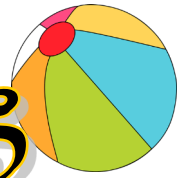




# Rawlings News



Rebecca Moore, Principal  
Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal  
Patricia Wright, Area Superintendent  
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## May 2021

2020-2021 School Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:45-2:55

### Principal's Point

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 life-long learning! Your child's learning experience was possible because of our wonderful teachers, staff, volunteers, mentors and you as their parent. This year was one of the most challenging, yet rewarding years putting in place all our new protocols to keep our scholars and staff safe and healthy. We accomplished so much this year and I thank you for keeping your trust in me. It took a team effort and I sincerely thank you all for your support and care.

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 June 9th.

**Students will be released at 12:55 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 **Wednesday, August 11th**. We are planning on 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 and working with me to make this the most successful year ever! I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and restful summer!



Rebecca Moore, Principal

### Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

Before teachers even stepped on campus, Ms. Moore and I began working on opening our *two* schools, Rawlings Face to Face and Rawlings MyPCS, on-line learning. We created guides for *both* schools as well as devised processes to come on to campus, go to lunch, and more. Various teams of people came together to further refine processes we needed to ensure the health safety of our students. A safe way to dismiss car riders was created to maintain social distance during dismissal. We will continue this process as it has been very effective. The office staff was amazing in countless ways, spending hours on tasks our usual volunteers assisted with. Our plant operators contributed all summer, sanitizing classrooms and other school areas, and they have never stopped. Every single day our teachers have guided our students and taught their hearts out, all while wearing masks. Parents stood behind us with encouragement as they sent their child(ren) to school. Our students came to school eager to learn and managed this temporary normal with positive, willing attitudes. We navigated illnesses of our teachers, staff, and students and we all have endured with a bit of angst and **a lot of grace**. We could not have done this without all the people who made this school year a success. Thank you! Have an enjoyable summer!



#### Mission Statement

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

#### Vision

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

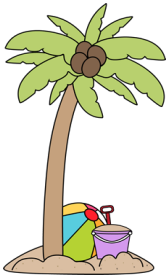
## Family Resources

The **Family Routine Guide** (use the link below) was developed to assist parents and caregivers in developing a plan to support young children who are using challenging behavior. Children engage in challenging behavior for a variety of reasons, but all children use challenging behavior to communicate messages. Challenging behavior, typically, communicates a need to escape or avoid a person/activity or communicates a desire to obtain someone/something. Once parents understand the purpose or meaning of the behavior, they can begin to select strategies to change the behavior. They can do this by selecting prevention strategies, teaching new skills, and changing the way they respond in an effort to eliminate or minimize the challenging behavior.

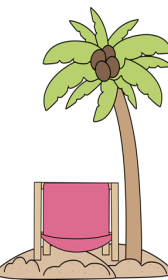
[http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/parent/mod6/family\\_routine\\_guide.pdf](http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/resources/parent/mod6/family_routine_guide.pdf)

**Parent Power Build- The Bridge to Success** supports the belief that all children can and will succeed, and that parents are the bridge to this success. You as the parent, guardian or caregiver can help your child by connecting with his or her school to find out what's needed to ensure success and how you can help reach that goal. Studies of successful schools report that parent involvement is a major factor in their outcomes, including closing the achievement gap between various groups of students. Find out more by clicking on the below link and make education a priority and a legacy for your family.

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/parentpower/booklet.pdf>



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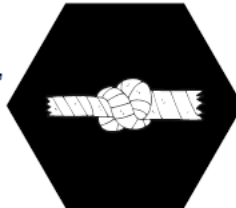
## TOP 10 TIPS .....

### For De-escalation



#### 01 Be Empathic

Be supportive, be empathetic, and try to help them through this. Perception is reality.



#### 06 Ignore

If a student is trying to engage in a power struggle, ignore the challenge but not the person. (Put down the rope!)



#### 02 Give Space

Stand 1.5 to 3 feet away. If you have to move closer, explain your actions.



#### 07 Set Limits

Set a very simple and clear expectation and stick to it!



#### 03 Stay Calm

Keep your gestures, expressions, movements, and tone nonthreatening.



#### 08 Pick Battles

Only insist on the things that really matter. When it does matter, follow through!



#### 04 Stay Rational

"I can handle this." and "I know what to do." will help you stay positive.



#### 09 Allow Silence

Silence can give someone a chance to process and reflect.



#### 05 Feelings

Listen to their feelings. Figure out what it is they need from the situation and help them meet that need.



#### 10 Allow Time

Give a person who is upset time to process and think about what you've said. Don't overwhelm them with prompts.



## Win with Water!

Please remember to send a water bottle to school with your student! The weather is getting warmer and our children are thirsty.

### STEM Ends

on May 19  
for 2nd and 5th grade  
and  
on May 20  
for 3rd and 4th grade

### Important Notice!

The school year ends on June 9th. Pinellas County School policy does not allow us to send medication home with students or store it over the summer. Please arrange to come to school to pick up any unused medication, including inhalers and Epinephrine Devices.

**Any unclaimed medications will be disposed of on Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 at 12:00 noon without exception.**

**WE STILL NEED YOUR APPLICATION FOR  
FREE & REDUCED MEALS BY MAY 31  
YOUR MEAL APPLICATION CAN PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF HELP:**

**Additional funding to support education**



**Funding for technology and internet access**



**Discounted testing fees, free clothes and more**



**Discounted fees related to college applications**



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# PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS FOOD & NUTRITION FREE MEAL DISTRIBUTION

*Every Thursday at the school locations below*

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- 7 days' worth of breakfast, lunch, dinner meals, & 5 days' worth of snacks, **FREE**
- Distribution on Thursdays at 17 school locations
- Child does not need to be enrolled in Pinellas County Schools or be present for pickup
- No ID required for pickup
- Meals are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis

## PICKUP LOCATIONS

- **Elementary Schools (Pick up 4:00-6:00 p.m.)**

Eisenhower El  
High Point El  
Skyview El

- **Middle Schools (Pick up 4:45-6:00 p.m.)**

Azalea Middle	Palm Harbor Middle
Bay Point Middle	Pinellas Park Middle
Dunedin Middle	Seminole Middle
Meadowlawn Middle	Tarpon Middle
Oak Grove Middle	Thurgood Marshall Middle
Osceola Middle	

- **High Schools (Pick up 4:00-6:00 p.m.)**

Countryside High  
Dixie Hollins High  
Largo High



## MORE INFORMATION

Learn more at [pcsb.org/food](https://pcsb.org/food)

## 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). **The next SAC meeting will be on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 3:15 pm in the Media Center. If you have questions, please email Lori-Ann: [dipental@pcsb.org](mailto:dipental@pcsb.org)**



## **Rawlings Family Lunch Munch**

**We do not have any Family Lunch Munch events scheduled at this time.**



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

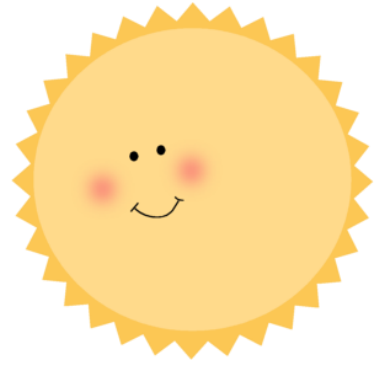
**New:** Volunteer registration is now **online** at [www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration) . Please fill out application online and then contact Lori-Ann at [dipental@pcsb.org](mailto:dipental@pcsb.org) after completing.

Following our Summer Break all PCS Volunteer profiles were placed as: **INACTIVE**. All returning volunteers must re-activate in the Volunteer System **prior** to volunteering. Please re-activate your volunteer account.

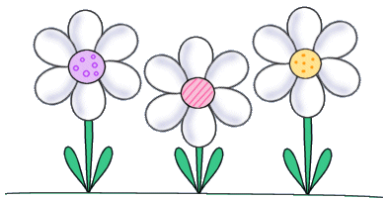
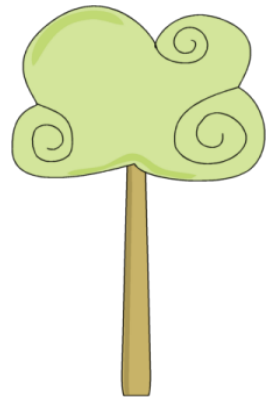
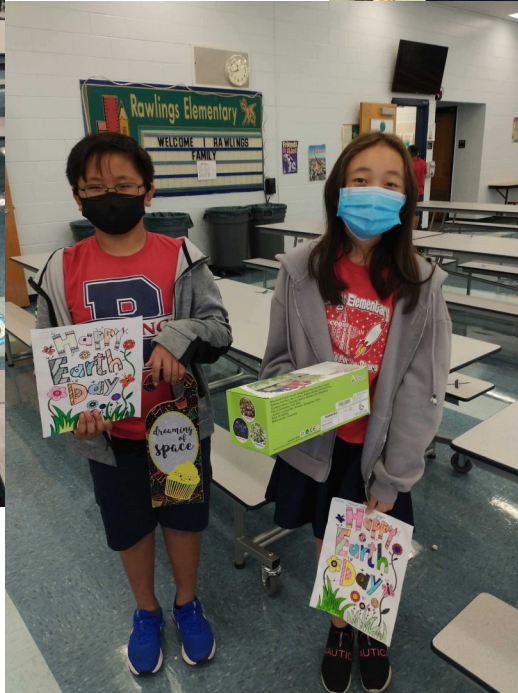
To sign into the Volunteer System, please use the **Google Chrome browser** and go to: <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer>

Enter your username and password: User ID: **V. Last name, first initial** Example: **Charkm** Password: Your **Last name** (Capitalize the first letter only) followed by the 4-digit **Birth YEAR** Example: **Chark1990**

At this time volunteers and mentors are not allowed on school campus following district guidelines for Covid 19. This will be reevaluated at a later date. All volunteering and mentoring will be virtual until notified otherwise.



Earth Day  
at  
Rawlings!



# REMINDER



The Pinellas County Schools Mask Mandate is still in effect to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

All students are required to wear masks throughout the day, covering their nose and mouth, except during actively eating and mask breaks.

All parents/ visitors, especially during arrival and dismissal, are required to wear a mask - covering their nose and mouth - while on campus.

Thank you for your help.  
We are all in this together.



**Thank you,**  
**Partners and Friends!**

## DoubleTree Beach Resort

### Molex



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

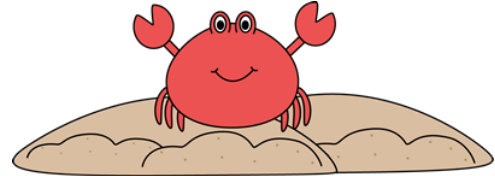
## Upcoming Events

### May Events

May 17- SAC Mtg, 3:15 in Media Center  
May 31—Memorial Day, No school

### Upcoming Events

June 9—Last Day of School, early release 12:55 pm!  
August 11—First day of School



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