

Rawlings News



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Principal's Point

2017-2018 School Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:35-2:35
2018-2019 School Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:45-2:45

Hello Rawlings Families,

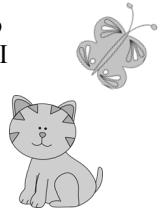
It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here! The year's end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment and delight. So many things have been accomplished this year and throughout all of these activities, projects and programs, most of all, our students have demonstrated great character as well as a desire for lifelong learning! Your child's learning experience was possible because of our wonderful teachers, staff, volunteers, mentors and you as their parent.

To our 5th graders – congratulations on your achievement! I wish you all the best as you move on to Middle School. If this is your last child to leave Rawlings, I would like to thank you for your support, time and effort over the years. I am confident that each of them gained a firm foundation for their education while here at Rawlings.

I encourage you all to continue to support your child's learning throughout the summer. Spend time reading, writing in a "summer journal", practicing math or visiting your local public library. The last day of school for students is May 24th. Students will be released at 12:35 so please make plans accordingly. Report cards will also be going home with each student on the last day of school.

I look forward to seeing you all on the first day of school, which is **August 13th**. We will be having a Meet and Greet prior to school beginning. Once the date is determined, I will call home to let you know. Thank you again for your support this year. I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and restful summer!

Rebecca Moore, Principal



Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

Another jam-packed school year has flown by! I am so inspired by the accomplishments of all of our students, teachers, and support staff.

When chatting with a kindergarten parent I stated, "*kindergarten is the new first grade.*" Most children are reading in kindergarten now and in first and second grade they become amazing readers. I was speaking with one of our fifth grade students last week who is reading on a level Z! Level Z!!!! That is amazing! If you chat with various age children about math concepts their math-speak is far beyond the way my peers discussed math in high school. This smart math conversation with peers grows students' brains infinitely. Sometimes kids are overwhelmed because they are learning a concept they deem as "hard." If it was easy it wouldn't grow their brain...

So now it is just about summer, which is still a learning time. Many students attend Summer Bridge, which continues to fuel those brains. Other fuel for growing brains could be physical, like swim team or involve other parts of the brain such as visual arts camp. No matter what your child does I wish you lots of fun and smart brain growing all summer long!



Water Days!

May 22 and 23
Check date and time with
your child's teacher.

May 24 is the last day of school!

Early release—12:35 pm!

Next school year starts on:
Monday, August 13, 2018
New school hours for next year:
8:45am-2:45pm

Mission Statement

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

Vision

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

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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 if you are interested!

PTA General Meeting: We will have our last general meeting of the year on Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 at 3:00PM in the Media Center. We will be voting for the PTA board for the 2018-2019 school year.

Yearbook Sale: All yearbooks ordered during the pre-sale will be delivered in the last few weeks of school. If you did not get to order a yearbook during the pre-sale, a limited amount will be sold for \$12 each after they arrive. Be on the lookout for new order forms!



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**Reminder: Connect for Success
Laptop Inventory Return**

If your child checked out a Title I Connect for Success laptop this year, please return it to school for mandatory inventory. Students currently enrolled in Kindergarten through fourth grade may have their laptop reissued to them for summer extended learning. It is important that you make sure the laptop is returned so that it can be properly updated for your child's extended learning activities. Please note that current fifth graders will not be able to check out laptops over the summer since the program is for elementary students.

**Pinellas County School District Title I
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Monday & Thursday 8:30-6:00pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30-4:00pm
Friday 8:30-3:30pm

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Preventing Losses in Reading Over the Summer

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Summer brain drain is a real concern for teachers and parents. Students who are not actively engaged in some form of academic activity during the summer can lose up to two months worth of knowledge! The good news is that it can be prevented by consistent and continuous engagement. Retaining a reading level over the summer is easy to tackle. All your kids need to do is READ. The trick is to make it fun. During the school year, students don't have as much flexibility with what books they can read. During the summer, let your child pick what they want to read, even if the material is a bit below their reading level or if it is something they have read before. Now is the time for children to really read for pleasure. If you or your child are struggling with finding a book or series to read, check with your local librarians. Summer reading clubs at your local library are also an easy and free incentive in getting children to read. Summer is also the perfect time for you and your child to read a book together aloud. Pick out that book you have been wanting to share with your child or grab the one your child has been eyeing that is at a higher reading level. Read the book aloud to one another a chapter or so at a time. This is a great evening or quiet time activity.

Thank you, Duke Energy!

Thank you so much to the Duke Energy Foundation for funding flexible seating options for Mrs. Malee and Mrs. Rollins' classes. These two classes will be sharing 50 unique seating options that allow movement for students while they are learning. Studies have proven that if students are given options and the ability for some movement, they are more engaged during lessons and more focused on their work. Year after year, students will continue to benefit from this generous donation from the Duke Energy Foundation!



FREE EBOOKS ALL SUMMER LONG!



Rawlings students have access to **thousands of FREE ebooks using myON!**

Great news! Accessing myON is even *EASIER* now. **On a computer**, students just log on to Clever, then click on the myON icon and they're in! **On an iPad, Kindle or other tablet**, download myON first, then the instructions are the same—just **go to Clever (NOT myON)**, log in, and click on myON.



Rawlings Family Lunch Munch

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.

Final 2017-2018 Lunch Munch Date

Monday, May 14th, 2018

PE SHORTS

All 3rd through 5th grade students recently completed their Spring fitness assessments. Please look for your child's fitness report in their final report card envelope at the end of the year.

Our annual Water Day is scheduled for May 22 & 23!

The event is a school-wide celebration for all of the success our students and staff accomplished throughout the year. More information will be sent home with your child prior to the event.



Moving?

If you move over the summer, please remember to do a change of address in the PCSB.org student reservation site. The address will then be able to be updated when two proofs of address are brought to the zoned school. Addresses cannot be changed by office personnel.

Volunteers needed

for end-of-year activities !!

Please email Lori-Ann at dipental@pcsb.org after completing and sending in your volunteer registration form and copy of photo ID.

Uniform Drive for Fall

Please donate any gently-used and freshly-washed uniforms that your child may have outgrown. We also need gently-used sneakers. Please place them in a bag and drop them by the front office. Thank you!

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 will be next school year.**

THANK YOU, Business Donors!

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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

**Last Day for BACKPACKS:
Friday, May 18, 2018**

2018-2019 School Year begins for students on:
Monday, August 13, 2018

New school hours for next year:
8:45am-2:45pm

Upcoming Events

May 7-11—Teacher Appreciation Week
May 14—Family Lunch Munch
May 16—PTA Meeting, 3:00pm
May 18—Last day for backpacks
May 22 & 23—Water Days
May 24—Last day of school—Early release 12:35 pm

Looking Ahead

August 13—First day of school!
(New school hours for next year:
8:45am-2:45pm)

5th Grade End-of-Year Activities

May 11—Bowling 10:15-12:45 (lunch at bowling)
May 18—Game day in classrooms around lunch time
May 21—DARE graduation 9:00 am in Café
May 22—Breakfast /rehearsal 9:00 am in Café
May 24—Step up ceremony 9:00 am in Café



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