade, also found that, regardless of family income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll in higher-level programs
- Be promoted, pass their classes, and earn credits
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills, show improved behavior, & adapt well to school
- Graduate and go on to postsecondary education (see **A New Wave of Evidence**, Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, 2002 - in references below). <http://www.sedl.org/connections/resources/evidence.pdf>



It's not too late to get involved. Just to mention a few things you can do: you can attend parent teacher conferences, join our PTA, email teachers regularly, sign agendas daily, attend SAC meetings, attend Parent Involvement events, read with your child, and check Portal grades weekly.

# MSS

## Positive Reinforcement

Positive reinforcement is the most powerful and useful method of changing or developing behaviors. Unfortunately, good behavior is usually ignored in most homes, at school, and at work. Reinforcement is very familiar to everyone, but it is not used as often as it should be. In fact, if you master the use of positive reinforcement with your child, you will notice really dramatic improvements in behavior. The difficulty is in knowing how to use reinforcement and then in actually using it.

### **How to make your praise most effective**

-Deliver praise when you are near your child. When you are close to your child, you can be sure that the behavior you are praising is taking place. Also, when you are close, your child is more likely to pay attention to what you are saying.

-Use a sincere, enthusiastic tone of voice. You don't need to be loud, but make sure that you sound thrilled about what your child is doing.

-Use nonverbal reinforcement. Show your child you are pleased by smiling, winking, or touching. Hug your child, high five him, or pat him on the back.

-Be specific. When praising your child, say exactly what behavior you approve of. "Wow, thank you so much for picking up your shoes and putting them in the closet." You want to be specific.

## **Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Graders! Don't miss 6th Grade Expo Night!**

*Expo Night is for current fifth-graders who plan to attend a PCS Middle School next year!*

**Pinellas Park Middle School Expo**  
March 8, 2018, 6:30-8:00 pm

Contact the PCS Middle School Office should you have questions (727) 588-6453.

### **Don't miss out on your chance to:**

- Take a tour of your new middle school
- Meet school administrators and faculty
- Learn about school programs and activities
- Find out about parent involvement opportunities
- Learn about next year's schedule

## *Pasta for Pennies/ Pennies for Patients*

Please join our team to collect Pennies for Patients between March 5—22, 2018.

Your donation will help people sick with blood cancers like leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma. The proceeds will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The class with the most money turned in during the 3 week campaign will win a free pasta party from Olive Garden.

You can even donate on-line using the following link for our school:

<http://events.lls.org/pages/sun/MarjorieRawlingsElementarySchool-2018>



*Thank you in advance  
for your support!*



## **BOGO Book Fair is almost here!!**

**Monday, March 19—  
Friday, March 23**

Book Fair will close at 10:30am on Friday, March 23

- \* **Families** may shop before school (between 8:15-8:35) each day. Students may shop with their families at this time as well, then go to class by 8:35.
- \* Also, **families may shop during Family Lunch Munch** on Thursday, March 22!
- \* **Students** may shop during school hours (8:35-2:30, most days) as long as they have their teacher's permission.

Come to our  
**BUY ONE, GET ONE  
FREE  
BOOK FAIR!**  
STOCK UP FOR SUMMER READING!



## **Rawlings Family Lunch Munch**

Lunch Munch is held once a month on various days of the week to provide opportunities for families to have lunch with their students and encourage a family school connection. It also provides parents with an opportunity to meet their child's classmates and connect with other parents. Keep an eye out for reminder stickers in your student's agenda.

*Please remember, visitors must be on your child's white office card in order to eat lunch with them. They must bring an I.D.*

### 2017-2018 Lunch Munch Dates

Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

April-TBD

Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## **JiJi wants to know...**

### **Is your student on target with ST Math?**

By the end of **March**:

suggested Syllabus Progress is **79%**

By the end of **April**

suggested Syllabus Progress is **91%**



**Save the date!**  
**Grades 3, 4, and 5,  
Chorus, and Drum Club**  
will be performing in the  
**Spring Concert**  
on  
**April 11th at 6:00 pm.**



Come support their performance,  
themed "**Around the World**"!

### School Advisory Council (SAC)

SAC is a team representing various segments of the community, which meets to discuss our school's academic plan and progress and helps create the School Improvement Plan (goals and objectives for the school). We are looking for parents interested in being on next year's SAC. **The next SAC meeting is March 12, at 3:00 in Media Center.**



## THANK YOU!



### Donations

**Publix**

**DoubleTree Beach Resort**

**Sam's Club**

To become a classroom partner, a donation of \$100 in the form of cash, money order or materials is given to a teacher. For more information, contact Lori-Ann DiPenta at 547-7828

### **Volunteers and Mentors needed !!**

Please email Lori-Ann at [dipental@pcsb.org](mailto:dipental@pcsb.org) after completing and sending in your volunteer registration form and copy of photo ID. Volunteer opportunities this year will be sent out in email form.

### Hurricane Makeup Day

Please mark your calendars and plan for a regular school day on **March 12, 2018!**

### Upcoming Events

March 2—PTA's Movie Night  
March 6—Writing FSA, 4th & 5th grades  
March 12—Hurricane Makeup Day  
March 12—SAC Meeting 3:00 pm  
March 19-23—BOGO Book Fair!  
March 22—Family Lunch Munch  
March 23—Report Cards go home  
March 24-April 1—SPRING BREAK!  
April 2— Back to School

### Looking Ahead

May 24—Last day of school

### **Attention 5th grade families:**



The **5th grade bowling trip** will be held on Friday, May 11, 2018.

We need volunteers!

Please contact Lori-Ann at [dipental@pcsb.org](mailto:dipental@pcsb.org) to help!



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